

**GREAT AND LITTLE CHESTERFORD  
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

**2019–2033**

**CONSULTATION STATEMENT**

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## 1. Introduction

1.1 This consultation statement has been produced to accompany the Submission Draft of the Great and Little Chesterford Neighbourhood Plan (NP). The consultation statement is required under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) to include information on the following:

1. Details of the people and bodies who were consulted about the proposed NP
2. An explanation of how they were consulted
3. A summary of the main issues and concerns raised by the people consulted
4. A description of how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed NP

1.2 The consultation activity undertaken for the Great and Little Chesterford NP can be broken down into four key stages as follows:

<b>NP Stage</b>	<b>Time</b>
Inception	2013 – 2018
Initial plan development	Jan 2019 – Sept 2019
Advanced plan development	Sept 2019 – March 2021
Regulation 14 pre-submission consultation	29 March 2021 – 10 May 2021

1.3 This consultation statement provides an overview of the activity which took place at each of these stages. The policies contained in the Great and Little Chesterford NP are a result of considerable interaction and consultation with the community, businesses and other stakeholders within the parishes, through surveys, meetings and consultation on draft work. This has been overseen by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, supported in various stages by members of working parties. The results of this process led to the Vision and Objectives in the NP, and subsequently the basis of the key policies set out in the NP.

1.4 For an overview, Appendix A provides a chronological list of all consultation activity undertaken during the entire process.

## 2. General overview of approach to consultation in the Great and Little Chesterford NP area

- 2.1 Consultation with all key stakeholders has been at the heart of every stage of the development of the Great and Little Chesterford NP.
- 2.2 Key stakeholders in the NP process were identified as:
- Residents
  - Community groups in the parishes – these were identified using data from the Chesterford Community Centre and the Chesterfords Broadsheet (a printed newsletter delivered to homes in the parishes, issued six times per year)
  - Businesses operating in the parishes – these were identified using data from Companies House via postcode search and the directory on the Great Chesterford Parish Council website
- 2.3 Engagements with the key stakeholders took place in a variety of ways:
- Updates to both Great Chesterford Parish Council and Little Chesterford Parish Council at their regular meetings from members of the Steering Group
  - Updates on the NP section of the Great Chesterford Parish Council website
  - Updates in the Chesterfords Broadsheet
  - Messages on the villages' Google Group
  - Messages on 'Inside Great Chesterford' Facebook page
  - Direct mailing to the stakeholder email address list
  - Delivery of printed material by hand to homes and businesses in the NP area (with local newspaper, or by hand)
  - Updates and engagement in Annual Village Meetings
  - Invitation for responses during consultation on:
    - Vision, aims and objectives of NP
    - Great and Little Chesterford NP Housing Land Assessment
    - Great and Little Chesterford NP Housing Site Selection
    - Local Green Spaces Designation
    - The draft plan
- 2.4 Hard to reach groups were also considered – paper copies of key information were delivered to homes and businesses, and displayed on noticeboards in the parish churches and in Great Chesterford village shop to ensure those without access to digital communications would be kept updated. The views of younger residents were sought through consultation with Great Chesterford Primary Academy.

### **3. Inception stage (2013 – 2018)**

#### **Great Chesterford Village Plan**

- 3.1 In early 2013, a group of volunteers formed the Great Chesterford Village Plan Steering Group. After consultation at the 2013 Annual Village Meeting, a questionnaire was developed and circulated in October 2013 (see Appendix B). It sought to obtain the views of the community on topics of mutual interest.
- 3.2 Information about the Village Plan questionnaire was circulated in the Broadsheet and via the village Google Group. Paper copies of the questionnaire were delivered to all residents. Volunteers collected the completed questionnaires, or they could be submitted in 10 dropbox locations around the village.
- 3.3 A separate questionnaire for businesses was also devised and delivered to known locations. Additional businesses – i.e., those based in residential homes – were encouraged to request a copy of the questionnaire via an email address.
- 3.4 A separate questionnaire was also devised for the youth of the village.
- 3.5 There was a return rate of 46.2%. Responses were received from all age groups, with those aged 18–29 least represented (4.5% of the total) and those aged 60–74 most represented (30.4%).
- 3.6 The results of the survey were shared with the community at the Annual Village Meeting on 23 April 2014 and the full written plan was published in 2015. It covered the community's views on roads and transport, environment, recreation and leisure, services and facilities, crime and safety, education, communication and democracy, housing and development, the results of the business questionnaire, the results of the youth questionnaire and an action plan.
- 3.7 Key actions in the Village Plan included:
  - To improve use of sustainable transport and address parking concerns
  - To promote the village's history and heritage
  - To restrict residential housing development, except for the 100 additional dwellings allocated in the draft Local Plan
  - To support the production of a Neighbourhood Plan

#### **Little Chesterford Village Survey 2016**

- 3.8 In December 2015, Little Chesterford Parish Council prepared a Village Questionnaire, which was distributed as a paper copy to all households within the village, and electronic copies were provided on request (see Appendix C). Volunteers visited households in person to distribute the surveys and collect responses; responses could also be posted to two volunteer homes.  
  
50% of village households responded.
- 3.9 In January 2016, the results of the Little Chesterford Village Questionnaire were published. It contained details about the population, what residents valued about the village, desired Assets of Community Value, views on residential development, recreation, transport and road safety, footpaths and cycle routes, education, community and democracy and an action plan for the future.

- 3.10 A village meeting was held on 4 February 2016 to share the results and discuss the outcomes.
- 3.11 The key issues raised in the Village Questionnaire were:
- Ensure residential development is proportionate to the size of the village
  - Protect the rural nature of the village
  - Protect the safety, peace and quiet of the village
  - Maintain and strengthen the close community spirit
  - Support local employment via infrastructure

#### **Early working group activity**

- 3.12 A working group was established in early 2015. This group discussed and submitted the area designation request to Uttlesford District Council in April 2015; the Great and Little Chesterford Neighbourhood Plan Area was officially designated in June 2015.
- 3.13 The working group also commissioned several expert reports: the Rural Community Council of Essex to complete a Housing Needs Survey (April 2015); Place Services to complete a Historic Environment assessment (July 2016); and Hankinson Duckett to complete a Landscape Character Assessment (February 2017).
- 3.14 The working group was re-formed in November 2015 with new members. This group continued to work with the advisor from Modicum Planning (part of UDC support to NP groups). Troy Navigus Planning were also engaged as consultants during 2016.

#### **Village Walks 2016 – 2017**

- 3.15 On 28 October and 6 November 2016, village walks took place within Little Chesterford. Any interested villagers were invited to participate via a leaflet drop. The purpose of the walks was to identify locally important views, important village features, buildings and landmarks. Volunteers were given guidance notes (see Appendix D) and gave both written and verbal feedback. In early January 2017, village walks also took place in Great Chesterford.
- 3.16 In Little Chesterford, the village walks identified locally important views, historic features (such as sunken banks, old flint walls, and buildings to be considered for local listing), green spaces and green screening, and settlement patterns to be conserved and retained. In Great Chesterford, much of the equivalent information was already contained in existing documentation such as the conservation area appraisal. This information was reviewed, updated and added to as necessary. These outputs were used to inform the policies on settlement pattern, landscape character and community views, historic environment, valued community spaces, and local green spaces.

#### 4. Initial plan development (Jan 2019 – Sept 2019)

##### Vision and Objectives Consultation – July 2019

- 4.1 At the Annual Village Meeting on 12 July 2018, residents were asked to volunteer for a new Neighbourhood Plan Working group, with follow up requests via Google Groups. The Working Group first met in January 2019 and began work on drafting the Plan’s Vision, Objectives, and policy outlines based on the feedback from the Great Chesterford Village Plan, Little Chesterford Village Questionnaire, Little Chesterford Village Walks and consultant reports on Heritage and Landscape. A Steering Group, consisting of Parish Councillors together with a co-ordinator, organised and collated the work and kept both Great Chesterford and Little Chesterford Parish Councils up to date with the progress of the Working Group.
- 4.2 The draft vision, objectives and policy outlines were shared with the community at the Great Chesterford Annual Village Meeting on 22 May 2019, along with a reminder of the purpose and scope of Neighbourhood Plans.

Coloured cards were distributed to residents to hold up to indicate their level of approval regarding the vision statement, draft objectives and draft policies using a traffic light system. The draft objectives and policies were well received in the main, with a large majority of green cards being shown. The Housing policy and objectives received the most red and amber cards:

	Green	Amber	Red
Vision	39	1	-
Recreation & education	40	-	-
Getting around	31	5	3
Village & landscape characteristics	30	3	-
Housing	12	14	2

The email contact details of the Steering Group were highlighted and another request for volunteers was made.

The draft vision statement, objectives and policies were also presented and discussed at the Little Chesterford Village Meeting/Parish Council Meeting on Thursday, 9 May 2019.

- 4.3 In July 2019, the views of all stakeholders were sought on the draft vision and objectives via a survey. A newsletter was circulated via email ahead of the survey to the community and business stakeholders, and to the residents via Google Group and Facebook. A paper copy of the newsletter was also delivered to residential addresses.
- 4.4 The survey opened on 10 July 2019 – paper copies (Appendix E) were delivered to residential addresses and the link to the online survey was circulated via the email distribution list, Google Group and Facebook. Copies of the survey were also made available in Day’s Bakery, the Community Centre, All Saints’ Church, St Mary the Virgin Church, the Crown and Thistle, the Plough and the GP surgeries. Collection boxes for return of the survey were placed in Day’s Bakery and St Mary the Virgin Church; committee members were also available to collect from individual residencies if needed. ‘Hard to reach’ groups were considered and additional measures were put in place to reach these

stakeholders. A separate survey sought the views of the children of Great Chesterford Primary Academy, despite them being too young to vote in the referendum.

4.5 794 stakeholders were contacted, and 220 responses were received, achieving a response rate of 28%.

4.6 A summary of results is below:

	Agree	Agree with changes	Disagree
Vision	78.64%	18.18%	3.18%
Recreation & education	81.74%	16.89%	1.37%
Getting around	75.91%	21.36%	2.73%
Village & landscape	80.64%	15.21%	4.15%
Housing	75.80%	18.26%	5.94%

4.7 Vision: there was strong support for the vision, but those who disagreed commented that:

- “Current growth seems neither organic nor proportional.”
- “It feels backward-looking and defensive.”
- “Rural feel is too restrictive.”
- “We must protect our village and not accept any changes, because by accepting it, we give permission for it to expand.”
- “We must protect our green spaces and wildlife, that in turn protects our environment.”

The wording of the vision was amended and a plan for a Local Green Spaces policy was devised.

4.8 Recreation and education: there was very strong support for these objectives. Those who ‘agreed with changes’ included the following comments that could be addressed within the Plan:

- “I think we need to qualify ‘new sports’ facilities to ensure we are not approving more urbanisation.”
- “Most of your suggested policies and objectives relate to young age groups. With the ageing population as a whole, some weight should be given to educational facilities for those over 50 and those less mobile. Thus firmly and interestingly supporting this group. Not just relying on voluntary groups or clubs but a specific plan of inclusion.”
- “As the local population continues to increase, we should aspire not just to maintain current open space but to add to it.”
- “Reference could be made to smaller green spaces and rural walkways particularly Horse River Green, Manor Lane, Rose Lane and the connecting walk across the fields between Little and Great Chesterford.”
- “Include allotments and Community Orchard.”

- “Note that Little Chesterford meadow is privately owned and available for use only through the good will of the owner, which must be respected for that arrangement to continue.”

In addition, the following comments were made, but they cannot be included as they are outside the scope of the Plan:

- “It is difficult to see the school being able to provide the quality of fabric to support a larger group of villages in its Victorian location.”
- “The Chesterfords urgently need more Primary School places.”
- “Continued access to high-quality secondary school provision.”

This feedback was considered in the drafting of the relevant policies, and the creation of the Local Green Spaces policy and Valued Community Facilities policy.

4.9 Getting around: there was very strong support for these objectives, with comments received regarding the feasibility of a proposed cycle/footpath and bridge across the River Cam at Horse River Green. As a result of this feedback, the proposal was modified.

4.10 Village and landscape characteristics: there was strong support for these objectives. Those who did not agree commented:

- “No infill anywhere within the parish boundaries.”
- “This feels unduly defensive and backward-looking. I would remove it completely and use the other principles of the plan to determine whether to allow development between Great Chesterford and Little Chesterford.”
- “This appears to be a Nimby proposal by some residents of Little Chesterford.”
- “[The objective] ‘must not materially affect defined locally important views’ is too restrictive.”

The views were carefully considered, and balanced with those who gave their full support to the proposals.

4.11 Housing: there was strong support for these objectives. However, some thought the housing growth was too generous, others thought it did not go far enough:

- “Do not think that there should be any further development here where there is relative overpopulation anyway. Providing more houses just encourages more and more people here; if more houses are needed – and I am not confident of current predictions – then there are less populated places to the east and north of here which could be made quite accessible to Cambridge and London.”
- “10% growth over the next 15 years is too restrictive. This equates to 0.64% per year over 15 years!!! 2% per year is more realistic.”
- “Only 1% should be considered.”
- “Enough housing should be built so that those who want houses can purchase them.”

The views were carefully considered, and balanced with those who gave their full support to the proposals.

4.12 The results of the survey (Appendix F) were shared with stakeholders in February 2020 via email to the business and community mailing list, via Google Group, via Facebook and via a news post to the NP website.

## **Great Chesterford Primary Academy Consultation – July 2019**

- 4.13 Many of the residents and key stakeholders of Great and Little Chesterford are involved with the school and/or have children attend the school. As part of our stakeholder engagement it was decided that the views of the children should be sought.
- 4.14 Every child in the school was given the opportunity to complete a questionnaire. 166 out of 210 pupils completed the survey, with a response rate of 79%.
- 4.15 The top five things that the children valued were: the recreation ground and skate park; the friendly, community feel; the school; the river, trees and wildlife (particularly what they can see at Horse River Green and the Congregational Chapel Garden); and the shop. These comments were noted and included in the assessments undertaken for Local Green Spaces and Valued Community Facilities.
- 4.16 The top three things that the children didn't like about the village were: addition of large housing developments; litter and dog mess; and traffic and road safety (especially on Jacksons Lane where there is no pavement).
- 4.17 An executive summary of the outcomes of the questionnaire can be found at Appendix G.

## 5. Advanced plan development (Sept 2019 – Mar 2021)

### Neighbourhood Plan Housing Assessment Consultation – February 2020

- 5.1 On 15 February 2020, the NPHLA was sent to all landowners for consultation. It was emailed to those for whom we had email addresses, and postal addresses were sought for the remainder to whom hard copies were sent. Where known, architects and agents were also included in the consultation. In addition, Uttlesford District Council, Essex County Council, Historic England and Anglian Water were invited to comment. In addition, all stakeholders were alerted to the consultation via a newsletter that was posted to the news section of the NP website, emailed to the community and business stakeholder mailing list, and posted on the Google Group and Facebook. (See Appendix H for example letter.)
- 5.2 As a result of the consultation, the agents for Chest 5 and 6 requested that a finer grain of site assessment be undertaken. The Steering Group considered this request and duly reassessed the sites as 6a, 6b and 6c.
- 5.3 As a result of the consultation, the landowners of Chest 7 submitted a number of comments, which included a suggestion that the site be assessed for 15 dwellings (instead of 5 dwellings as per the draft). The Steering Group considered the comments and reassessed the site for 15 dwellings.
- 5.4 As a result of the consultation, members of the Steering Group responded to a request for a meeting with the agent for Chest 8, which took place in early March.
- 5.5 As a result of the consultation, the landowner of Chest 10 identified some points for clarification. The Steering Group considered these points and made some clarifying amendments to the assessment.
- 5.6 As a result of the consultation, the landowner of Chest 11 suggested some revisions to make the assessment clearer, as well as requesting that an additional site be assessed. The Steering Group considered these requests and made some clarifying comments to the assessment, and also assessed the additional site, Chest 11b.
- 5.7 The developer of Chest 13 requested that the assessment, 'potentially suitable subject to access' be amended to 'suitable for development'. The Steering Group reviewed the comments and amended the designation accordingly, as outline planning permission including access had been granted.
- 5.8 One developer also requested the inclusion of an additional site. The Steering Group considered the comments and updated the assessment to include an additional site, Chest 14.
- 5.9 Uttlesford District Council commented that "the assessment and the conclusions reached are appropriate in the context of a neighbourhood plan."
- 5.10 Historic England advised that the Steering Group should consider undertaking a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). As a result of this, the Steering Group initiated a SEA screening process for consideration by UDC.
- 5.11 Anglian Water provided comments on each proposed site and identified no site-specific issues relating to foul sewerage or water recycling centre capacity.
- 5.12 The updated NPHLA was sent to all stakeholders on 12 July 2021 for information, and a link to the updated document was posted to the NP website.

## **Neighbourhood Plan Housing Site Selection Consultation – November 2020**

- 5.13 In November 2020, the Neighbourhood Plan Site Selection Consultation took place with landowner stakeholders. All landowners, and agents and architects where known, were contacted via email with a copy of the NPHSS and invited to comment. In addition, Uttlesford District Council, Essex County Council, Historic England and Anglian Water were invited to comment. (See Appendix I for example letter.)
- 5.14 Comments were received from the landowners of Chest 7 regarding the references to flooding. The Steering Group considered these comments and concluded that the assessment was based upon Environment Agency findings and that consideration of other independent reports for sites that do not have planning permission was beyond the scope of the NP group.
- 5.15 The agent for Chest 8 submitted comments regarding the proposed quantum of growth and whether this was consistent with the NPPF. The Steering Group considered these comments and concluded that the NPHSS was consistent with the vision and objectives of the draft Plan, and noted the quantum of growth was in line with the housing number provided by Uttlesford District Council.
- 5.16 Comments were received from the agent of Chest 10. The Steering Group reviewed those comments and the NPHSS was updated, in line with the changes also made to the Local Green Spaces policy.
- 5.17 One resident commented in support of the conclusion of the NPHSS regarding site Chest 10.
- 5.18 Historic England queried the methodology for assessing the sites with particular reference to heritage impact. A meeting was arranged between Historic England and members of the Steering Group to discuss the process that has been followed, with specific reference to the 2016 Historic Environment assessment as well as the 2017 Landscape Character Assessment. The NPHSS was updated following this meeting, with more explicit reference to this evidence base. Historic England confirmed that they were satisfied with the updated assessment.

## **Local Green Spaces Designation Report Consultation**

- 5.19 In November 2020, the Local Green Spaces Consultation took place. All affected landowners were contacted via email or post, inviting comments on the proposed Local Green Spaces allocations (see Appendix J).
- 5.20 Comments were received from the agent of Chest 6a, 6b and 6c regarding whether the designation of LGS-2 would preclude further community-related development on the land, including for educational purposes, and whether sites LGS-1, LGS-2 and LGS-4 combined to create a large tract of land that contravened the NPPF. The Steering Group concluded that the Local Green Spaces policy made provision for community use, including the site which is designated for early years education provision. The Steering Group also concluded that LGS-1, 2 and 4 were separate sites with well-established distinct uses and did not form one large tract of land. The Steering Group agreed that greater clarity was needed with regard to the location of the sites, and improved maps were included in the updated Designation Report.
- 5.21 Comments were received from the landowner of LGS-5. After careful consideration by the Steering Group, it was decided to remove this site from the Local Green Spaces policy, as the only residential garden within the policy.

- 5.22 Clarifying comments were received from the representative of LGS-6 and the designation report was updated accordingly.
- 5.23 Clarifying comments were received from a resident whose land is adjacent to LGS-11. The Steering Group considered these comments and concluded that the site should be removed from the Local Green Spaces policy.
- 5.24 Comments were received from the agent for LGS-17. The Steering Group accepted the objections raised and concluded that the community use of the space would be better designated as a community route. The proposed site was withdrawn from the Local Green Spaces policy
- 5.25 Comments were received from the agent for LGS-18. The Steering Group considered these comments and amended the boundary of the site accordingly.
- 5.26 Positive comments were received from the agent for LGS-19, who supported its inclusion.

### **Draft of Neighbourhood Plan Consultation**

- 5.27 In November 2020, a first full draft of the Plan (which was a culmination of all the work undertaken by the Steering Group and working parties since 2013) was made available and all stakeholders were invited to review it and submit comments. A newsletter was emailed to landowners, agents and architects where known, Uttlesford District Council, Essex County Council, Historic England and Anglian Water. Community and business stakeholders received the newsletter via the mailing list. The newsletter was also posted to the NP website, and circulated via Google Group and Facebook. Printed copies of the newsletter were also delivered to households and posted in village locations. Hard copies of the draft plan were also available on request. (An example mailing can be found in Appendix K.)
- 5.28 Comments were received from Historic England, Essex County Council, two agents and eight residents.

### *General comments*

- 5.29 A number of positive comments were received regarding the draft plan as a whole, with residents thanking the steering group for the work undertaken: *“I just want to congratulate all concerned”; “I wish to express my thanks for the hours of work that has been put into it”; “I have nothing to add but my congratulations and thanks to you all for producing such a comprehensive assessment”; “This is an excellent piece of work and I am grateful to you all for the time and effort you have put in. I think you have captured extremely well the views of residents about our village and its future”.*
- 5.30 In addition, some residents made helpful observations about some minor factual errors: *“I noticed the number of SAM/sites is quoted inconsistently/incorrectly”; “It doesn’t say that the Community Centre belongs to both villages, does it need to make the point?”; “I found it difficult to find some of the diagrams and plans in the summary version in the longer version”; “Policy 5.1 page 26. Second paragraph reads ‘The limits proposed as proposed in the withdrawn 2019 Local Plan’. One too many proposed, perhaps”.* They also raised some queries about the structure and language in titles: *“I think it would be helpful to have all the policies in one place at one point in the document”; “Rename the policies – e.g., 5.2 should be Policy 1”.* All of these suggestions were considered by the Steering Group and most were implemented.
- 5.31 Residents also raised some questions that were helpful for the Steering Group to check: *“Does the table in 2.51 include office to residential conversions under PDR?”; “Why is*

*Chesterford House not within the development limits?"; "I would emphasise that the recent period of heavy rain resulted in the ditch running along the gardens in Hyll Close becoming several feet deep! The fields to the north are lower than this ditch and so at risk of flooding".* Where further clarity was needed, e.g., re flooding, the text in the Plan was enhanced.

- 5.32 The agents raised concerns about whether the draft Plan met basic conditions, whether the policies were sufficiently clear and evidenced, and that it did not contribute to achievement of sustainable development. These core concerns were all reviewed by the Steering Group and a Basic Conditions Statement was subsequently completed.
- 5.33 Historic England welcomed *"the production of this neighbourhood plan, and are pleased to see that the historic environment of your parish features throughout even at this early stage. In particular we welcome the contextual information regarding the historical development of the two settlements, as well as the cartographic information provided on settlement pattern provided later in the document ... We note and welcome the reference made to the Landscape Character Assessment document of 2017 and the Uttlesford District Council Conservation Area Appraisal."*
- 5.34 Historic England also made some helpful suggestions about improved quality and clarity of maps and use of the term *Scheduled Monument* rather than *ancient monument*. The Plan was updated to include improved maps and accurate terminology.
- 5.35 Essex County Council noted that a SEA Screening Exercise had not yet been completed. The process was initiated after this consultation.
- 5.36 Essex County Council recommended amendments to the wording in paragraph 1.22, which was updated accordingly.
- 5.37 Essex County Council also made a number of suggestions that the Steering Group considered and concluded that no update was required. These included references to secondary education, School Zones, all new dwellings to be built to Building Regulations Approved Document Part M4(3) standard, reference to Minerals Local Plan and Waste Local Plan (noting that the NPHLA did have reference to Minerals Safeguarding Areas), SuDS, renewable energy for domestic and commercial developments, wider multi-functional GI for both people and wildlife, additional reference to public transport deficiencies within the parishes, ECC Development Management Policies.

#### *Policy 5.1*

- 5.38 One agent commented that *"the constraints identified by the draft NP, which serve to both guide and limit development, are not supported by a robust evidence base"*, with further reference to the Cam River Valley. The Steering Group considered the comment and concluded that no update was required.
- 5.39 An agent also commented on the 'Northern Gateway' and questioned the evidence to justify its inclusion. The Steering Group considered the comment and updated the Plan by moving the Northern Gateway to Policy 5.2 and describing it as a separation zone to further clarify the considerations leading to the definition of this area.

#### *Policy 5.2*

- 5.40 One comment was received relating to the wording of Policy 5.2. The comment was considered by the Steering Group who updated the Plan.

- 5.41 One agent commented on the separation zone between Great and Little Chesterford and the Little Bordeaux Farm SAM setting, questioning the evidence to support both. The Steering Group considered the comment and updated the description of the Little Bordeaux Farm SAM setting zone to clarify the considerations leading to the definition of this area.
- 5.42 An agent also stated that Policy 5.2 does not meet the basic conditions, have regard to the NPPF which permits development outside of built areas of villages, or sufficient evidence. The Steering Group considered the comment and concluded that no update was required.

#### *Policy 5.3*

- 5.43 One resident spotted a factual error (erroneous street name) in the supporting text, and this error was corrected by the Steering Group. Other residents also queried whether there should be references to double yellow lines on the High Street or UDC parking standards. The Steering Group considered the comment and concluded that no update was required. The Plan was updated in light of comments made by another resident who queried the clarity of the Policy wording.

#### *Policy 5.4*

- 5.44 One comment questioned the evidence base for the inclusion of important views and another suggested that the extent of the views were “excessive and unduly restrictive”. The steering group considered these comments and concluded no update was needed. However, the steering group did accept that views could be referenced more clearly and the Plan was updated.

#### *Policy 5.5*

- 5.45 One resident suggested that the wording to Policy 5.5 could be improved. The Steering Group considered the comment and updated the wording.
- 5.46 An agent queried the inclusion of a very special circumstances test, suggesting it was not in accordance with the NPPF. Reference was also made for the need to set out a positive strategy for the historic environment. The Steering Group considered these comments and reviewed the special circumstances test, along with the wording of the policy.
- 5.47 Historic England welcomed the inclusion of this policy. HE suggested some revised wording, which the Steering Group used to update the policy.

#### *Policy 5.6*

- 5.48 Some residents made comments seeking clarification on the location and categorisation of the Valued Community Spaces, which the Steering Group clarified and agreed.
- 5.49 It was also suggested that the inclusion of the Local Green Spaces in this policy was an unnecessary and complicating duplication. The Steering Group agreed and the Local Green Spaces were removed from this policy.

### *Policy 5.8*

- 5.50 One comment was received about the wording of Policy 5.8 to improve its intention and clarity. The Steering Group agreed and updated the wording of the policy.

### *Policy 5.9*

- 5.51 One agent queried whether the Local Planning Authority had provided an indicative figure for neighbourhood areas. (This had not been requested at the time, but was subsequently provided by UDC.) As a result, the agent queried the assessment of need and capacity that had led to the figure of 10% growth.
- 5.52 A resident queried whether UDC would agree to a local need cascade. The Steering Group concluded it would await comment from UDC on this point.
- 5.53 A resident queried why specific sites has not been allocated for development within the draft Plan. The Steering Group agreed and specific site policies were included in the next iteration of the Plan.
- 5.54 Another resident queried whether the option to create a new pedestrian crossing on London Road and a potential crossing of the river to the village centre were no longer available. The Steering Group noted that this was no longer possible owing to outline planning permission having been granted.
- 5.55 Essex County Council recommended clarity regarding Section 106 contributions, especially in relation to education and Early Years; the Steering Group agreed and updated the Plan.
- 5.56 Essex County Council also suggested additional wording in reference to energy efficiency, biodiversity gains, low carbon technology, water efficiency, energy conservation and efficiency, flood resilience and sustainable waste and mineral management. The Steering Group considered this and concluded that no update was needed.

### *Chapter 6*

- 5.57 Three suggestions for additions to Chapter 6 were received, which were considered by the Steering Group but not included in the updated Plan.

## 6. Regulation 14 pre-submission consultation

- 6.1 Pre-submission consultation was undertaken of the Great and Little Chesterford Neighbourhood Plan during the period 29 March 2021 to 10 May 2021 in line with Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning Consultation.
- 6.2 A leaflet (Appendix M) was delivered to all households in Great and Little Chesterford on the weekend of 27/28 March 2021. The leaflet was also posted on the Google Group and Facebook. Residents were invited to view the Plan and supporting documents on the NP website, and to submit comments by the deadline. A contact email address and two telephone numbers were provided so residents unable to access the documents online could request a hard copy. Comments were invited via an online survey link, via email or via post.
- 6.3 All landowners and agents, community and business stakeholders were contacted via email on Sunday, 29 March inviting comments, a link to website containing the documents and the deadline for responses. Some landowners were contacted via post where email addresses were not available.
- 6.4 Feedback was invited via a link to an online form, via email or via post.
- 6.5 Regulation 14(b) of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations stipulates that the qualifying body (Great Chesterford Parish Council) should consult any consultation body set out in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 whose interests the qualifying body considers may be affected by the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan.
- 6.6 Accordingly, the following statutory bodies were notified by email of the consultation and were invited to respond to the plan detail:

<b>Pre Submission Consultation on the Great and Little Chesterford Neighbourhood Plan: Consultation Bodies</b>	
<b>Consultation Body under Schedule 1 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations</b>	<b>Relevant organisation for the Great and Little Chesterford Neighbourhood Plan</b>
	Individual contacted and method/date:
Local Planning Authority	Uttlesford District Council via email on 28/3/2021
Neighbouring Planning Authority	South Cambs District Council via email on 28/3/2021
County Council – Principal Planner	Essex County Council via email on 28/3/2021
County Council – County councillor	Essex County Councillor via email on 28/3/2021
Neighbouring Local Authority	Cambridgeshire County Council via email on 28/3/2021
Neighbouring Parish	Littlebury Parish Council via email on 28/3/2021

<b>Pre Submission Consultation on the Great and Little Chesterford Neighbourhood Plan: Consultation Bodies</b>	
Neighbouring Parish	Hinxton Parish Council via email on 28/3/2021
Neighbouring Parish	Ickleton Parish Council via email on 28/3/2021
Neighbouring Parish	Great Abington Parish Council via email on 28/3/2021
Neighbouring Parish	Little Abington Parish Council via email on 28/3/2021
Neighbouring Parish	Saffron Walden Town Council via email on 28/3/2021
Neighbouring Parish	Hadstock Parish Council via email on 28/3/2021
Homes and Communities Agency	via email on 28/3/2021
Natural England	via email on 28/3/2021
Environment Agency	via email on 28/3/2021
Historic England	via email on 28/3/2021
Network Rail Infrastructure Limited	via email on 28/3/2021
Highways England	via email on 28/3/2021
Any person i) to whom the electronic code applies by virtue of a direction given under section 106 (3) (a) of the Communications Act 2003; and ii) who owns or controls electronic communications apparatus situated in any part of the area of the local planning authority	Mobile Operators Association via email on 28/3/2021 Mono Consultants Ltd via email on 28/3/2021 BT Group via email on 28/3/2021 Essex County Council Superfast Broadband via email on 28/3/2021
Where it exercises functions in any part of the neighbourhood area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A primary care trust established under section 18 of the NHS Act 2006 or continued existence by virtue of that section</li><li>• A person to whom a license has been granted under section 6 (1) (b) and (c) of the Electricity Act 1989</li><li>• A person to whom a license has been granted under section 1(2) of the Gas Act 1986</li><li>• A sewage undertaker</li></ul>	West Essex Clinical Commissioning Group via email on 28/3/2021 National Grid (c/o agent) via email on 28/3/2021 Anglian Water Services Ltd via email on 28/3/2021

<b>Pre Submission Consultation on the Great and Little Chesterford Neighbourhood Plan: Consultation Bodies</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A water undertaker</li> </ul>	Affinity Water via email on 28/3/2021 Thames Water Property via email on 28/3/2021
Voluntary bodies some or all of whose activities benefit all or any part of the neighbourhood area	Sport England East via email on 28/3/2021 Essex Wildlife Trust via email on 28/3/2021 Uttlesford Ramblers Association via website online form on 28/3/2021 Essex Bridleways Association via email on 28/3/2021 British Horse Society via email on 28/3/2021
Bodies which represent the interests of different racial, ethnic or national groups in the neighbourhood area	Essex Multicultural Activities Group via email on 28/3/2021
Bodies which represent the interests of different religious groups in the neighbourhood area	All Saints Church, Great Chesterford via email on 28/3/2021 St Mary the Virgin Church, Little Chesterford via email on 28/3/2021 Congregational Church, Great Chesterford via email on 28/3/2021
Bodies which represent the interests of persons carrying on business in the neighbourhood area	Saffron Walden BID via email on 28/3/2021
Bodies which represent the interests of disabled persons in the neighbourhood area	Uttlesford Area Access Group via email on 28/3/2021 Active Essex via email on 28/3/2021 Age UK Essex via email on 28/3/2021 Council for Voluntary Service Uttlesford via email on 28/3/2021

6.7 The Regulation 14 (pre-submission) consultation also included a consultation on the Valued Community Spaces policy. All landowners were contacted via email, post or in one case via telephone, to invite comments on the policy. 0 comments were received.

6.8 The Regulation 14 (pre-submission) consultation also included a consultation on employment zones. The three affected landowners were contacted via email and invited to comment. 0 comments were received.

## Summary of the main issues and concerns raised:

- 6.9 Responses were received from 8 statutory consultees, 4 landowner/agent/developers, 2 community stakeholders and 15 residents as set out in the tables below. The representations and responses are detailed in Appendix N.
- 6.10 Residents who completed the devised survey were asked about their support for each policy in turn. The results are summarised below:

Question	Yes	No	Don't know
Do you support Policy 1 (found in Chapter 5) "Overall Spatial Strategy"?	13	1	1
Do you support Policy 2 (found in Chapter 5) "Settlement Pattern and Separation"?	15	0	0
Do you support Policy 3 (found in Chapter 5) "Getting Around"?	15	0	0
Do you support Policy 4 (found in Chapter 5) "Landscape Character" and "Locally Important Views"?	12	1	2
Do you support Policy 5 (found in Chapter 5) "Historic Environment"?	13	1	1
Do you support Policy 6 (found in Chapter 5) "Valued Community Spaces"?	15	0	0
Do you support Policy 7 (found in Chapter 5) "Local Green Spaces"?	15	0	0
Do you support Policy 8 (found in Chapter 5) "Employment"?	11	0	4
Do you support Policy 9 (found in Chapter 5) "Housing"?	13	1	1

6.11	<p>Comments in response to the <i>online</i> survey received from one statutory consultee, one agent and two community group stakeholders made reference to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• equestrian use throughout the Plan (and lack of references to equestrian use)</li> <li>• a need for a Scout Hut</li> <li>• support for development of Chest 12</li> <li>• the Local Green Spaces policy in relation to LGS-5</li> <li>• how S106 funds might be used</li> </ul> <p>The responses to each of these points is summarised below and detailed in Appendix N.</p>
6.12	<p>Comments submitted in writing (rather than via the online survey) via the landowner/agent/developers focused on policies which they considered a disadvantage to development on land over which they have an interest. These comments referred to the position with the lack of 5-year supply of deliverable housing in the District of Uttlesford and dealt with numbers generally, but also questioned whether the Plan:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• met basic conditions</li> <li>• contributed to the achievement of sustainable development</li> <li>• constrained delivery of national policy objectives</li> <li>• was in conformity with the strategic policies of the Local Plan</li> </ul> <p>The Steering Group carefully considered all of these comments and, despite being of the view that collectively, the policies in the Plan did meet basic conditions, did contribute to sustainable development, was in conformity with the Local Plan and did not seek to constrain the delivery of national policy objectives, nevertheless, has made significant changes to the Vision and Objectives, Policy GLCNP/2 – Settlement Pattern and Separation, and GLCNP/9 – Housing. The details of the responses can be found in Appendix N.</p>
6.13	<p>Comments from residents covered a range of areas, with strong support for the Plan. Suggestions for amendments made reference to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• inclusion of factual information pertaining to River Cam and wildlife</li> <li>• amendment of the photograph accompanying view 26</li> <li>• improved facilities at Great Chesterford railway station</li> <li>• the design of new houses</li> </ul>

<b>Summary of Reg 14 comments from statutory consultees</b>		
<b>Consultee</b>	<b>Supportive overall?</b>	<b>Areas of concern/disagreement</b>
Statutory 1 – Essex Bridleways Association and the British Horse Society	Responded ‘don’t know’ when asked whether they supported each policy in turn.	Raised a number of comments about equestrian representation throughout the Plan.
Statutory 2 – Natural England	Unknown – no specific comments on this draft.	-
Statutory 3 – Transport Strategy and Funding Team Cambridgeshire County Council	Unknown – no comments to make at this time.	-
Statutory 4 – Network Rail	Unknown – referred to previous comments made re planning application for Chest 9. Given this, no further comments on the NP.	-
Statutory 5 – Sport England	Unknown – no specific comment.	-
Statutory 6 – Historic England	Yes – some clarifying amendments suggested for Policy GLCNP/5.	-
Statutory 7 – National Grid	Unknown – simply identified National Grid assets within the NP area boundary.	-
Statutory 8 – Uttlesford District Council	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of design policy</li> <li>• Suggested constraints attempting to be placed on Local Plan development in Policies GLCNP/1 (Spatial Strategy) and GLCNP/2 (Settlement Pattern &amp; Separation)</li> <li>• Some clarifying suggestions for Policy GLCNP/3 (Getting Around)</li> <li>• Some clarifying suggestions for Policy GLCNP/8 (Employment)</li> <li>• Suggested constraints associated with Policy GLCNP/9 (Housing)</li> </ul>

**A description as to how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan:**

6.14 Appendix N details the responses to the representations made. As a result of reviewing feedback received from Regulation 14 and the Independent Health Check, all policies were re-written to improve clarity, ensure the Plan's contribution to sustainable development is evident and correct a small number of factual errors. In addition, the number of figures was reduced by merging several together and better quality figures were created to aid clarity. Two meetings were also held with UDC following Regulation 14 consultation and immediately prior to Regulation 15 submission to enable the Steering Group to talk through the comments from UDC in more detail, as well as the resulting amendments made to the relevant policies. In the second meeting in March 2022, UDC indicated that they supported the Plan moving to Regulation 15 stage.

**6.15 Changes to Chapter 1:**

- Additional clarification re Local Plan context was provided and updated to present day (1.14 onwards)
- Reference to the plans for Independent Examination were added (1.26–1.27)
- A summary of the Independent Health Check was included (1.28)
- A summary of the Steering Group's sections work with UDC was included (1.29–1.30)

**6.16 Changes to Chapter 2:**

- Wording from the preamble to Policy GLCNP/1 was added to Chapter 2 (2.20 onwards) and the map detailing the interrelationship between the Roman Scheduled Monuments and the River Cam was moved (new Figure 2.4).
- 2.25 as updated to include background to the GC Conservation Area designation.
- Wording from the preamble to GLCNP/2 was added to 2.19 re Great Chesterford and 2.27 re Little Chesterford.
- Additional information about the River Cam was added to paragraph 2.40.
- Paragraph 2.55 was updated to include additional information about local wildlife
- Map of Great Chesterford 2005 Development Limits was moved from Policy 1 to Chapter 2 (new Figure 2.7).
- The fluvial flood zone map from Policy GLCNP/1 was moved to Chapter 2 (new Figure 2.10).
- 2.66 was added to conclude reference to agricultural usage of land.
- Additional commentary about housing growth in Great Chesterford and Little Chesterford was added at 2.76–2.77.

**6.17 Changes to Chapter 3**

- Paragraphs 3.1–3.6 were updated to reflect the current position on the local planning context.
- A section on Early Years Provision was added at 3.17–3.18 to provide background on the desire of local residents to have enhanced Early Years provision within Great Chesterford.

**6.18 Changes to Chapter 4**

- The objectives at 4.2 were developed to strengthen the commitment to sustainable development and to protect areas of biodiversity.
- Commentary was also added at 4.3–4.5 to explain the process for devising the vision and objectives.

#### 6.19 **Changes to Policy GLCNP/1 – Overall Spatial Strategy**

- There was a consolidation of figures to reduce their number and improve clarity.
- The preamble was edited, to remove repetition with Chapter 2.
- The areas for growth were explicitly defined and development limits extended to include consented development to the south west of London Road.
- The Roman Scheduled Monuments and Setting Zone was amended to focus on the east/west axis and the watercourse that links the scheduled monuments and anchors them in the landscape. This axis runs from the Roman town/fort in the west to the Roman temple and eastward from the Roman temple altar rising along the chalk valley. The Zone was amended to take into account the landscape topography in addition to the visibility analysis.
- The area to the west of the railway line was removed from this policy as it was determined that, other than the areas already protected by virtue of their proximity to the scheduled monuments, it does not have sufficient significance in the landscape or historic environment to require additional protection.
- The Cam River Valley area was reviewed and adjusted to the south of the village of Great Chesterford to more accurately reflect the topography and the proximity to the built environment.
- The purpose of the North Gateway Area was determined to be settlement separation, rather than a specific area of significant landscape and/or historic value other than that area already described as the Roman Scheduled Monuments Setting Zone. The Northern Gateway Area was therefore described in Policy GLCNP/2 Settlement Pattern and Separation and removed from policy GLCNP/1.
- References to rural exception sites were removed from the policy as specific provisions for these sites was not required.

#### 6.20 **Changes to Policy GLCNP/2 – Settlement Pattern and Separation**

- There was a consolidation of figures to reduce their number and improve clarity.
- The Northern Gateway Area was included in this policy as it fulfils the purpose of ensuring an open area of separation between not only the national road infrastructure, but additionally the consented developments immediately to the north at Hinxton. On reconsidering the topography of this area it was redefined to only include that west of the B184 as this forms a definitive boundary distinct from the already defined chalk uplands area.
- The settlement limits of Little Chesterford were redefined to include an area that has previously been used for agricultural buildings as this follows the historic settlement pattern of the village, and the Great and Little Chesterford Area of Separation also amended accordingly.
- The Great and Little Chesterford Area of Separation was amended in accordance with the consented site to the south west of London Road.

#### 6.21 **Change to Policy GLCNP/3 – Getting Around**

The last 6 bullet points of Policy 3 were removed from the policy and added to the preamble to improve clarity.

#### 6.22 **Changes to Policy GLCNP/4 – Landscape Character and Locally Important Views**

- Information from the Landscape Character Assessment (already detailed in Chapter 3) was removed to avoid repetition, along with repetition of information relating to woodland and Ancient Woodland from Chapter 2.
- This policy was subdivided into two distinct policies: GLCNP/4a and GLCNP/4b.
- Two additional views (views 43 and 44) were added to GLCNP/4b as they defined distinctive and important cross valley views identified by a resident.
- One photograph was updated in the Important Views Designation Report.

#### 6.23 **Changes to Policy GLCNP/5 – Historic Environment**

- The preamble to Policy 5 was significantly edited to remove repetition of information about the historic environment in both villages that was also detailed in Chapter 2.
- Additional context was given in 5.4.4 green screening.
- Additional information was added at 5.4.9 about the process for identifying the views.
- Two new bullet points were added to the policy, regarding the results of archaeological investigations and the quality and design of materials.

#### 6.24 **Change to Policy GLCNP/6 – Valued Community Spaces**

The policy name was amended to Valued Community Spaces and Facilities, as a better reflection of the spaces and facilities identified within the policy.

#### 6.25 **Change to Policy GLCNP/7 – Local Green Spaces**

There was a minor amendment to the policy wording, to include direct reference to the relevant sections of the NPPF.

#### 6.26 **Changes to Policy GLCNP/8 – Employment**

- The policy wording was restructured and reference to the approved master plan for Chesterford Research Park was removed.
- Reference to the Chesterford Research Park Separation Zone was included for clarity.

#### 6.27 **Changes to Policy GLCNP/9 – Housing**

- Additional information from UDC was provided at 5.9.3 regarding applicants on the housing register with links to Great Chesterford and Little Chesterford.
- The requirement for a local cascade of affordable housing was removed as there was insufficient evidence to support this requirement, which might also be in conflict with UDC policy.
- Support for specialist housing for elderly residents was added as this was identified as a possible future need that should not be excluded by this policy.
- Provisions for First Homes and Net Biodiversity gains were added to align with national policy.

#### 6.28 **Change to POLICY GLCNP/9.2 – Land North of Bartholomew Close (Chest 13)**

A minor change was made to the policy wording to reflect that the site is now currently under construction.

#### **6.29 Changes to Policy GLCNP/9.3 – Land South-West of London Road (Chest 9)**

Two requirements were removed from this policy as they were not included in the approved reserved matters for this site:

- i. the density of building to increase from South to North
- ii. green space adjacent to the woodland at the southern end of the site

#### **6.30 Change to Chapter 6**

Additional references to bridleways and cycleways were included.

#### **6.31 Policy on Housing Design**

UDC and some residents have raised the question of whether the Plan should include a policy on Housing Design. The Steering Group had taken the decision quite early on that the design of the two communities is quite diverse and historic, and there is no one particular 'style'. It was considered that design decisions were best taken on a case-by-case basis. In addition, it was not something that had come up in any of the extensive previous consultations we had undertaken with the community. As a result, the Steering Group concluded that it was content to leave design decisions to the Local Planning Authority process. However, the Steering Group did amend Policy GLCNP/5 to say that there is an expectation that the quality of design and materials is high.

## **7. Conclusion**

Consultation has been at the heart of the process for the devising of this Neighbourhood Plan and the Steering Group has sought to ensure at every stage that stakeholders were informed and consulted, and thus involved in the evolution of the Plan.

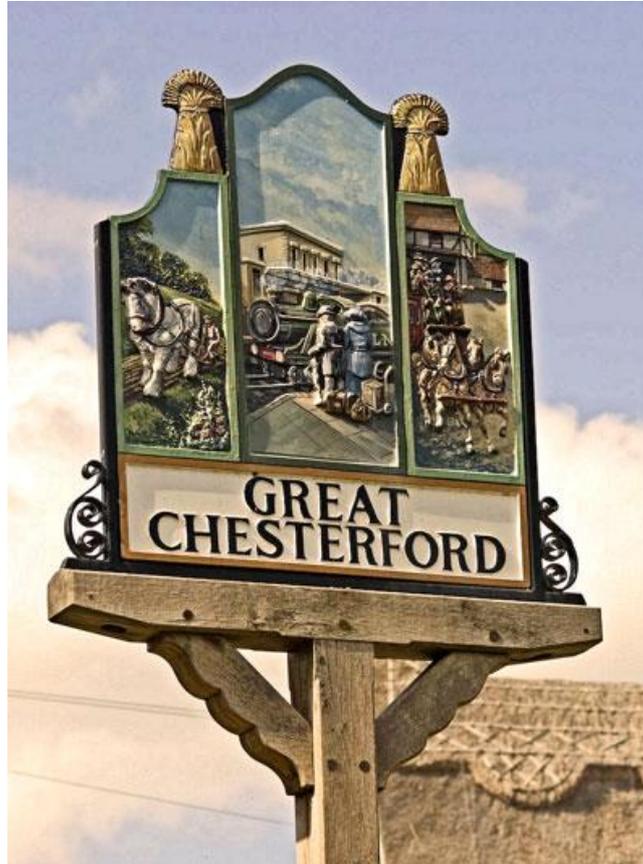
The Plan has been modified following every stage of formal and informal consultation, once all the feedback from the community, interested parties and statutory bodies was carefully reviewed.

Further details about our consultation processes can be found in the appendices attached to this statement.

**APPENDIX A – Summary list of all consultation activities**

Great Chesterford Village Plan questionnaire	October 2013
Great Chesterford Village findings shared	April 2014
Great Chesterford Village Plan published	2015
Little Chesterford Village Survey questionnaire	December 2015
Little Chesterford Village Survey published	January 2016
Village Walks	October/November 2016; January 2017
Draft vision and objectives shared	May 2019
Draft vision and objectives consultation survey	July 2019
Great Chesterford Primary Academy Consultation	July 2019
Neighbourhood Plan Housing Assessment Consultation	February 2020
Neighbourhood Plan Housing Site Selection Consultation	November 2020
Local Green Spaces Designation Report Consultation	November 2020
Draft of Neighbourhood Plan Consultation	November 2020
Regulation 14 pre-submission consultation	29 March 2021 to 10 May 2021
Meeting with UDC	2 June 2021
Independent Health Check	January 2022
Meeting with UDC	8 March 2022

## Great Chesterford Village Plan Questionnaire



The Great Chesterford Village Plan is a project being taken forward by an **independent group** established in early 2013.

A village plan is a document that sets out a **vision for the future of a village** and outlines how that can be achieved in an action plan. It is a useful document for the Parish Council to refer to when taking decisions, and can be used to set out the views of the community to the District Council.

The questions here were developed by a group of volunteers following consultation with villagers at the Great Chesterford Annual Village Meeting on 20 March 2012. It should only take 20 minutes to complete and we hope that as many households as possible will complete and return a questionnaire so to ensure that the results represent the views of the community as fully as possible. We have designed the questionnaire so that more than one person from each household can respond. There is also a Business Questionnaire which can be found at [www.chesterfords.info/village%20plan.htm](http://www.chesterfords.info/village%20plan.htm)

Please return this questionnaire to your street coordinator who will call at your house to collect on [date], by email at [chesterfordvillageplan2013@gmail.com](mailto:chesterfordvillageplan2013@gmail.com), or in one of the collection boxes located in [locations]. **Your responses will be treated confidentially** – we will not identify respondents or seek permission to do so.

The Village Plan will be published next year. Whilst it will not be possible to record every view and to pursue every idea, we will attempt to reflect as broadly as possible the feedback that we receive. Great Chesterford is your village. We hope that you will take this opportunity to help plan its future.

## Section 1 : You And Your Household

To help us to understand who has responded to this questionnaire, we would be grateful if you would describe yourself and your reasons for living in Great Chesterford.

Q1. How many people are resident in your house, including all children (provide a number)?:

	<u>Respondent 1</u>	<u>Respondent 2</u>	<u>Respondent3</u>	<u>Respondent4</u>
Q2. What is your gender?: (select one)				
- Male	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Female	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q3. What is your age?: (select one)*				
- 18 to 20	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- 21 to 29	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- 30 to 39	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- 40 to 49	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- 50 to 59	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- 60 to 74	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- 75 or over	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q4. How long have you lived in Great Chesterford?: (select one)				
- 0 to 5 years	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- 6 to 10 years	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- 11 to 20 years	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- 21 to 50 years	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- More than 50 years	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q5. Which are the most important reasons to you for living in Great Chesterford?: (select up to 3)				
- Work in village or nearby	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Sense of community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Friends / relatives live nearby	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Friendly neighbours	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Good social life	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Cultural activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Good place to bring up children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Good school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Surrounding countryside	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Attractiveness of village	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Transport links	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Good pubs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Sporting Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Other (Specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

\* If you are under 18 you may wish to complete the Youth Questionnaire, which can be found on the Chesterfords website at <http://www.chesterfords.info/village%20plan.htm>

## Section 2 : Roads & Transport

Respondent 1    Respondent 2    Respondent3    Respondent4

Q6. What measures, if any, would improve the traffic safety along the two main roads, London / Newmarket Road (B1383) and Walden Road (B184) that pass through Great Chesterford?: (select up to three)

- |                                     |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| - Reduce speed limit                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Traffic calming measures          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Better road markings              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Improvement of junctions          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - More and improved pavements       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Parking restrictions              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Pedestrian crossings              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Better signage                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Improve street lighting           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - An off-road cycle path            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - A cycle path parallel to the road | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - A footpath beside the road        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - None                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Other (please state)              |                          |                          |                          |                          |

Q7. What measures would improve the traffic safety along the internal village roads?: (select up to three)

- |                                  |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| - Reduce speed limit             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Traffic calming measures       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Better road markings           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Improvement of junctions       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Widen narrow stretches of road | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - More and improved pavements    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Parking restrictions           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Pedestrian crossings           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Better signage                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Improve street lighting        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - None                           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Other (please state)           |                          |                          |                          |                          |

Q8. The Parish Council is looking to introduce a Community Speedwatch programme in the village. Community Speed Watch is a scheme to help people reduce speeding traffic through their community. The scheme enables volunteers to work within their community to raise awareness of the dangers of speeding and to help control the problem locally.

Would you be interested in joining a rota of speedwatch operators? Training and equipment would be provided. (select one)

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

If yes, please provide your name and contact details on the detachable slip at the end of this questionnaire.

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- Q9. Does on-street parking cause any problems?
- Frequently
  - Sometimes
  - Not Often
  - Never

If frequently or sometimes, what problems have you encountered and where? Please comment:

- Q10. Would you like street lighting to be re-introduced over the full night time period?:<sup>1</sup> (select one)
- Yes, throughout the village
  - Yes, in specific areas
  - No
  - Don't Know

If you think that there are specific areas that need to be lit at night, please state which areas:

- Q11. Are you content with the maintenance of the roads in Great Chesterford?: (select one)
- Yes
  - No (please explain below)
  - Don't Know

- Q12. Are you content with the maintenance of the public footpaths in and around Great Chesterford?: (select one)

- Yes
- No (please explain below)
- Don't Know

- Q13. Do you use Great Chesterford rail service?: (select one)
- Frequently
  - Occasionally
  - Hardly Ever
  - Never

- Q14. Do you use the Audley End rail service?: (select one)
- Frequently
  - Occasionally
  - Hardly Ever
  - Never

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<sup>1</sup> This would be subject to funding and environmental priorities

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Q15. Do you use the Citi 7, 101 or 132 bus service?: (select one)

- |                |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| - Frequently   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Occasionally | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Hardly Ever  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Never        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Q16. What, if any, improvements that should be made to:-

(i) the rail service? Suggestions.....

(ii) rail station facilities? Suggestions.....

(iii) the bus service(s)? Suggestions.....

Q17. If you use a bike or would like to use a bike around and about the village what, if any, improvements do you think could be made for cyclists?

Q18. If a cycle and foot path was built passing through Great Chesterford and linking Saffron Walden to the Cambridge network of cycle paths, would you use it (select all that apply):

- |   |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| - For Fun                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - As part of daily school / work travel | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - For an errand (eg to get something)   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Other                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - None of the above                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Q19. Any other comments?

### Section 3 : Environment, Recreation & Leisure

	<u>Respondent 1</u>	<u>Respondent 2</u>	<u>Respondent3</u>	<u>Respondent4</u>
Q20. Which, if any, of the following would be beneficial to the village?: (select all that apply)				
- Improved drainage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Better street cleaning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Improved street lighting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q21. Which, if any, of the following improvements to open spaces would you like to see? (select up to three)				
- Better maintenance (eg mowing)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- More formal gardens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- More natural open spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- More paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- More seating	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Plant more trees / hedgerows	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Provisions for allotments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- More litter bins	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- More dog bins	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- A picnic area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Plant free for all fruit trees	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Nothing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Other (please specify)				

Q22. Would you be prepared to help maintain open spaces in any of the following ways? (select all that apply)				
- Joining a litter picking team	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Organise a task force for specific projects (eg planting)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Join a list of general volunteers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Using parish-owned maintenance machinery, such as mowers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Gritting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If yes, please provide your name and contact details on the detachable slip at the end of this questionnaire.

Q23. Do you use the existing recreation facilities in Great Chesterford? If so, which ones?: (select all that apply)				
- I don't use village recreation facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Horse River Green	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Chapel Gardens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Hall Garden	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Community Centre main hall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Community Centre meeting rooms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Cricket pitches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Football pitches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Bowling green	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Recreation Ground Playground	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Pilgrims Close Playground	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Skate park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Multi-sports / tennis courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Q24. Are you aware of these Chesterford Clubs and Societies?: (select all that apply)

- |                                      |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| - Womens Institute                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Gardening Society                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Bowls Club                         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Cricket Club                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Chestertots                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Clangers                           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Friend of Great Chesterford School | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Archaeology & History Society      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Afternoon Tea                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Church Mice / CAMEO                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Rainbows, Cubs, Brownies & Scouts  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Football clubs                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <br>                                 |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| - Youth Club                         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Q25. Are you aware of the events and activities offered at the Community Centre / Recreation ground? (select one)

- |              |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| - Yes        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - No         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Don't Know | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Q26. Do you feel that the existing range of activities and services fulfils the recreational and leisure needs of the village? What else would you like to see? (please state)

Q27. Do you visit the annual Steam Up ?

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

Q28. How could the Steam Up be improved, if at all? (select all that apply)

- |                                    |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| - I don't attend                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Its fine as it is                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Greater notice of event          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - More consultation with residents | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Better traffic management        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Additional stalls (please state) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Q29. Is there scope for more than one spring or summertime funfair in the village, for example a May Day celebration? (select one)

- |              |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| - Yes        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - No         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Don't Know | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Q30. Should we be making more of the history and heritage of Great Chesterford, given its Roman past?  
For example, should we install signs or maps pointing out areas of historical interest? (select one)

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

Q31. Any other comments?

## Section 4 : Services and Facilities

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Q32: Do you use any of the existing village facilities. If yes, please tick those that you use:

- |                           |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| - Village shop            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Post Office             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - The public houses       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - The hotel               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Mobile library          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - The church              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - The chapel              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - One of the GP surgeries | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - The community centre    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - The Buffy Bus           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Q33. Should there be toilet facilities at the Recreation Ground?

- |              |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| - Yes        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - No         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Don't Know | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Q34. What, if anything, would encourage you to make better use of any facilities that you do not use at present?

Q35. Would you be interested in a weekly / monthly market focussed in the village centre, if traders and space could be found?

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

Q36. How often do you make use of the weekly (in season) green waste skip that comes to the village?

- |                                    |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| - Weekly                           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Every month                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Every other month                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Less frequently                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Never (please explain why below) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Q37. The Chesterford Garden Share Scheme matches owners of large gardens with committed, enthusiastic and respectful vegetable growers. Are you involved in the Scheme?

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

If not, and you would you like to be involved in either capacity, please provide your name and contact details on the detachable slip at the end of this questionnaire.

Q38. Would you be interested in leasing an allotment, if they became available?

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

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Q39. Do you feel that the village provides adequate services and facilities for the over 65 age group?

- |              |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| - Yes        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - No         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Don't Know | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If no, please comment:

Q40. How easily can you access any services and facilities that you wish to use?

- |              |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| - Very       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Quite      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Not easily | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Not at all | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Q41. What improvements could be made to the services and facilities to make them more accessible to those who are less mobile in the village?

Q42. Would you be interested in a Great Chesterford Grandparent Scheme? It would aim to match elderly individuals without grandchildren with children in the village who for whatever reason are not able to spend time with their own grandparents.

- |              |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| - Yes        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - No         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Don't Know | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Q43. Any other comments?

## Section 5 : Crime & Safety

	<u>Respondent 1</u>	<u>Respondent 2</u>	<u>Respondent3</u>	<u>Respondent4</u>
Q44. Do you ever feel unsafe in Great Chesterford?				
- Yes, frequently	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Yes, sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q45. Have you personally been affected by any of the following in the village? (tick all that apply)				
- Drunkenness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Cold calling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Drug abuse	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Personal intimidation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Anti-social behaviour	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Theft/Burglary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Vandalism/damage to property	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Fly tipping/litter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- None of the above	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Other (please state below)				

Q46. Would you consider there is a need for: (select all that apply)				
- Better or more visible policing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Improved street lighting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Neighbourhood Watch Scheme	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Other, please specify				

Q47. Any other comments?

## Section 6 : Education

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It may be helpful to note, before completing this section, that there will be land available in a few years (as part of a “Section 106 planning agreement”) that could be used for the relocation of the pre-school and/or the primary school.

### Pre-school

The pre-school is an independent business with charitable status.

Q48. Would you support the pre-school having increased pre-school sessions (eg offering longer or full days), if funding and suitable premises were available?

- |              |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| - Yes        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - No         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Don't Know | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Q49. Would you be in favour of the pre-school in securing its own permanent dedicated facility in the village?

- |              |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| - Yes        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - No         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Don't Know | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Q50. Any other comments?

### Primary School

These questions have been devised from a community based perspective and have NOT been directed by the school although consultation has taken place. Please see the notes at the end of this section for context.

Q51. Do you have children at the school?

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

Q52. Do you feel the school and the village community interact well with each other?

- |              |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| - Yes        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - No         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Don't Know | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

How could it improve?



Q58. At some point in the next fifteen years, would you support the potential relocation of the school if it remained at the current size of 210 pupil numbers, to a site set aside near to the community centre/Meadow Road? see notes below

- |              |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| - Yes        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - No         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Don't Know | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Q59. At some point in the next fifteen years, would you support the potential relocation if the school needed to expand, to between 315 to 420 total pupils, to the land set aside near to the community centre/Meadow Road?<sup>2</sup>-see notes below

- |              |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| - Yes        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - No         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Don't Know | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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Q64 At some point in the next fifteen years, if the school needed to expand by *at least* 50% would you prefer the school to try to develop its existing site *instead of the alternative option outlined in Q58?*

- |                     |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| - Yes               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - No                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Don't Know        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Other suggestions |                          |                          |                          |                          |

Notes

- i. At this time the school governors have no requirement to move/expand the school, and this would only be considered if they were approached with an opportunity by a third party
- ii.. The school cannot grow by just a few additional pupils per class as there are government regulations that limit class numbers. If the school had to expand, due to significant population growth, it could only plan for an increase of between 50% and 100% of its current 210 total pupil size under government regulations.
- iii. Based on best practice guidelines for primary school planning any potential school expansion of 50 to 100% would require between 350 and 1000 additional houses/flats to be in the catchment area in order to populate these school numbers. (Catchment area: The Chesterfords, Littlebury, Littlebury Green and Catmere End).

Info source ([http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Delivering-Education-Essex/School-Organisation-Planning/Documents/Education\\_Supplement.pdf](http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Delivering-Education-Essex/School-Organisation-Planning/Documents/Education_Supplement.pdf)).

## Section 7 : Communication and Democracy

	<u>Respondent 1</u>	<u>Respondent 2</u>	<u>Respondent3</u>	<u>Respondent4</u>
Q65. How often do you read The Broadsheet?				
- Always	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Sometimes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Never	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q66. How would you rate The Broadsheet as a village communication tool?				
- Very good	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Good	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Poor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Very Poor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q67. How would you improve The Broadsheet?				
Q68. Would you like to receive The Herald (the Church's monthly news sheet)				
- Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q69. Do you use the Chesterfords website (www.Chesterfords.info)?				
- Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q70. How could the website be improved?				
Q71. Do you use the Chesterfords Google email group, and if so do you find it useful. (You can join the group by visiting the link of the village website)				
Q72. Should there be a 'Welcome Pack' for people moving into the village (including, for example, details of how to join the village Google group)?				
- Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Don't Know	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q73. How do you find out about the work of the Parish Council? (select all that apply)				
- The Broadsheet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- The Chesterfords website	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- The Parish Council newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Attended the Parish Council public Forum	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Chesterford's google group email	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Village noticeboard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Not interested	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q74. How well do you feel the Parish Council communicates with villagers?

- |                 |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| - Very well     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Well          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Fairly well   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Not very well | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Q74. How informed do you feel of the activities and initiatives that the Parish Council carries out on your behalf?

- |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| - Very well-informed     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Well-informed          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Not very well-informed | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Not at all informed    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Q75. How could the Parish Council communicate better with residents?

Q76. Any other comments?

## Section 8 : Housing & Development

The District Council is under pressure to build more homes in Uttlesford. Views from villagers will help inform the position that the Parish Council takes in relation to any new proposals for development.

Great Chesterford village currently has around 600 houses. The draft Local Development Framework is proposing around 100 new houses in the village. Uttlesford District Council is currently reviewing the Local Development Framework and this may have further effects on the village development over the next 15 years.

	<u>Respondent 1</u>	<u>Respondent 2</u>	<u>Respondent3</u>	<u>Respondent4</u>
Q77. In addition to the proposed 100 houses above, would you further support the development of the following numbers of houses over the next 15 years?: (select one)				
- None	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Up to 50 dwellings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- 50 to 99 dwellings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- 100 to 199 dwellings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- 200 to 499 dwellings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Over 500 dwellings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q78. Great Chesterford needs the following types of housing: (select all that apply)				
- Affordable housing for local people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Small homes (1-2 bedrooms)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Family homes (3-4 bedrooms)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Large homes (5 bedrooms+)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Bungalows	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Warden assisted accommodation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Retirement accommodation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Adapted homes for disabled people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q79. Should land be put to one side for Great Chesterford residents to downsize into a purpose-built retirement property within a community allocated a warden?				
- Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Don't Know	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q80. Do you think that there is a need for a retirement community in Great Chesterford?: (select one)				
- Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Don't Know	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q81. Would you prefer that any new development should: (select all that apply)				
- Make provision for off-street parking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Be to the highest environmental standards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Be sympathetic to the overall character of the village	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Permit the combination of small houses into larger single dwellings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Permit extensions which significantly change the size and character of existing dwellings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q82. Would you support the development of a 'Neighbourhood Plan' for Great Chesterford? This is a recent government initiative and would be voted on by the local community. It can influence planning decisions and becomes a compulsory reference document for planning. It does however, cost several thousand pounds which would need to come from a variety of sources including the parish council's budget. This is a preliminary request to view the community's feeling on the subject<sup>3</sup>. (select one)

- |              |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| - Yes        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - No         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Don't Know | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Q83. Would you like to see an expansion of employment in Great Chesterford through development of: (select all that apply)

- |                                     |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| - Tourism development / attractions | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Business development              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Small scale industrial workshops  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - More jobs in GC itself            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - None of these                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Q84. Any other comments?

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<sup>3</sup> A Neighbourhood Plan is a document where the Parish is able to define its own development limits, open spaces and so on. It has to adhere to the Uttlesford District Policies, but it is a locally defined and controlled document against which planning decisions are made. To find out more see <http://www.essexrc.org.uk/Default.aspx?page=3279>

## Section 9 : And Finally.....

Q79. If lottery or other funding were available, what initiatives would you support or prioritise?

Examples of initiatives arising from village plans around Essex:

- Acquiring and refurbishing the village hall, new usage including a regular farmers market (Braintree)
- New children's play equipment (eg Messing)
- Speedwatch initiatives (eg Great Chishill)
- Creation of community warden (Braintree)
- Village hall/Community Buildings refurbishments (eg Messing)
- Community Days (eg Alresford)
- Footpath map (Braintree)
- Youth clubs started (eg Althorne)
- Speeding and traffic calming measures (eg North Fambridge)
- Community transport scheme (Coggeshall)
- Alms Houses built (Coggeshall)
- Footpath maintenance (Rawreth)
- Improved communications (magazine, notice boards and website) (Braintree)
- Station car park project (Braintree)

**Thank you for completing this questionnaire**

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## Finding Out More And Volunteering

This section is optional. If you do not wish your responses to the questionnaire to be identified, but would like to volunteer then please detach this slip and return it separately.

I am interested in finding out more about:

- Joining a rota of speedwatch operators
- Becoming involved in the Garden Share Scheme
- Playing a part in maintaining open spaces
- Volunteering to assist the school in its various educational initiatives in and out of the school

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

## **Little Chesterford Village Questionnaire**

On behalf of Little Chesterford Parish Council and the Great & Little Chesterford Neighbourhood Plan committee:

### **Would you please take a few minutes to give us your views on the future of Little Chesterford?**

Your responses will be used both for input into the **Great and Little Chesterford Neighbourhood Plan**, and to inform future decisions made by **Little Chesterford Parish Council**.

There are two plans being worked on at the moment:

The Local Plan is being produced by Uttlesford District Council and will cover all of Uttlesford.

The Neighbourhood Plan is being produced by Great & Little Chesterford and will cover the two parishes only.

The Neighbourhood Plan is an important document describing how the villages could develop over the next 15 years. It must be taken into account when planning decisions are made. As the two villages are linked together in many ways, a single plan is being developed for both villages by a group of representatives from both villages. There will be other opportunities to contribute to the plan as it develops, and it is hoped to complete the plan by October 2016.

Great Chesterford residents have already completed a similar questionnaire, it's now your turn to have your say! Your responses will be summarised and used anonymously - they are confidential and we will not identify anyone who does or doesn't respond.

Little Chesterford is your village. We very much hope that you will take this opportunity to help shape its future.

**Please return your completed questionnaire by 17th December**

**Thank you in advance!**

## About your household

1. How many people live in your household, including children?

2. What are the ages of the people who live in your household?

*Tick one category for each person*

	0-18	19-64	65+
Person 1	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Person 2	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Person 3	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Person 4	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Person 5	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Person 6	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Person 7	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Person 8	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

3. How long have you lived in Little Chesterford? *Tick one*

5 years or less

6 to 10 years

11 to 20 years

21 to 50 years

More than 50 years

4. How many people in your household work...

within 5 miles of Little Chesterford?

in the Cambridge area?

in Greater London?

from home?

elsewhere?  Please tell us where

5. What do you value most about living in Little Chesterford?

## Safeguarding Village Assets

Local communities can protect buildings and open spaces they value as Assets of Community Value. These can be both privately and publicly owned assets.

Once a list of these is prepared, the community can ask Uttlesford District Council to list these as being of value to the community. If one of these assets is subsequently put up for sale, the community is given 6 months to put together a bid to buy it. Great Chesterford has already listed its important buildings and open spaces.

**6. Which buildings and open spaces do you think should be included if a listing for Little Chesterford was created?**

## Residential Development

There is NO planning presumption that there will be any specific need for residential development in Little Chesterford village (unlike Great Chesterford, which is a key village for local planning purposes) Residential development will of course be dependent upon sites becoming available and meeting other planning considerations. This is your chance to say what YOU would like to see in the village over the next 15 years.

**7. How many homes (houses/flats/bungalows etc) would you be happy to see built in Little Chesterford over the next 15 years? *Tick one that applies***

- 0 - 5
- 5 - 10
- 10 - 20
- more than 20

**8. What type of housing would you most like to see built in Little Chesterford? *Tick all that apply***

- Affordable homes (lower price homes with financial help)
- Homes designed for the elderly or disabled, including bungalows
- Executive homes (large houses on large plots)
- Family homes (3-4 bed houses on smaller plots)
- Small homes (1-2 bedroom houses, bungalows or flats)

**9. Where in Little Chesterford would you like to see these homes built?**

## Recreation

**10. Would you like to see a children's playground/play area in Little Chesterford?**

Yes

No

Undecided

If yes, where would you like it to be?

**11. Which village functions do you attend?**

**12. Do you find it easy to join in local activities and societies that interest you?**

Yes

No

If not, please tell us why

**13. Are there other recreational activities that you would like to be available in Little Chesterford?**

## Transport and Road Safety

14. If you have any concerns about road safety on the B184 or B1383, please tell us

15. If you have any concerns about road safety on the High Street or Walden Road, please tell us

17. How do the people in your household get to work? *Tick all that apply*

- |       |                          |
|-------|--------------------------|
| Car   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Bus   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Train | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Walk  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cycle | <input type="checkbox"/> |

18. How often do you use the train station at Audley End? *Tick one*

- Never     Rarely     Monthly     Weekly     Daily

19. How often do you use the train station at Great Chesterford? *Tick one*

- Never     Rarely     Monthly     Weekly     Daily

20. How often do you use the Little Chesterford public bus service (Citi 7)?

*Tick one*

- Never     Rarely     Monthly     Weekly     Daily

21. If you have difficulty getting the transport you need, please tell us

## Footpaths and cycle routes

Little Chesterford has several footpaths within and leading out of the village, but no current specific cycle routes.

### 22. Cycle routes have been proposed to Saffron Walden and Cambridge

Would you support the creation of these cycle routes?  Yes  No  Undecided

Would you use these cycle routes?  Yes  No  Undecided

### 23. Is there anything about local footpaths that you would like to see improved?

## Education

Little Chesterford is in the catchment area for Great Chesterford Primary Academy. Should the school need to expand, this is unlikely to be possible on the current site. A possible site may be available in future close to the community centre.

### 24. How important is it to you that Little Chesterford children can attend primary school in the Chesterfords? *Tick one*

Very important indeed

Quite important

Not very important at all

### 25. If future development in Great Chesterford makes it more difficult for Little Chesterford children to attend the current school there, would you prefer that:

*Tick one*

Children attend school outside the Chesterfords

Great Chesterford school relocates and expands

I do not have an opinion

## Communication and democracy

26. Do you feel that you get the information that you need

about village activities?

Yes  Sometimes  No

about Parish Council activities?

Yes  Sometimes  No

27. How would you like to receive information about village and parish council activities? *Tick all that apply*

Village notice board

Flyers

Parish Broadsheet

Village website

Google groups

Other

Please  
specify

28. There will be other opportunities to have your say about the neighbourhood plan as it develops. Which ways would you prefer?

*Tick all that apply*

At a meeting in Little Chesterford

At a meeting in Great Chesterford

Distribution of a paper document  
for comment

Comment online

Other

Please  
specify

29. Is there anything that you would like to do to help the village?

APPENDIX D – Village Walks templates

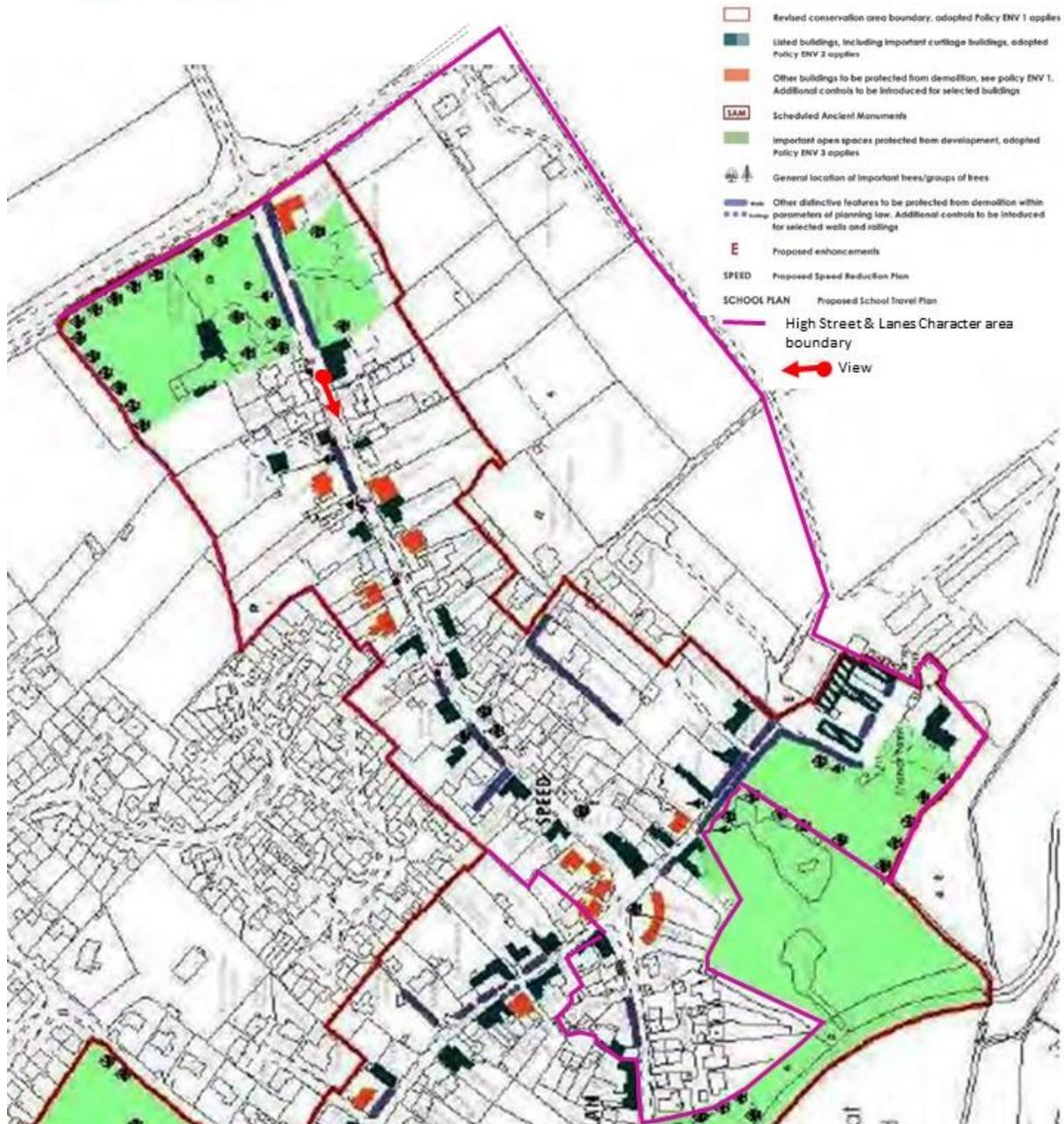
## Great Chesterford Village Walk High Street and the Lanes Character area



*Thank you for coming! We are looking for the physical things that make this area of Great Chesterford distinctive and special in order to create a character assessment for the Neighbourhood Plan.*  
*A lot of work for this area has been already been done as part of the village conservation area appraisal.*

***As you walk around the village, please check that the information on the map below within your area is correct, and fill in the templates on the next pages to let us know what is important to you about this part of Great Chesterford.***

*Mark additional/changed features and views on the map. Send any photos to xxxxx*



## Great Chesterford Village Walk High Street and the Lanes Character area

### Views

*Iconic "picture postcard" views. Typically local landmarks or picturesque views of local landscapes. Can be within the village, looking away from it, or towards it. Must be from a publicly accessible viewpoint. Mark the view on the village map with an arrow showing the direction and label it. If you are taking photos, please take one of the view, and one where it was taken from. Send to xxxx*

#### EXAMPLE



- From the top of the High Street looking down into the village westwards looking down into the village
- View from the Icknield way towards the village



This view of the c13 Grade II\* Church of St Mary the Virgin from the rear of the village hall is of a historic building at the spiritual heart of the village. The foreground shows one of the distinctive flint and brick boundary walls in the village and the mature trees associated with the Manor/Church complex

**What are the key defining characteristics of this area? what should we maintain/enhance/have more of?**

**Are there any detractors? – are there opportunities for improvement, or things we should have less of in the future ?**



### Consultation on draft outline policies

#### Why does a Neighbourhood Plan matter?

The Chesterfords Neighbourhood Plan applies to the parishes of Great and Little Chesterford. It is used to inform planning decisions; for example, to set out where houses can be built, to protect open spaces and to specify developer contributions for infrastructure.

It is important for us to have one, so that we can help to shape the development of the villages over the next 15 years. This is our chance to preserve and enhance what we value about the Chesterfords.

Without a Neighbourhood Plan, we are more open to speculative proposals for development. But having one gives us additional grounds for objection where the proposals are not consistent with the Plan's policies.

#### What do you need to do?

**Please give us your feedback on the draft outline objectives and policies for the Neighbourhood Plan by 26 July 2019**

These have been drafted by a working group from both villages. They build on the outcomes of Great Chesterford Village Plan and the Little Chesterford Village Survey, as well as expert reports.

It is important that we hear the views of all those who live, work and volunteer in our parishes as the Plan is drafted.

#### Complete a six question survey online

at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ChesterfordsNP>

[You can also find this link on Googlegroups, Facebook and Instagram.]

If you don't have internet access, you can fill out the attached paper form and return it to us.

Drop it into Neighbourhood Plan boxes in Days Bakery in Great Chesterford or the church porch in St Mary's Little Chesterford. If you are unable to get to these locations, arrange for collection by calling 01799 530753 for Great Chesterford, or 01799 530837 for Little Chesterford.

**Your feedback helps to shape our future neighbourhood**

### Question 1 – Our vision

“Great and Little Chesterford will have each grown organically and proportionally and continue to be attractive places to live for those seeking a sense of community and place, retaining their separate and distinctive characteristics and identities.

The Chesterfords recognise and accept ongoing change, and will continue to support change that retains our shared resources, rural feel and inclusive, welcoming community.”

#### Do you agree with this vision?

Agree  Agree with some changes  Disagree

Please note any specific suggested changes below:

### Question 2 – Recreation and Education

#### Objectives:

To promote, enhance and maintain the physical and mental wellbeing of our residents and to promote and enhance lifelong learning in the Chesterfords

#### Policies:

Protect valued community open space, recreational and educational facilities; e.g.

- Recreation ground & community centre
- Little Chesterford meadow & village hall
- School/preschool and playing fields

Ensure new development contributes to enhanced recreational or educational facilities including:

- new playgrounds, sports and community facilities
- new footpaths, especially where they can be linked to the existing network and to open countryside

#### Do you agree with these objectives and policies?

Agree  Agree with some changes  Disagree

Please note any specific suggested changes below:

### Question 3 – Getting Around

#### Objectives:

To promote safe and sustainable transport (public, walking, cycling)

- Promote pedestrian use of railway station
- Promote safe pedestrian access to village services and between villages
- Promote and enhance cycling routes south to Saffron Walden and north towards Cambridge
- Promote road safety for all in village streets

#### Policies:

- Developments to east of B1383 to contribute to safe pedestrian crossing(s) over road to station
- Housing development with access onto B1383 to contribute to cycle/footpath and bridge across the Cam at Horse River Green or other identified location
- Designate land for Cambridge/Saffron Walden cycle path
- All development outside Great Chesterford development limits to contribute to traffic calming measures to prevent rat running.

#### Do you agree with these objectives and policies?

Agree

Agree with some changes

Disagree

Please note any specific suggested changes below:

### Question 4 – Village and Landscape Characteristics

#### Objective:

To retain and protect the individuality and distinctive characteristics of the three main settlements (villages of Great Chesterford, Little Chesterford and the hamlet of Springwell)

#### Policies:

- Define settlement separation gaps to prevent coalescence between Great Chesterford, Little Chesterford, Springwell and any future settlements.
- Development must not materially affect defined locally important views; e.g. along the Cam valley, into Little Chesterford historic centre from the bridge etc.
- Development must follow existing development patterns – linear in Little Chesterford and nucleated in Great Chesterford. Backfill will not be supported in Little Chesterford. Development in Springwell will not be supported as this is not a sustainable location.
- Protect and enhance the site and setting of important historic sites and wildlife habitats.

**Do you agree with this objective and these policies?**

Agree

Agree with some changes

Disagree

Please note any specific suggested changes below:

**Question 5 – Housing**

**Objective:**

To ensure that the Chesterfords continue to grow at an organic and sustainable rate, supporting viable and diverse communities

**Policies:**

Recognising that the Neighbourhood Plan has to support growth, we would support the creation of approximately 10% growth over the next 15 years across the communities in sites that will:

- Maintain the separation between the communities preserving their separate identities
- Provide easy access to facilities and public transport
- Mitigate any adverse effects on residential and community interests through contributions to wider planning benefits
- Meet the other policies in the Neighbourhood Plan (and other planning policies)

**Do you agree with this objective and these policies?**

Agree

Agree with some changes

Disagree

Please note any specific suggested changes below:

**About you:**

It is important that we try to ensure that we hear from as many different members of our communities as possible. To help us to achieve that, please tell us the following:

Age range	(Tick)	Age range	(Tick)
18-24		45-54	
25-34		55-64	
35-44		65+	

Primary Location	(Tick)
Great Chesterford	
Little Chesterford	

Primary Association	(Tick all that apply)
Live here	
Work here	
Volunteer here	
Other (please state)	

We will keep your data confidential and stored securely. If you have any questions about this, please email [chesterfordsneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com](mailto:chesterfordsneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com)

**Thank you for completing this survey. Please return it to us by 26 July 2019.**

# CHESTERFORDS NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Survey Update

## OVERVIEW

Communications went out to advise on a forth coming survey. (Facebook, google groups, batches in central points, door drops, email)

The survey was sent to every household, employers, clubs, societies and all known stakeholders. This totalled 794.

A good minimum response rate was considered to be 25%. Therefore the aim was to get at least 199 respondents.

We were keen to get a good cross section of the community and were advised that both the older and younger members of the community may be hard to reach so additional efforts were put in place to reach these people.

Although not old enough to vote in the referendum we decided to engage with the Great Chesterford Primary School children.

### Neighbourhood Plan Great Chesterford Primary Academy Consultation

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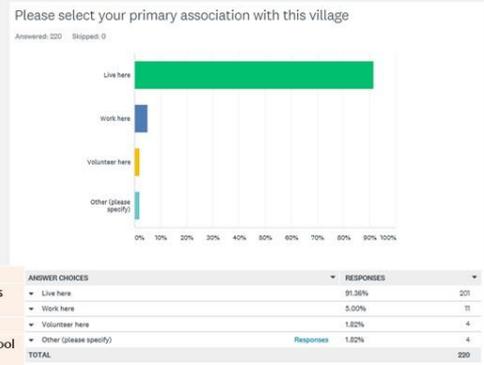
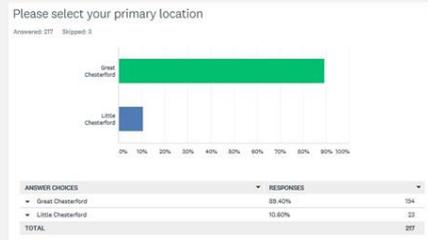
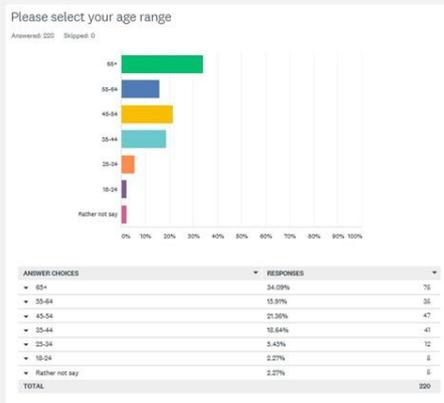
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220 respondents  
28% response rate

## RESULTS: OVERVIEW



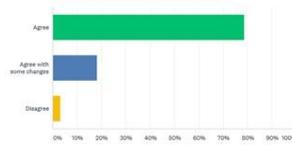
### Comments from "other" responses

Live & work here  
Live and work here (hard copy offers this option)  
1st Chesterford Scout Group  
On behalf of Great Chesterford School Governors

## RESULTS: OUR VISION

Our Vision: Great and Little Chesterford will have each grown organically and proportionally and continue to be attractive places to live for those seeking a sense of community and place, retaining their separate and distinctive characteristics and identities. The Chesterfords recognise and accept ongoing change, and will continue to support change that retains our shared resources, rural feel and inclusive, welcoming community. Do you agree with this vision?

Answered: 220 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Agree	75.04% 175
Agree with some changes	16.36% 40
Disagree	8.60% 2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>220</b>

Comments (27)

### Comments from “disagree” responses

Current growth seems neither organic nor proportional. Eventually it will not be an attractive place to live.

Feels backward-looking and defensive - the first verb is even in the past tense!. Let's have a positive, future-facing vision: "We want the Chesterfords to be an inclusive and welcoming community with a rural character but developing in a well-paced way which will be able to sustain shared resources and village businesses.

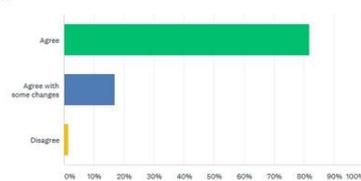
The acceptance that the Villages are united and one entity apart from names will prevent divide and rule by Developers.  
'rural feel' is too restrictive

We need to protect our village integrity not accept any changes, because by accepting it we give permission for it to expand, we must protect our green spaces and wildlife, that in turn protects our environment.

## RESULTS: RECREATION AND EDUCATION

Recreation and Education: Objectives: To promote, enhance and maintain the physical and mental wellbeing of our residents and to promote and enhance lifelong learning in the Chesterfords. Policies: Protect valued community open space, recreational and educational facilities; e.g. Recreation ground & community centre Little Chesterford meadow & village hall School/preschool and playing fields. Ensure new development contributes to enhanced recreational or educational facilities including: new playgrounds, sports and community facilities new footpaths, especially where they can be linked to the existing network and to open countryside. Do you agree with these objectives and policies?

Answered: 219 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Agree	81.74% 179
Agree with some changes	16.89% 37
Disagree	1.37% 3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>219</b>

Comments (52)

### Comments from “agree with changes” responses

It is difficult to see the school being able to provide the quality of fabric to support a larger group of villages in its Victorian location. The village needs to pursue the opportunity of relocating the school nearer to the new community facilities in the North of the village around the new village hall.

The Chesterfords urgently need more Primary School places.

Note that Little Chesterford meadow is privately owned and available for use only through the good will of the owner, which must be respected for that arrangement to continue.

I think we need to qualify 'new sports' facilities to ensure we are not approving more urbanisation.

Most of your suggested policies and objectives relate to young age groups. With the ageing population as a whole, some weight should be given to educational facilities for those over 50 and those less mobile. Thus firmly and interestingly supporting this group. Not just relying on voluntary groups or clubs but a specific plan of inclusion.

Continued access to high quality secondary school provision

- new playgrounds, sports and community/educational facilities - new foot- and cycle paths...

Include allotments and Community Orchard

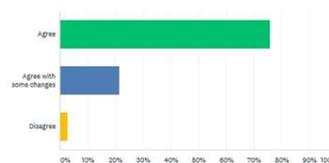
As the local population continues to increase, we should aspire not just to maintain current open space but to add to it.

Référence could be made to smaller green spaces and rural walkways particularly Horse River Green, Manor Lane, Rose Lane and the connecting walk across the fields between Little & Great Chesterford

## RESULTS: GETTING AROUND

Getting Around Objectives: To promote safe and sustainable transport (public, walking, cycling) Promote pedestrian use of railway station Promote safe pedestrian access to village services and between villages Promote and enhance cycling routes south to Saffron Walden and north towards Cambridge Promote road safety for all in village streets Policies: Developments to east of B1383 to contribute to safe pedestrian crossing(s) over road to station Housing development with access onto B1383 to contribute to cycle/footpath and bridge across the Cam at Horse River Green or other identified location Designate land for Cambridge/Saffron Walden cycle path All development outside Great and Little Chesterford development limits to contribute to traffic calming measures to prevent rat running. Do you agree with these objectives and policies?

Answered: 220 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Agree	75.91% 167
Agree with some changes	21.36% 47
Disagree	2.73% 6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>220</b>

Comments (80)

Strong disagreement to Horse River Green

## RESULTS: VILLAGE AND LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTICS

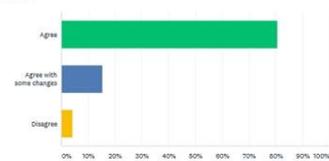
### Comments from "disagree" responses

No infilled anywhere within parish boundaries

I don't really see this as a major issue. In the very long-term, it's hard to see how the two won't grow together anyway. As with no I, this feels unduly defensive and backward-looking. I would remove it completely and use the other principles of the plan to determine whether to allow development between GC and LC. This appears to be a Nimby proposal by some residents of Little Chesterford  
'must not materially affect defined locally important views' is too restrictive

Village and Landscape Characteristics Objective: To retain and protect the individuality and distinctive characteristics of the three main settlements (villages of Great Chesterford, Little Chesterford and the hamlet of Springwell) Policies: Define settlement separation gaps to prevent coalescence between Great Chesterford, Little Chesterford, Springwell and any future settlements. Development must not materially affect defined locally important views; e.g. along the Cam valley, into Little Chesterford historic centre from the bridge etc. Development must follow existing development patterns – linear in Little Chesterford and nucleated in Great Chesterford. Backfill will not be supported in Little Chesterford. Development in Springwell will not be supported as this is not a sustainable location. Protect and enhance the site and setting of important historic sites and wildlife habitats. Do you agree with this objective and these policies?

Answered: 217 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Agree	80.65% 175
Agree with some changes	15.21% 33
Disagree	4.13% 9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>217</b>

Comments (35)

## RESULTS: HOUSING

### Comments from "disagree" responses

As above, we support the new Garden Community, otherwise growth should be modest and limited to UDC's Local Plan

Do not think that there should be any further development here where there is relative overpopulation anyway. Providing more houses just encourages more and more people here; if more houses are needed - and I am not confident of current predictions - then there are less populated places to the east and north of here which could be made quite accessible to Cambridge and London.

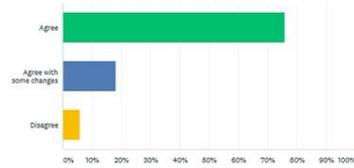
'10% growth over the next 15 years' is too restrictive. This equates to 0.64% per year over 15 years!!! 2% per year is more realistic.

Only 1% should be considered

Enough housing should be built so that those who want houses can purchase them.

HousingObjective:To ensure that the Chesterfords continue to grow at an organic and sustainable rate, supporting viable and diverse communitiesPolicies:Recognising that the Neighbourhood Plan has to support growth, we would support the creation of 10% growth over the next 15 years across the communities in sites that will: Maintain the separation between the communities preserving their separate identities Provide easy access to facilities and public transport Mitigate any adverse effects on residential and community interests through contributions to wider planning benefits Meet the other polices in the Neighbourhood Plan (and other planning policies) Do you agree with this objective and these policies?

Answered: 219 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Agree	75.80% 166
Agree with some changes	18.26% 40
Disagree	5.94% 13
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>219</b>

Comments (50)

## NEXT STEPS

Results fed back to theme leads including comments

Produce detail policies incorporating or rejecting feedback as appropriate

Finalise maps

Pop up events to view maps and policies

## Great Chesterford Primary Academy Consultation

### Background and Overview

Great Chesterford Primary Academy is located at the heart of the village of Great Chesterford. The school takes children from reception to Year 6 and is rated as outstanding by Ofsted.

Many of the residents and key stakeholders of Great and Little Chesterford are involved with the school and/or have children attend the school. As part of our stakeholder engagement it was decided that the views of the children should be sought.

### Methodology

The following questionnaire was designed and given to the children to complete in school. Every child had the opportunity to complete the questionnaire.

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We are still interested in your thoughts even if you don't live in Great or Little Chesterford		

## Results

### Overview

166 pupils out of 210 on register completed the survey in the summer term of 2019 yielding a completion rate of 79%.

### Location

The majority of children live in either Little Chesterford or Great Chesterford.

### Getting Around

The majority of children preferred to travel on foot.

Wheels such as bikes or scooters were the second most preferred method of getting around.

Travelling by car was the children's third preferred method of travel.

## Valued

The top 5 things that the children valued were

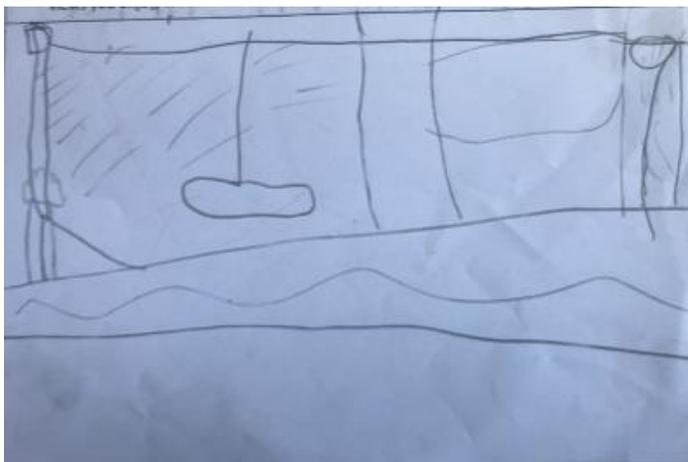
- **The recreation ground and skate park**
- **The friendly, community feel**
- **The school**
- **The river, trees and wildlife (particularly what they can see at Horse River Green and the Congregational Chapel Garden)**
- **The bakery/shop**

## Disliked or to be avoided.

The top 3 things that the children didn't like about the village were

- **Addition of large housing developments**
- **Litter and dog poo**
- **Traffic and road safety.** Jackson's lane was a particular worry for the children who felt unsafe on a road with no pavement.

## Sample of responses.



*Extract from a reception pupil's response who cited the recreation ground/park as important to them.*



*Extract from a year 1 pupil's response who cited the river as an area important to them.*



Extract from a year 2 pupil's response whose picture shows that the school is important to them. The recreational ground/park is their favourite thing about the village.



Extract from a year 2 pupil's response who cited all the trees as being important to them.



Extract from a year 3 pupil's response who cited the recreation ground/park and skate park as their favourite thing about the village.

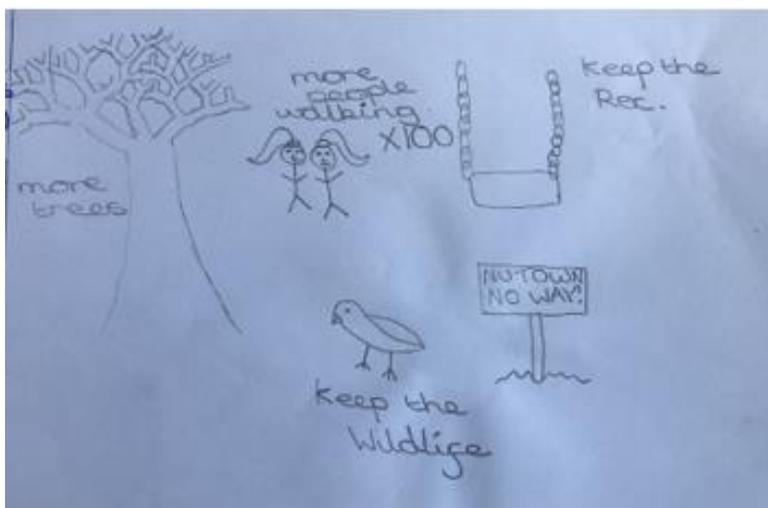
Extract from a year 4 pupil's response who's favourite areas the garden next to the chapel, the recreation ground/park and outside area. Their least favourite thing is the potential 5000 houses being built.



Extract from a year 5 pupil's response who felt that the history and originality of the village was important as well as the green space. Their least favourite thing was "the constant expansion of the village".



Extract from a year 6 pupil's response who cited that the recreation ground/park was an important place for them. They're favourite thing about the village was that "it is quiet, peaceful and small so you get to know everyone and they're all very friendly".



Extract from a year 6 pupil's response who cited that the recreation ground/park and the friendly community was important to them.

## **APPENDIX H – Neighbourhood Plan Housing Land Assessment Consultation February 2020 – example letter and follow-up email**

12 February 2020

Dear X,

### **The Great and Little Chesterford Neighbourhood Plan – Site Assessment Stakeholder Consultation**

The Great and Little Chesterford Neighbourhood Plan is currently in advanced preparation. The Plan looks at the development and use of land within Great and Little Chesterford parishes during the period 2019 - 2033. The Plan will contain policies regarding the sustainability and growth of our communities as well as policies which protect certain areas from development.

We are also seeking to identify sites in the Neighbourhood Plan where we would support the delivery of development. We would do this if sites were available which we consider could deliver sustainable development that is compatible with the Neighbourhood Plan vision. Our vision is:

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We have undertaken an assessment of all the potential sites that we are aware are potentially available for development. This assessment seeks to establish whether the sites are:

- Available
- Suitable
- Achievable

The assessment includes a red, amber or green scoring. Sites given a red rating will be excluded from the site assessment process at this stage on basis of the site being unsustainable development.

The methodology use is one that has been informed by the site assessment methodology used district-wide by Uttlesford District Council.

For purpose of fact checking, we are sharing the results of the site assessment with landowners as well as with organisations that may hold additional information such as Uttlesford District Council, Essex County Council and Anglian Water. This will give landowners, developers and others an opportunity to comment on the accuracy of the findings of the site assessment process.

We therefore invite you to provide feedback on this work. Please send responses to us by email in writing to **chesterfordsneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com** by **Friday 13 March 2020**. If you have any further questions about this process please use this address.

Please note the site assessment is intended to be an objective exercise and is separate to the site selection process. There is no guarantee or confirmation at this stage which sites, if any, will be allocated for development in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Yours sincerely,

The Great and Little Chesterford Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

From: **Neighbourhood Plan** <chesterfordsneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com>  
Date: Sun, 12 Jul 2020 at 11:27  
Subject: Great and Little Chesterford Neighbourhood Plan Housing Land Assessment  
To:

Dear Sirs,

Further to our consultation on the Housing Land Assessment, we have reviewed all of the comments and queries received from consultees.

We have updated the Assessment and this can be viewed at <https://www.lovegreatchesterford.com/consultation>. If you are not able to access the updated Assessment online and require a paper copy, please contact us on [chesterfordsneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com](mailto:chesterfordsneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com).

Yours sincerely,

The Great and Little Chesterford Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

## APPENDIX I – Neighbourhood Plan Housing Site Selection Consultation Nov 2020 – example letter

4 November 2020

Dear X,

### The Great and Little Chesterford Neighbourhood Plan – Site Selection Stakeholder Consultation

Further to our communication earlier in the year regarding our Neighbourhood Plan Housing Site Assessment (NPHLA) as part of the preparation of The Chesterfords Neighbourhood Plan, we have now completed our Neighbourhood Plan Housing Site Selection (NPHSS).

Sites in the NPHLA that were assessed as *Suitable*, *Potentially Suitable*, *Suitability Unlikely* or *Achievability Unlikely* were shortlisted for further consideration. Sites assessed as *Not Suitable* did not progress further.

The shortlisted sites from the NPHLA have been further assessed against the vision and objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan Vision and Policies. The assessment includes a red, amber or green scoring:

- Green - site selected subject to no or minor conditions
- Amber - site selected subject to major conditions
- Red - site not selected

The site selection process has been undertaken using guidance specifically written for neighbourhood plans by Locality: 'Site assessment and allocation for neighbourhood plans: A toolkit for neighbourhood planners'.

For purpose of fact checking, we are sharing the results of the site assessment with landowners as well as with organisations that may hold additional information such as Uttlesford District Council, Essex County Council and Anglian Water. This will give landowners, developers and others an opportunity to comment on the accuracy of the findings of the site selection process.

We therefore invite you to provide feedback on this work. The NPHLA can be viewed at <https://www.lovegreatchesterford.com/nhp-news> . Please send responses to us by email in writing to [chesterfordsneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com](mailto:chesterfordsneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com) by **Monday 30 November 2020**.

If you are not able to access the NPHLA online and require a paper copy, please contact us on [chesterfordsneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com](mailto:chesterfordsneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com). If you have any further questions about this process, please use this address.

Yours sincerely,

The Great and Little Chesterford Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

## APPENDIX J – Local Green Spaces Consultation Nov 2020 – example letter

10 November 2020

Dear X,

### **Re: Great and Little Chesterford Neighbourhood Plan Local Green Spaces Designation Report**

In developing the Great and Little Chesterford Neighbourhood Plan, we have identified a number of open spaces that we wish to designate as Local Green Spaces. This designation is for those which are demonstrably special to the local community; for example, for reasons of their beauty, tranquillity, historical association, recreational value or richness of wildlife, and afford special protection from development.

The enclosed report details the reasons for the inclusion of the 20 sites listed in the draft Great and Little Chesterford Neighbourhood Plan Policy 5.7 - Local Green Spaces. A copy of this policy can be found at <https://www.lovegreatchesterford.com/nhp-news>

For the purpose of fact checking, we are sharing the results of the designation process with landowners to provide an opportunity to comment on the accuracy of the findings.

We therefore invite you to provide feedback on this work. Please send responses to us by email in writing to [chesterfordsneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com](mailto:chesterfordsneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com) by **Monday 7 December 2020** or in writing to GLCNP group % 47 Stanley Road, Great Chesterford, CB10 1QB.

If you have any further questions about this process, please contact us.

Yours sincerely,

The Great and Little Chesterford Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

**APPENDIX K – Draft Plan Consultation Nov 2020 – example mailing**

From: **chesterfordsne...@gmail.com** <chesterfordsneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com>  
Date: Wed, 4 Nov 2020 at 12:11  
Subject: The Great and Little Chesterford Plan is Emerging  
To: The Chesterfords <the-chesterfords@googlegroups.com>

Please find attached a flyer about our emerging Great and Little Chesterford Neighbourhood Plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has been working hard to turn outlines of objectives and policies into full drafts. We have gathered evidence, consulted with quite a few stakeholders, and spent many hours producing comprehensive draft documentation for your review.

You might still find the odd typo or inconsistent formatting in these drafts but we are keen to get them out to residents, landowners and other interested parties to get input on the content.

Please visit [lovegreatchesterford.com/nhp-news](http://lovegreatchesterford.com/nhp-news) to review our emerging plan, and send any comments to us via email by Monday 30 November 2020.

With best wishes,

The Great and Little Chesterford Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group



## THE CHESTERFORDS NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN HELPS SHAPE OUR FUTURE

A Neighbourhood Plan will allow Great and Little Chesterford to shape how we want our communities to develop when new planning applications come forward. Many of you have already reviewed and commented on the plan's vision, objectives and outline policies - thank you!



## KEY ELEMENTS OF PLAN NOW READY FOR REVIEW

The FULL POLICIES and the HOUSING SITE SELECTION form the main parts of the plan - the policies form the rules against which applications are assessed, and the Housing Site Selection determines which sites best meet our objectives using a rigorous process. Selecting sites for potential development in this way gives us more control over where housing is built.

A summary is available in addition to the full documents.

## WHAT WILL COME NEXT?

Once all the plan documentation is finalised, there will be a formal period of statutory consultation and a referendum before the Neighbourhood Plan is adopted.

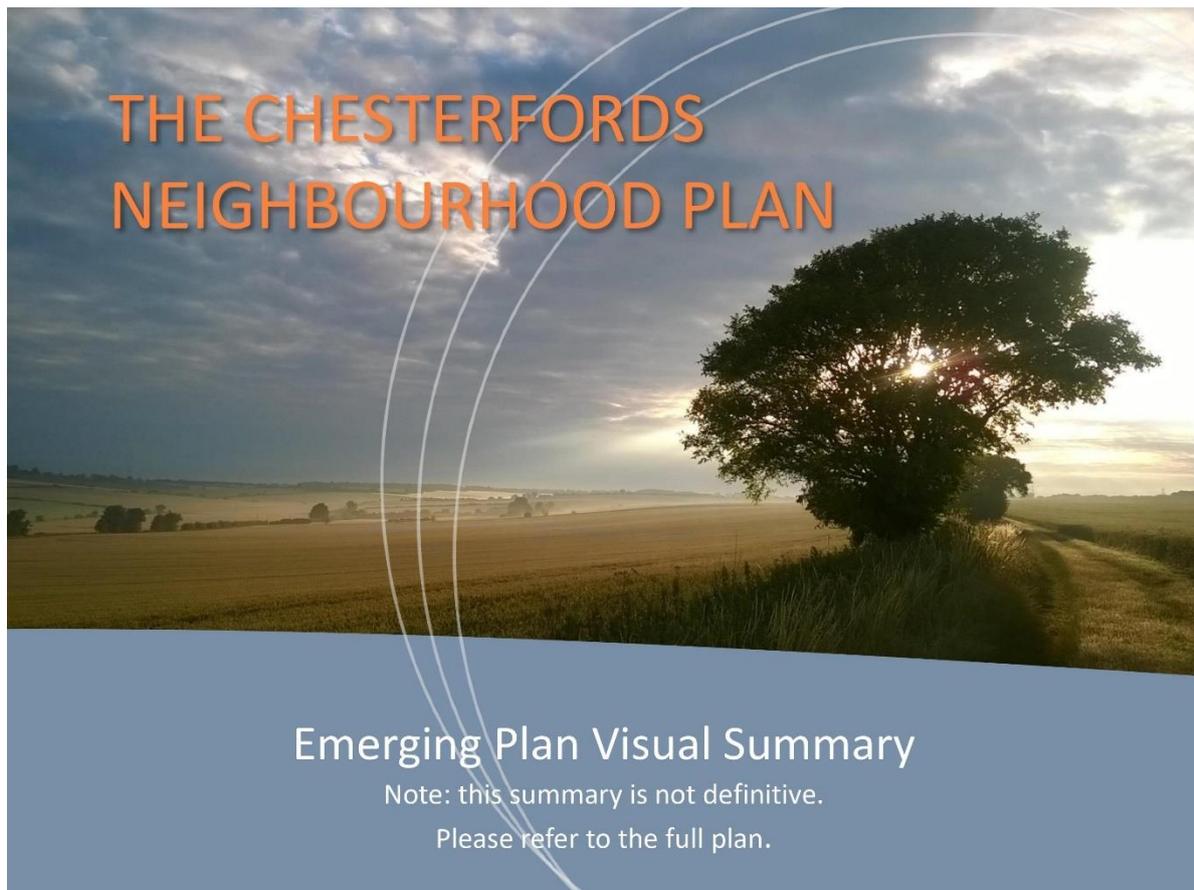
**VIEW THE POLICIES AND HOUSING SITE  
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[lovegreatchesterford.com/nhp-news](http://lovegreatchesterford.com/nhp-news)  
OR [e-voice.org.uk/little-chesterford-parish-council](http://e-voice.org.uk/little-chesterford-parish-council)**

Or go directly using your phone's camera on the QR code opposite.

If you are unable to view this information online please let us know and we will organise an appropriate alternative depending on your circumstances. Email [chesterfordsneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com](mailto:chesterfordsneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com) or contact the Parish Clerk.



Photographs by Joanne Joyce



## 1. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PURPOSE AND VISION

- ≡ A Neighbourhood Plan will allow Great and Little Chesterford to protect what we hold dear to us and shape how we want our communities to develop.
- ≡ When new planning applications come forward they must be assessed against the policies of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- ≡ Our vision is for organic and proportionate growth that will retain the villages' separate and distinctive characteristics and identities, our shared resources, rural feel and inclusive, welcoming community.
- ≡ The plan defines the characteristics of our area that must be preserved and enhanced, and directs where development can take place.

*The Neighbourhood Plan will only be applicable to the Chesterfords – it is OUR plan. It works alongside the Uttlesford Local Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework.*

## 2. BOUNDARIES AND LIMITS



The plan covers the parishes of Great and Little Chesterford.

Current planning policy used to make planning decisions defines Great Chesterford and Chesterford Research Park as areas for development.

The proposed development limits and settlement boundaries are shown on this map



### KEY

- ▭ Parish Boundaries
- ▭ Little Chesterford Settlement Boundaries
- ▭ Great Chesterford Development Limits
- ▭ Chesterford Research Park Development Limits

## 3. THE RIVER CAM



The River Cam and its tributaries are the historic reason for settlement in the Chesterfords and form important landscape features at the heart of our Neighbourhood Plan Area.

Potential development areas are also strictly limited by flood risk from these waterways as shown here.

The plan defines a Cam Valley Protection Area to protect and enhance the river banks and important immediate surroundings.



### KEY

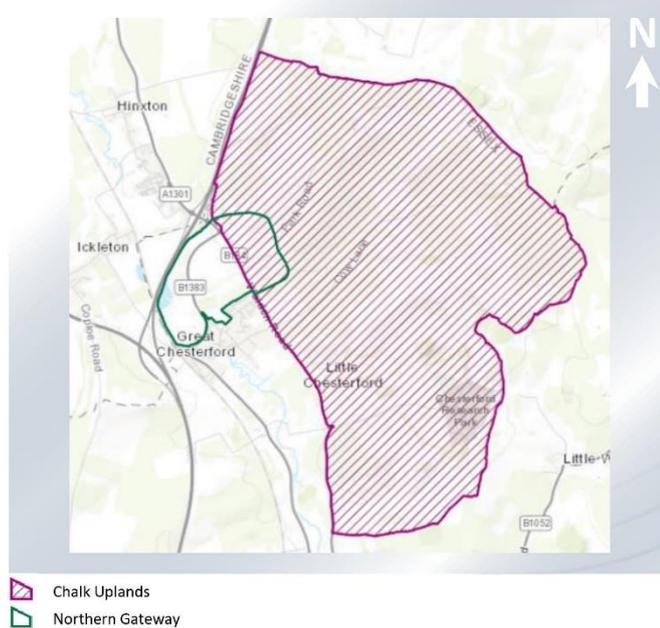
- ▭ Fluvial Flood Zone
- ▭ Cam Valley Area

## 4. CHALK UPLANDS AND NORTHERN GATEWAY



The Chesterfords are surrounded by chalk ridges that are highly visible from the villages and surrounding area. The plan permits only exceptional development in this area.

The open area to the north of Great Chesterford is significant as the entrance to the villages from the national road infrastructure (M11, A11, A1307) and is an important buffer and gateway. The plan ensures this area is kept open.



**KEY**

-  Chalk Uplands
-  Northern Gateway

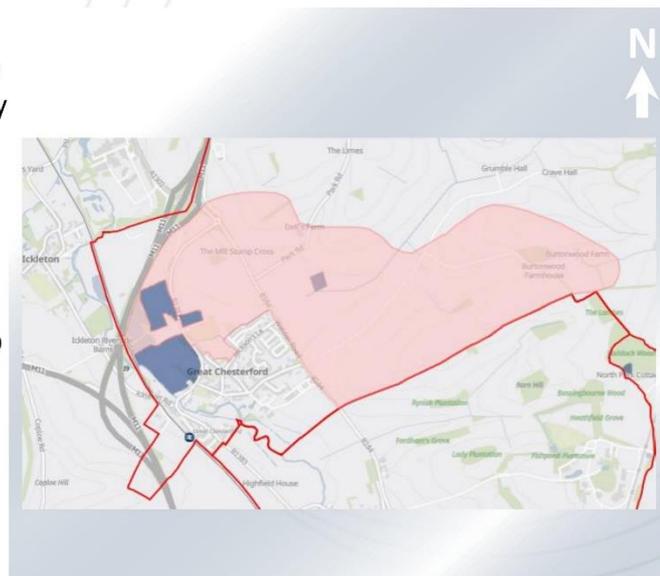
## 5. ROMAN LANDSCAPE



The Scheduled Monuments of the Roman Town/Fort/Cemeteries and the Roman Temple are nationally important.

This includes their setting and relationship with each other and the landscape.

The plan sets out a protected area that preserves the visual relationship between the two sites and the view from the temple altar eastward.



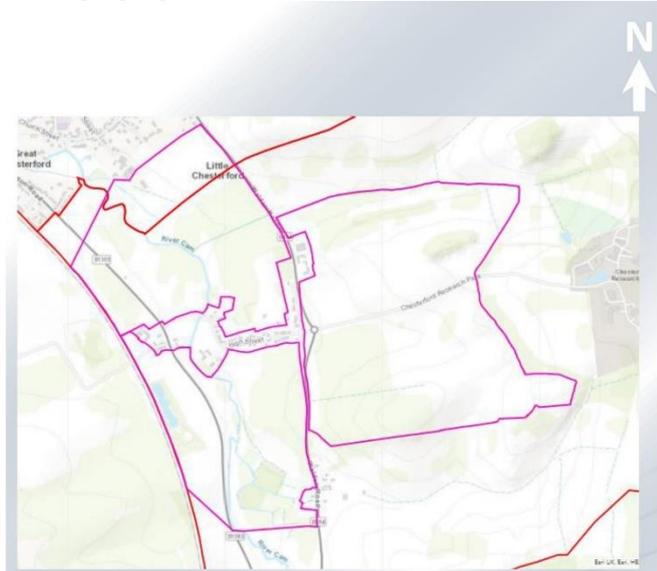
**KEY**

-  Scheduled Monuments
-  Roman Scheduled Monument setting zone

## 6. SEPARATION ZONES

The plan preserves the separate and distinctive nature of our settlements and has defined separation zones between Great and Little Chesterford, Little Chesterford and Springwell and Little Chesterford/Springwell and Chesterford Research Park.

It also protects the settlement patterns and does not support backland development in Little Chesterford due to its linear nature.



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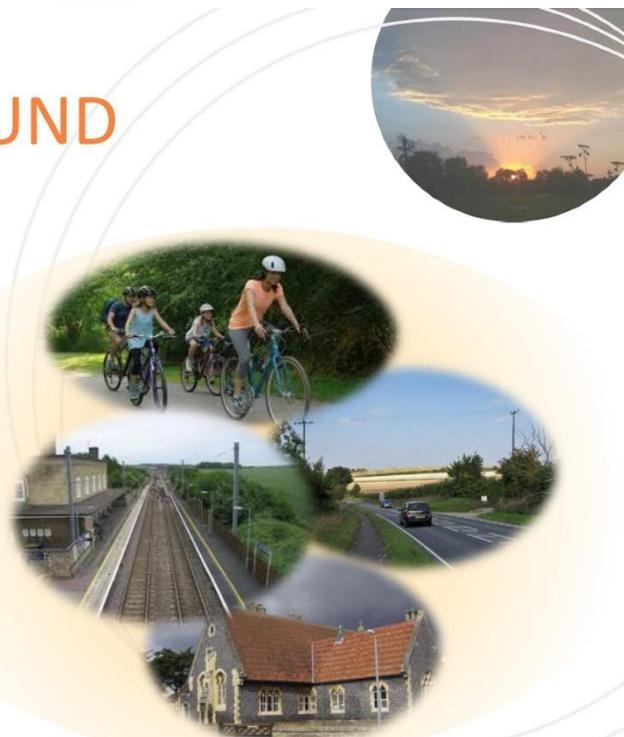
□ Separation Zones

## 7. GETTING AROUND

The Plan wants to promote and enhance pedestrian and cycle routes to village amenities, employment sites and to Saffron Walden/Cambridge.

It will seek to improve existing routes and allocate land or seek contributions for enhancements.

Safe and convenient pedestrian access to village amenities is a key consideration in selecting sites for housing development.



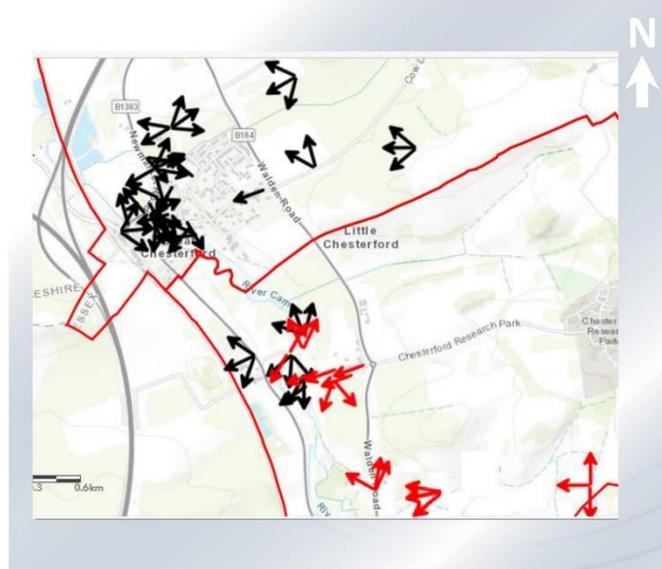
# 8. IMPORTANT VIEWS



The Plan wants to protect important views that make our communities special places to be.

It has described important views defined by experts and by the community that must be preserved and enhanced.

Views to/from historic buildings, across the chalk uplands and into the valleys, and of green features are also defined as protected.



- ↑ Expert defined views
- ↑ Community defined views

**KEY**

# 9. HISTORIC FEATURES IN GREAT CHESTERFORD



Both villages have a rich history and historic features that the draft plan wishes to conserve and enhance.

In Great Chesterford, as well as the two Roman Scheduled Ancient Monuments, there is a protected Conservation Area which contains many of the buildings that are nationally or locally listed.



- Scheduled Monuments
- Listed Buildings
- Conservation area
- Local Heritage Listed buildings, pending

**KEY**

## 10. HISTORIC FEATURES IN LITTLE CHESTERFORD

Little Chesterford also has many listed buildings. To afford similar levels of protection outside of the Conservation Area at Great Chesterford, the plan defines an historic core around the Grade I Manor and Church as well as old flint walls and sunken banks that must be conserved and enhanced.

Important archaeological sites across both parishes must also be conserved and enhanced.



### KEY

- Historic Centre
- Listed Buildings
- Sunken Banks
- Old Flint Walls
- Local Heritage Listed buildings, pending

## 11. SCHEDULED ANCIENT MONUMENT AT LITTLE BORDEAUX FARM

The Scheduled Monument that is the medieval Moated Enclosure and Fishponds to the rear of Little Bordeaux Farm is within the Parish of Littlebury but adjoins our Neighbourhood Plan Area.

Ever since the site was in use, the surrounding area has been farmland. The plan defines a farmland area within Little Chesterford to be conserved and enhanced.



### KEY

- Scheduled Monument
- Bordeaux Farm rural setting zone

## 12. PROTECTED SPACES



The plan supports the use of land for the things we value including recreational and educational facilities, services like surgeries, pubs & shops, places of worship and community routes.

The highest level of protection is given to Local Green Spaces that are valued for their beauty, tranquillity, recreational use or wildlife.



-  Valued spaces, including green spaces
-  Green Screening
-  Community routes (by kind permission of landowners)

### KEY

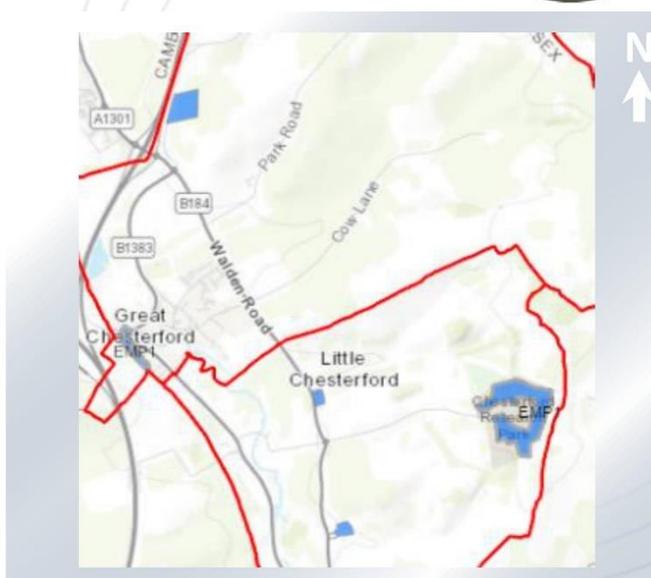
## 13. EMPLOYMENT SITES



The plan wants to promote local jobs and travel to employment sites that doesn't adversely impact the local community.

It supports Research & Development at Chesterford Research Park and sustainable travel that minimises rat-running.

It has defined several existing employment sites in addition to those already included in current planning policy.



-  Employment Sites

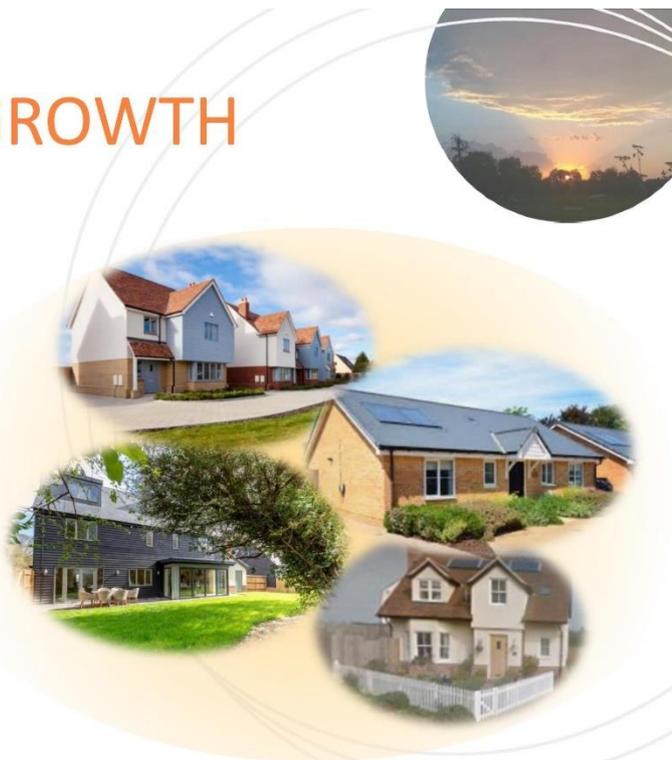
### KEY

## 14. HOUSING GROWTH

The plan wants to ensure that housing growth is proportionate and organic.

It proposes a total 10% increase over the next fifteen years, and that any single site cannot be larger than 10% of the size of the village that it is part of.

It seeks a mix of sizes and types of houses, including affordable housing which will be offered to local residents first.



## 15. HOUSING SITES

The starting point for potential housing sites was the Uttlesford District Council's "call for sites", plus further sites put forward by landowners as part of the Neighbourhood Plan Process.

Potential sites associated with the North Uttlesford Garden Community were not included, nor were sites of less than 5 dwellings.



**KEY**

- ▭ Neighbourhood Plan Sites Assessed
- 2015 Call For Sites (not included in NP assessment)

## 16. HOUSING SITES ASSESSED



The plan includes allocation of sites for potential housing development as this gives us more control over housing development moving forward. There is a rigorous process to assess and select sites.

Sites were assessed against a set of established criteria to determine if they were suitable for development.

Sites that were not suitable did not progress to the next step of site selection.



- Site Not Suitable
- Site Possibly Suitable
- Site Suitable

### KEY

## 17. HOUSING SITES SELECTED USING NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN POLICIES



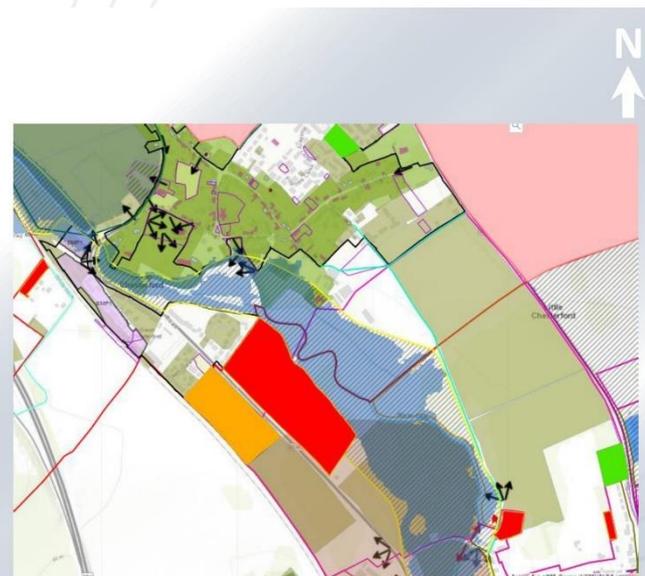
The potentially suitable sites were assessed against the plan policies we have previously described.

Two sites were selected for development with no/minor conditions.

One site was selected for development with major conditions.

10 dwellings in Little Chesterford representing 10% growth.

89 dwellings in/adjoining Great Chesterford representing 11% growth.



- Site Not Selected
- Site Selected with major considerations
- Site Selected with no/minor considerations

### KEY

# 18. HOUSING POLICIES FOR SELECTED SITES

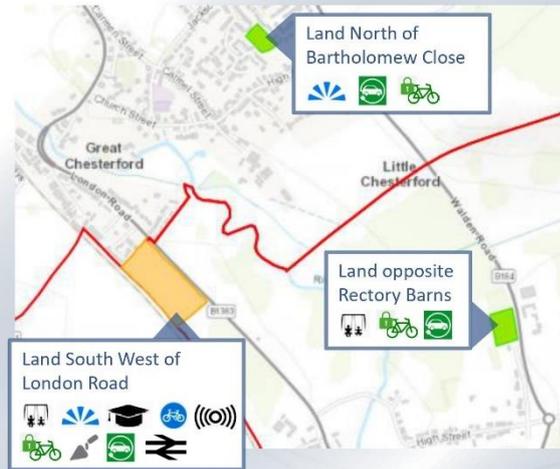


Housing policies for each selected site set out how they can be developed.

These include conditions that must be met, and contributions to the community.

## KEY

- Electric vehicle charging points
- Secure cycle parking
- Historic impact assessment/mitigation
- Recreational facilities
- Educational provision
- Noise mitigation
- Cycle way to station
- Enhancements to station facilities
- Preserve and enhance views

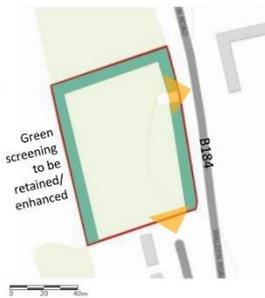


# 19. HOUSING POLICIES FOR SELECTED SITES: DESIGN AND ACCESS

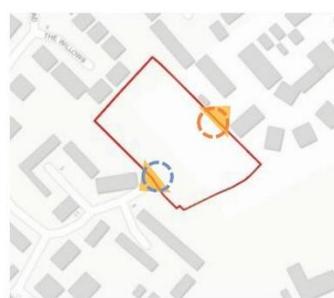


The housing policy for each selected site also sets out design and access features.

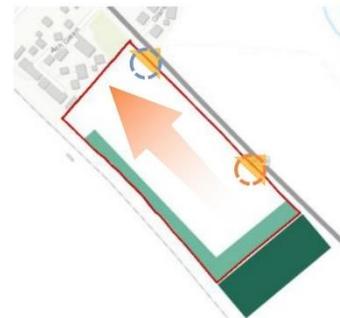
Land opposite Rectory Barns



Land North of Bartholomew Close



Land South West of London Road



## KEY

- Green Space
- Woodland
- Cycle/pedestrian access
- Vehicle access
- Increasing housing density
- Site boundary
- Connection to existing footway

## IN SUMMARY ....



- ≡ The Chesterfords Neighbourhood Plan has defined the characteristics of our area that must be preserved and enhanced.
- ≡ It has assessed housing sites to select those which will best help us achieve growth that will achieve these aims.
- ≡ More detailed information can be found in the Neighbourhood Plan and Policies and the Housing Site Selection.

# THE GREAT AND LITTLE CHESTERFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN REGULATION 14 CONSULTATION

## How do you provide feedback?

We are entering the formal consultation on the Pre-Submission Great and Little Chesterford Neighbourhood Plan in accordance with Regulation 14 Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

This consultation runs from 29th March 2021 until 5.00pm on 10th May 2021.

The proposed Great and Little Chesterford Neighbourhood Plan can be accessed via our website [www.lovegreatchesterford.com/reg-14](http://www.lovegreatchesterford.com/reg-14).

If you are unable to access the plan online, please do contact us on **chesterfordsneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com** or telephone **01799 530753** for Great Chesterford or **01799 531822** for Little Chesterford, and we will make alternative arrangements for you.

All responses to this consultation must be received prior to the end of the consultation period.

Comments can be made via:

- Our online form <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ChesterfordsNP> (**preferable**)
- Email to [chesterfordsneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com](mailto:chesterfordsneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com);
- or by post to 47 Stanley Road, Great Chesterford, CB10 1QB
- You can also email us to request a paper copy of the online form.

**Please note that we will not be able to accept anonymous comments.**

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**APPENDIX N – Regulation 14 (pre-submission) Consultation – representations and responses**

Statutory consultees which responded without comment:

<b>Respondent</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Response</b>
<b>Natural England</b>	Natural England does not have any specific comments on this draft neighbourhood plan.	-
Transport Strategy & Funding Team CCC	The Transport Strategy and Funding Team at Cambridgeshire County Council has no comments to make at this time.	-
Network Rail	Land parcel 'Chest 9' – Land to the south-west of London Road – was selected with major considerations and is allocated for residential development in the Neighbourhood Plan. Network Rail have previously provided comments for this site – planning application UTT/20/3329/DFO, a Reserved Matters application seeking approval of appearance, layout, scale and landscaping for 76 dwellings following the approval of outline planning permission UTT/19/0573/OP. Considering Network Rail's previous consultation response, Network Rail have no further comments on the Neighbourhood Plan.	-
Sport England	No specific comment.	-
National Grid	Following a review of the above document we have identified the following National Grid assets as falling within the Neighbourhood area boundary: 4ZM ROUTE TWR (084 - 198): 400Kv Overhead Transmission Line route: BURWELL MAIN – PELHAM 1. A plan showing details of National Grid's assets is attached to this letter. Please note that this plan is illustrative only.	-

Consultee	Theme	Comment	Steering Group Response
Community 2	Chapter 1–4	In paragraph 3.13 the specific need for a Scout HQ should be mentioned.	This is already being resolved with the GCPC.
Resident 1	Chapter 1–4	Great Chesterford is of historic significance – it is not your average Essex or indeed English village. It was a significant Roman settlement. It has important and beautiful views, superb green belt and its history and ancient monuments must be protected at all cost. Development must be extremely limited and infill only. The settlements must not expand and encroach the Green Belt. There are plenty of other brownfield sites in Essex and South Cambs that can take new housing if it is genuinely needed, which I question. Covid and working from home policies have changed the work landscape – rather than cram development in the South, people may well return to their roots and development can be spread fairly around the county and indeed country. South Cambs and Essex should work together more, especially as we are on the border and there is heavy use of Cambs facilities. Old territorial boundaries should be no more; we are beyond this – we want enlightened co-operation. In fact if anything we want to use the facilities – the hospital, sorting offices, schools – on our doorsteps not trek off to Braintree miles away increasing carbon footprints and disconnect. Should the plan consider GCPC joining South Cambs? Focus should be on better cycle routes to reduce car usage.	We agree with the historical importance of the village and the surrounding spaces, see policies 1, 2 and 5. We do not have any Green Belt designation within or surrounding the communities but we value protection of the countryside none-the-less and have sought where appropriate to specially add appropriate protection where justified. We agree with the importance of the cycle path, see policy 3. We can only consider development with the Neighbourhood Plan area and not further afield and infill developments by itself would not provide sufficient sustainable developments to cater for the growth considered appropriate for the communities over the neighbourhood plan period.
Resident 10	Chapter 1–4	The neighbourhood plan should not consider garden communities as a solution to housing numbers. Development should be proportionate to its location, well designed and driven by proven demand rather than	The Plan does not consider strategic allocations, and as such does not reference garden communities. We agree that development should be proportionate to its location, well designed and driven by proven demand and also delivers affordable housing.

		speculative supply, and deliver maximum affordable housing within the development.	
Resident 11	Chapter 1–4	Comment in relation to protected important views (4.2): These views are to be protected under the plan but in the instance of the view from the bridge or near the bridge in Little Chesterford the plan location is different to where the photograph used as example is taken. I disagree with the reasons for including this view as the Manor is not visible from this place and the setting is now completely different with the new road.	We have reviewed the location of the view and ensured that it matches the description in the expert report, the Historic Environment Assessment. A more recent photograph of the view has been added to the report.
Resident 13	Chapter 1–4	Para 2.32: A feature of the Cam/Granta upper river valley from its source near Widdington to Cambridge is that it has survived for millennia as an uninterrupted wildlife refuge and commuter corridor (covering 40km, approximately). It still has little interaction with human habitations (and accompanying predatory pets). Newport currently has the highest habitation interaction with some 80 buildings within 150 meters of the river but distributed over some 1.75 km and only along the west bank. Para 2.43: Consideration of LWS protection of the Cam/Granta course should be considered given its importance for sustenance of plant and wildlife referenced in para 2.42.	Thank you for your comments. We will update section 2.32 to include this information. LWS protection is not within the scope of the NP but we will forward your comments to the district councillors to progress.
Resident 15	Chapter 1–4	There has obviously been a huge amount of time and effort put into the document and we appreciate the resulting detail and considered result.	Thank you for this very positive feedback.

Resident 8	Chapter 1–4	<p>Having read the plan, one key point (ref para 3.16, 3.18, 3.25) that I would like to see emphasised more heavily concerns the style and materials of what is built, as well as the where. For example, the newer houses built between Stanley Road and the B184 in my opinion are discordant with the overall character and vernacular of the existing village, and given their prominence on the view from the open countryside to the East, greatly harm the overall appearance. They are constructed in brick and tile roof which in their vivid orange colour and angular architecture is not found elsewhere in the village and is much more characteristic of modern suburban developments. Compare and contrast with Thorpe Lea close, where clearly great care has been taken to use materials that pay homage to the existing vernacular (weatherboarding, rendered walls, mix of slate and tile roofing in different but darker matching colours to older houses in the village). The latter development is an asset to the overall village view, the former is detrimental. I would like to see the objective of ensuring future development blends into the existing historic architectural fabric stated as an explicit objective in para 4.2.</p>	<p>We agree that all efforts must be made to ensure that the visual impact of developments is properly assessed and sympathetic to the village environment. We believe that this is most appropriately achieved through site specific discussions rather than a specific objective. It is, however, catered for in Objective 4.2.2 and Policy GLCNP/5. In addition we have amended GLCNP/5 to say that there is an expectation that the quality of design and quality of materials is high.</p>
Resident 9	Chapter 1–4	<p>Para 2.47: I would like to add to the list of wildlife:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Golden Plover in flocks of circa 100+ are visible overwintering on the fields to the right of Cow Lane going away from the village and also on the fields next to the permissive footpath from Grumble Hall to Park Farm;</li> <li>2. In 2020 there was successful breeding of lapwings on the field abutting Cow Lane;</li> <li>3. Purple Emperor butterflies, Jersey Tiger Moths and Silver Washed fritillary in the parish;</li> <li>4. There are five owl species in the parish including long-eared, short-eared, tawny, little and barn.</li> </ol>	<p>Thank you for your comments, we will add these to the Plan.</p>

		5. Every summer the hobby can be seen in the Parish.	
Statutory 1	Chapter 1–4	Chapter 4 Vision and Objectives, 4.2 Objectives, point 5: we are disappointed that no mention at all in the whole Plan has the enhancement of the public rights of way network been made, and this point only appears to consider walking and cycling, with equestrian access being ignored. This is unacceptable and should be addressed. The area itself is very rural and has a high percentage of horse ownership, and whilst the area is well served by bridleways in the outlying areas, there are pockets where the network for ALL users – walkers, cyclists and equestrians – could be improved. Bridleways are true multi-user paths as they are accessible to all three groups and should be the default option in any new additions to the network. This aspiration should be embedded within the Plan rather than omitted as is the case at present.	Objective 5 of paragraph 4.2 is in relation to sustainable transport. Equestrian use of PROW in the local area is for the purposes of recreation rather than transport.
Statutory 2	Chapter 1–4	We welcome the production of this neighbourhood plan, and are pleased to see that the historic environment of your parish features throughout. In particular, we are pleased to note that the heritage of the two parishes is incorporated into the Vision on page 31, and woven through the principle Objectives.	Thank you for this very positive feedback.

Statutory 3	Chapter 1–4	<p>In April 2019 there were estimated to be 38,008 dwellings in the district, and an increase of 14,000 dwellings would be approximately 37%. While no decisions have been made yet, settlements like Great Chesterford which have a relatively good provision of services and facilities compared with other locations in the district are likely to be required to assist with meeting this need to a greater degree than locations with fewer services and facilities. If this does occur this is unlikely to be viewed as ‘organic’ levels of growth by residents. This objective therefore appears to try and constrain the Uttlesford Local Plan from determining a reasonable higher-level strategy for the district as a whole. The objective either needs to be amended or further explanation given.</p>	<p>We do not agree that the objective of growth at an “organic and sustainable rate” is seeking to constrain the District Council from in its Local Plan Process (although see further as to how we propose to allay some of your specific concerns). We have followed the guidance closely and have had regard to the strategic policies in the current Local Plan as we are required to do. We do not know what the emerging Local Plan will look like, and cannot second guess that. We have in recent history, as a community, been very supportive of sustainable growth and have set that out in our draft Plan. The community has agreed that such growth is an objective of our Plan. It is not an objective of our Plan, nor a requirement of national policy that we meet the District Council’s housing need. As an aside, but worth mentioning here, we agreed with your officer very early on in the NP process that we would not seek to interfere with or make comment on proposals for a Garden Community. Despite overwhelming objection from residents to such a Garden Community, we took the view, quite rightly, that Garden Communities were a Strategic Planning policy and not the subject of Neighbourhood Plans. Our Plan will not have the effect of preventing a Garden Community from coming forward, despite lack of local support and obvious planning reasons why such a Garden Community in the proposed location (as shown in the withdrawn emerging plan) should not be consented. Again, we have been very careful to assess land within our Neighbourhood Plan Area and consider it for suitability for development but also the level of protection it might require. We are entitled to do this and it is quite proper to do so.</p>
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Resident 1	Chapter 6	Achieve some shelter at the train station for rainy windy snowy days. Improve footpath connectivity and increase number. Create new cycleways. Turn to and face South Cambs not just Essex. We are on the border. Many of us work in Cambs and use services there. We are not Essex centric. Rise above political and geographic territories. Follow the people and their needs – don't shoehorn them artificially into one county. Be enlightened. Think globally across county boundaries.	The largest of our selected sites (Chest 9 policy 9.3) is providing for enhanced facilities for cyclists at the train station.
Resident 13	Chapter 6	A big THANK YOU to all who have put this mighty 'jigsaw puzzle' together in an orderly, thoughtful and understandable consultation document.	Thank you for this very positive feedback.
Resident 7	Chapter 6	Thank you to the team for their work preparing this plan.	Thank you for this very positive feedback.
Statutory 1	Chapter 6	Chapter 6 Community Projects: Again, there is no mention of equestrians being catered for here and this should be addressed. After all, if off-road paths are being created, it costs no more to create them for ALL vulnerable road users rather than limiting accessibility to walkers and cyclists. Equestrians suffer from a much higher percentage of road accidents where both horses and riders have been killed than any other user group and by ensuring that they are included in any safety scheme will help to reduce this trend.	Thank you for drawing this to our attention – we have added it to chapter 6.
Agent 4	General	Although we commend the work that has been undertaken in the preparation of the Great and Little Chesterford Neighbourhood Plan (GLCNP), we feel that the Plan has significant shortcomings that need to be rectified before it can be Made. In its current form, we believe that it fails to meet the basic conditions as required by Paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).	Thank you for your (10 May 2021) response to our Regulation 14 (pre-submission) consultation. We note your comments with interest and thank you for commending the work we have put into it.

Agent 4	General	The GLCNP fails to meet the basic conditions because it fails to have regard to the national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State, contrary to condition (a). It also fails to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development which is contrary to condition (d) and it is not in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan for the area of the authority and is therefore contrary to condition (e). These reasons are further explored below.	We have been mindful of, and reviewing, the basic Conditions as set out in Paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), specifically clauses (a) to (g). Please also see the Basic Conditions Statement as to how the Plan meets the conditions of the NPPF.
Agent 4	General	Failure to have Regard to the National Policies and Advice Contained in Guidance Issued by the Secretary of State – There are a number of areas where the national polices and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State has failed to be considered within the preparation of the GLCNP.	We have been mindful of, and reviewing, the basic Conditions as set out in Paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), specifically clauses (a) to (g).
Agent 4	General	Presumption in favour of sustainable development – The fundamental principle of the National Planning Policy Framework is the presumption in favour of sustainable development. Paragraph 11 of the NPPF states, for plan-makers this means that “plans should positively seek opportunities to meet the development needs of their area, and be sufficiently flexible to adapt to rapid change”. The GLCNP fails to positively plan for development and does not provide any flexibility. The policies focus mainly on limiting or restricting development.	Paragraph 11 of the NPPF does indeed state, for plan-makers this means that “ <i>plans should positively seek opportunities to meet the development needs of their area, and be sufficiently flexible to adapt to rapid change</i> ”. Our Neighbourhood Plan does positively plan for development and provides sufficient flexibility for a plan of this nature. This is a Neighbourhood Plan. Paragraph 11 is not to be read the same as if it were relating to a Local Plan. The plan is to meet the needs of its area, and we have carried out extensive work in establishing what the needs of the Plan Area are.

Agent 4	General	The development plan for Uttlesford currently comprises of saved policies from the Uttlesford Local Plan (2005) which was based on the housing requirement from the housing policies based on evidence from the 1990s that formed the 2001 South East Structure Plan. It is clearly no longer fit for purpose. The scale and location of housing and the associated development limits to villages was established to accommodate this outdated housing requirement set out in the Local Plan. These two development plans are both time-expired and out of date.	The development plan for Uttlesford does indeed currently comprise of saved policies from the Uttlesford Local Plan (2005) and Uttlesford has undergone a series of failed attempts to produce a new Local Plan.
Agent 4	General	Whilst a Neighbourhood Plan can proceed ahead of preparation of a Local Plan, the guidance states at Paragraph 009: (verbatim extract followed...)	You are indeed correct that a Neighbourhood Plan can proceed ahead of preparation of a Local Plan. Our Neighbourhood Plan is in general conformity with the strategic policies of the development plan in force if it is to meet the basic condition. A draft Neighbourhood Plan or Order is indeed not tested against the policies in an emerging Local Plan and whilst the reasoning and evidence informing the Local Plan process is likely to be relevant to the consideration of the basic conditions against which a neighbourhood plan is tested, in our case, the evidence has simply not been in a settled and sufficiently advanced state for us to be able to rely upon it. Indeed, we have been discussing with Uttlesford our draft policies to ensure as far as possible that they are not in conflict with emerging Local Plan policies, but the previous Local Plan failed, was withdrawn, and Uttlesford has had to start the whole process again. That does not mean that the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has to do likewise to meet the basic conditions.

Agent 4	General	Therefore, it is reasonable to expect that Great Chesterford, as a key Rural Settlement, is likely to be required to accommodate additional development. To ensure that much-needed housing is delivered, the GLCNP should actively promote development and allocate housing sites or, at the very least, reserve housing sites for when the Local Plan is developed.	Uttlesford District Council has been working collaboratively with the Neighbourhood Plan Steering group, but at this stage all Uttlesford have been able to do in respect of numbers being proposed in the Neighbourhood Plan is provide us with an indicative number for overall housing requirement which this Neighbourhood Plan conforms with. Our Neighbourhood Plan does promote sites for development and it is simply not the case that land housing sites should be “reserved” for as and when a new Local Plan comes forward. That could be years into the future and there is no requirement to do so.
Agent 4	General	Paragraph 69 of the guidance in the PPG section on Neighbourhood Plans makes it clear that “a neighbourhood plan must not constrain the delivery of national policy objectives”. A neighbourhood plan which limits the amount of development to be delivered in an area fails to comply with the core requirement of the NPPF to meet the housing needs of an area.	Our Neighbourhood Plan has been through a site selection process and agreed an appropriate number representing sustainable growth of the community. All sites have been assessed (including yours) and those which are assessed to be acceptable have been brought forward. Development is not being “constrained” and the Neighbourhood Plan is not contrary to the NPPF.
Agent 4	General	As currently drafted, the Neighbourhood Plan is not clearly written nor is it concise and precise or supported by appropriate evidence. Where evidence is provided, it is often wrongly applied to policies and therefore undermines its justification. It cannot therefore be considered to be consistent with national advice.	We have reviewed the draft Neighbourhood Plan and made changes to ensure clarity. We believe it is well structured, well evidenced and clearly sets out what policies apply to which areas of land and why.
Agent 4	General	Plan Period – The GLCNP covers the period 2019 – 2033 which is 14 years, two of which have already passed. Given the re-start of the Uttlesford Local Plan, it is recommended that the neighbourhood plan is extended to align with the Local Plan, i.e. 2020 – 2040. Otherwise, it runs the risk of being out of date shortly after its intended adoption date.	It is not the intention that this Neighbourhood Plan runs alongside the Local Plan. We do not have any accurate timetable for production or finalisation of the Local Plan and indeed based on the two previous failed attempts, that could be many years off yet.

Agent 4	General	<p>Failure to Contribute towards Sustainable Development – A qualifying body must demonstrate how a Neighbourhood Plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development. The National Planning Policy Framework identifies the three dimensions to sustainable development and recognises the need for the planning system to perform a number of roles: Social – supporting strong, vibrant and healthy communities, by providing the supply of housing required to meet the needs of present and future generations; and by creating a high-quality built environment, with accessible local services that reflect the community’s needs and support its health, social and cultural well-being; Environmental – contributing to protecting and enhancing our natural, built and historic environment; and, as part of this, helping to improve biodiversity, use natural resources prudently, minimise waste and pollution, and mitigate and adapt to climate change including moving to a low carbon economy. Economic – contributing to building a strong, responsive and competitive economy, by ensuring that sufficient land of the right type is available in the right places and at the right time to support growth and innovation; and by identifying and coordinating development requirements, including the provision of infrastructure.</p>	<p>We note what you say regarding sustainable development but respectfully disagree. We have discussed the appropriate figure for growth with Uttlesford and have carried out a rigorous site assessment process in order to assess which sites might be suitable for development. Those sites have been identified and tested. There are some areas of the community which require specific protection which we are entitled to do under the Neighbourhood Planning Process and there are some areas covered by more general policies. Development sites under five dwellings in size are only covered by more general policies and there is scope for larger sites to come forward in certain areas of the Neighbourhood Plan Area. We make no apology for the fact that your site was objectively screened out as being unsuitable for development and that is the overwhelming view of the community.</p>
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Agent 4	General	<p>General Conformity with the Strategic Policies Contained in the Development Plan – Following the withdrawal of the emerging Local Plan (to 2033) in 2020, the development plan for Uttlesford is made up of the Adopted local Plan (2005), the Minerals Local Plan and the Waste Local Plan. The issues faced by the emerging Uttlesford Local Plan (to 2040) “ULP” represent an unfortunate timing issue for the GLCNP. Should the GLCNP progress towards submission and referendum over the next 12–18 months, it runs the risk of being quickly superseded by policies in the ULP generally, and specifically should Great Chesterford be identified for growth to 2040. Provisions should be made within the GLCNP to respond to such changes during the Neighbourhood Plan period. Housing allocation is a significant issue within the withdrawn ULP with the Inspector questioning the deliverability of the proposed garden cities as projected. It is therefore a very real consideration that the spatial strategy changes fundamentally in the emerging ULP. As a Key Rural Settlement, Great Chesterford is one of the more sustainable locations within the district and should therefore be able to deliver more development if required.</p>	<p>We note what you say regarding conformity with the Local Plan but the Neighbourhood Plan will become part of the Development Plan once adopted. Conflict between Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan is only relevant where there is just that (and the later plan would take precedence) but as we do not know what the policies of any emerging Local Plan will be at this stage, we cannot simply draft polices to suit an unknown Local Plan. That is not a requirement of the Basic Conditions.</p>
Agent 4	General	<p>Otherwise, if no changes are made, following the adoption of the ULP – programmed for July 2024 – the GLCNP will need to be reviewed and updated accordingly. As outlined in the letter from Demetria Macdonald dated 23 March 2021, the figure of 96 dwellings between 2019 and 2033 is only indicative. As the ULP progresses and is developed, the housing distribution for designated Neighbourhood Plan Areas could change.</p>	<p>No comment.</p>

Statutory 3	General	The plan is comprehensive and is sympathetic to the existing landscape and heritage of the villages and the surrounding area. We support the draft Great and Little Chesterford Neighbourhood Plan and look forward to your consideration of our comments provided in this Regulation 14 Consultation.	Thank you for confirming your view our plan is comprehensive and sympathetic to the landscape and heritage of the area, and for your support for the plan. It is very much appreciated given the many, many hours of hard work which has gone into production of our draft Plan by the community.
Statutory 3	General	Great Chesterford is one of our Key Villages and it is disappointing that the Neighbourhood Plan is only allocating one site which does not have Planning Permission and is only an allocation of 10 dwellings.	We understand your comments about Great Chesterford being a Key Village. We did not have the ability to influence that, but our Plan, being pro-growth, does take in the need for sustainable and organic growth (see Chapter 4 of the Plan). We have planned for 12% growth over the Plan period and have previously agreed that figure with you. Yes, it is correct that part of that growth already is in the process of obtaining planning permission, but it is growth nevertheless. We have of course been through a very thorough process of establishing parameters for growth, a Neighbourhood Plan Housing Land Assessment and a Neighbourhood Plan Housing Site Selection using the Uttlesford District Council assessment criteria.
Statutory 3	General	It is noted that some of the Policies are lengthy. Can bullet points be replaced with numbers or letters to make it easier for the user to reference?	We agree some of our draft policies were too long and have re-written them to be more concise. We have updated them utilising numbering and sub-numbering.
Statutory 3	General	We note that the Neighbourhood Plan does not have a clear policy on Design. It was hoped that the Neighbourhood Plan would have taken the opportunity to include policies on achieving good design as well as provide hooks for local design guidance in masterplans and design codes for future strategic sites should they be allocated in the emerging Local Plan.	We took the decision quite early on that the design of the two communities is quite diverse and historic and there is no one particular 'style'. We felt that design parameters were beyond our capabilities and it is not something that has come up in any of the extensive consultations we have undertaken with the community. As a result, we are content to leave issues

			of design to the District Council, which we believe we are entitled to do.
Agent 1	Policy 1	Acting as agent on behalf of the landowner for Land opposite Rectory Farm Barns (Chest 12) as identified. The landowner supports the draft allocation. The site is available and has developer interest. We expect this to be deliverable.	No comment
Agent 2	Policy 1	We support the defined development limits as set out in figure 5.7 and the approach to development limits as set out in Policy GLCNP/1.	Thank you for your support with this policy.
Agent 3	Policy 1	This is the strategic context within which the NP should be framed, rather than the out-of-date provisions of the 2005 Local Plan. Para 65 of the NPPF requires local Planning authorities (LPAs) to establish housing requirements for their whole area, including those for designated neighbourhood areas. In the absence of this strategic provision, LPAs should provide an indicative figure for neighbourhood areas, if requested to do so, taking into account evidence of latest housing need (para 66).	No comment
Agent 3	Policy 1	To meet the basic conditions test, the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) is required to be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the Development Plan, the most relevant part of which is the Uttlesford Local Plan (adopted in 2005), but it also includes the Minerals and Waste Local Plans produced by the County Council.	No comment

Agent 3	Policy 1	In the adopted Local Plan, Great Chesterford is identified as a Key Rural Settlement (Policy S3); Little Chesterford does not have a settlement boundary and is, for the purposes of the policy, 'countryside'. Key Rural Settlements are recognised as locations that benefit from proximity to the main transport network together with local employment opportunities, where further employment or residential development could strengthen the role of such settlements to enable people to live and work locally (para 2.2.3). Policy S3 states that in these villages, development compatible with the settlements character and countryside setting will be permitted within settlement boundaries.	No comment
Agent 3	Policy 1	Policy S7 states that the countryside will be protected for its own sake, with land beyond the defined development boundaries of settlement to be defined as 'countryside', with strict controls on new buildings.	No comment
Agent 3	Policy 1	The housing policies make provision for the period to 2011 and provide for the delivery of 5,052 dwellings. The pattern of development and settlement boundaries are predicated on this level of delivery over the plan period. The plan was adopted some seven years before the introduction of the Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) at a time when there was no requirement to deliver "...the government's objective of significantly boosting the supply of homes" (para 59, NPPF 2019).	No comment
Agent 3	Policy 1	Housing requirements followed the long-abandoned Structure Plan and were guided by the similarly abandoned RPG14. There was no requirement to identify an Objectively Assessed Need and no presumption in favour of sustainable development. The Local Plan expired 10 years ago and is	No comment

		significantly out-of-date, particularly in respect of its housing policies.	
Agent 3	Policy 1	The recently withdrawn Local Plan made provisions for the period to 2033 and proposed an overall housing figure of at least 14,000 new homes. Once existing commitments and unallocated windfalls had been considered, the residual requirement was approximately 6,300, with some 4,000 delivered by way of new garden communities.	No comment
Agent 3	Policy 1	Policy SP2 of the draft plan was proposing that Key Villages will be the major focus for development in the rural areas, reflecting their role as providers of services to a wide rural area, even though a significant proportion of the requirement was being directed to new settlements.	No comment
Agent 3	Policy 1	Following publication of the Local Plan Inspectors' letter in January, Uttlesford District Council commissioned the East of England Local Government Association (EELGA) to undertake a peer review to outline the options available to the Council. Appendix 4 of that review sets out the housing requirements that would result from withdrawing the plan and starting work on a new plan. EELGA calculated that the new residual requirement would be somewhere in the region of 11,900 – 13,612. The 2020 update to the Standard Method for Local Housing Need (MHCLG), requires that Uttlesford delivers a minimum of 706 homes per annum, which over a 20-year plan period equates to a minimum of 14,120.	No comment
Agent 3	Policy 1	Paragraph 5.9.6 of the NP states that the District Council's assessment is an indicative housing requirement of 96 dwellings for the NP area in the period 2019–2033. However, there is no indication of what this figure	No comment

		represents, how it was calculated, nor how it relates to the strategic provisions of the adopted Local Plan.	
Agent 3	Policy 1	The assessment of housing need and capacity is opaque and does not take account of the current or emerging strategic context. This context includes a consistent failure to demonstrate a five-year supply of housing land (5YHLS). The latest available figures show a supply of just 3.11 years, measured against the Standard Methodology requirements (Uttlesford District Council Housing Delivery Test and 5-Year Land Supply Statement January 2021). This failure has implications for affordability and the delivery of affordable housing.	The Plan contributes to sustainable development. It does not need to solve the housing crisis, but should be pro-growth. We have updated the wording of the plan to ensure that this is clear. This community has seen an extraordinary growth in new housing over the last few years, and yet, with a view to delivering sustainable development, we have sought the views of residents as to how much growth they need, would like to see and where they would like to see it.
Agent 3	Policy 1	The adopted Local Plan identifies Great Chesterford as a Key Rural Settlement and a location therefore that should accommodate some growth. The quantum of growth is predicated on requirements that are now some 15 years out-of-date. The fact that the NP is proposing to allocate sites outside the development boundary is a tacit acknowledgement that its provisions are no longer relevant.	We have established a set of criteria as to assessment of sites which has been very heavily based on that set out by Uttlesford District Council. We have established a figure for growth which we consider to be sustainable and have sought the views of Uttlesford District Council in accordance with paragraph 66 of the NPPF. All sites have been assessed consistently and fairly and those which have been selected have been put forward, irrespective of the stage they are at in the planning process. They will all be delivered during the plan period or are capable of being delivered during the plan period.

Agent 3	Policy 1	<p>However, the NP’s response is to effectively avoid allocating any significant new development beyond those sites that already benefit from planning permission. One small site for up to 10 dwellings (Chest 12) is proposed for allocation. One of the basic conditions the NP has to satisfy is whether the plan will deliver sustainable development. The three strands are set out in paragraph 8 of the NPPF. The NP’s response in terms of the social objective is to rely upon the planning permissions already granted and not make provisions for any further residential provision for the entirety of the plan period. It does not ensure “that a sufficient number and range of homes can be provided to meet the needs of present and future generations” (NPPF, para. 8), neither does it “support the Government’s objective of significantly boosting the supply of homes” (NPPF, para. 59).</p>	<p>The Plan contributes to sustainable development. It does not need to solve the housing crisis but should be pro-growth. We have updated the wording of the plan to ensure that this is clear. This community has seen an extraordinary growth in new housing over the last few years, and yet, with a view to delivering sustainable development, we have sought the views of residents as to how much growth they need, would like to see and where they would like to see it. Please also see the Basic Conditions Statement as to how the Plan meets the conditions of the NPPF.</p>
Agent 3	Policy 1	<p>The Inspectors’ conclusions in respect of the withdrawn Local Plan was that the District would need to allocate more small- and medium-sized sites that could deliver homes in the short to medium term to help bolster the five-year housing land supply until such time as the garden communities begin to deliver housing (Inspectors’ letter, para. 114). In the absence of the proposed garden communities it is clear that more sites will need to be allocated in sustainable locations, such as Great Chesterford.</p>	<p>With regards to housing delivery in the District, we do not and cannot know what the new Local Plan will say. It is likely to include a range of development solutions including garden communities and major sites, as well as smaller development all over the district. The Chesterfords will be no exception, but neither are they to shoulder the whole burden. Indeed, analysis of the Inspectors’ letter regarding the recent failed Local Plan shows the importance the Inspectors placed on the historic and natural environment, not least in the context of 5,000 houses being delivered in Chesterford.</p>

Agent 3	Policy 1	<p>Figures 5.11–5.13 identify and define the Cam River Valley. The supporting text states, ‘. . .development in the Cam River Valley area will only be exceptionally permitted when it delivers both highly significant benefit to the community and preserves and enhances these characteristics.’ However, the area identified is not consistent with the supporting evidence. The Landscape Character Assessment produced by HDA, identifies two landscape character areas in respect of site Chest 8. Most of the site is in Character Area 18, Bordeaux Pit Farmland, the remaining smaller portion is in Character Area 5, River Cam Floodplain. The putative Cam River Valley designation does not relate to any physical features and its extent is unsupported by the plan’s evidence base.</p>	<p>As a community we have also considered very carefully using as much evidence as we can find which areas of our community might need specific protection from development, either specific or generally. To that end, we have historical and landscape data, surveys, village walks, village survey, historical mapping, topography, conservation area appraisals and so on. We are confident we have done all we can to ensure that the Plan contributes to the achievement of <i>sustainable</i> development.</p>
Agent 4	Policy 1	<p>Policy GLCNP/1 – ‘Overall Spatial Strategy’ essentially limits any development to within the village boundaries. This policy seeks to restrict development within the Chalk Uplands as illustrated by figure 5.8. The exclusion of such an extensive area is unreasonably exclusive particularly given Great Chesterfords’ role as a key rural settlement in the wider district of Uttlesford. Given the size of the area that is considered, it is unreasonable to assume that it will have the same character and sensitivities at the village level. A detailed assessment of the whole of the Chalk Uplands is required to justify its exclusion. This even excludes rural exceptions housing which we consider renders it contrary to the higher order development plan and NPPF.</p>	<p>Your response refers to Policy GLCNP/1 – ‘Overall Spatial Strategy’ and your view that this essentially limits any development to within the village boundaries. That is not the purpose of this policy and not what it says. A detailed landscape assessment has been carried out. The Chalk uplands are of low capacity, or of a negligible/low landscape capacity but development is not ‘excluded’ – it is limited by a clear policy ensuring it maintains and enhances the characteristics of the open chalk upland area.</p>

Agent 4	Policy 1	<p>This situation is further exacerbated by the ‘Northern Gateway Open Area’ which limits all development to the north of Great Chesterford despite the Landscape Character Assessment (2017) prepared by Hankinson Duckett Associates classifying this area as ‘medium’ in terms of landscape capacity. The limiting of development in this area seems to be wholly unjustified.</p>	<p>Your response also refers to the ‘Northern Gateway Open Area’ and limits set on development in this area. The reasoning for this is clear from the Draft Neighbourhood Plan – (1) it is the gateway to the village and there is a strong desire amongst our community to see it maintained open as such; (2) it falls within the area identified as being essential to preserve and enhance between the Roman Scheduled Monuments; and (3) there are significant Important views stretching out over this area. It should also be noted that a significant part of this area is covered by flood plain. Figures 5.9, 5.10, 5.11, 5.21 will provide you with assistance on this point. However, as a result of yours and other comments received, we have agreed to adjust the boundary of the Northern Gateway Open Area so that the north-eastern boundary more accurately reflects the topography of the land as shown within Figure 5.1. In addition, in relation to the Roman Scheduled Monuments Setting, the plan specifically reflects Figure 5.3 which has been produced showing the impact of the topography which has been computer modelled for us. We do, however, concede that the ‘smoothing’ we have carried out to create Figure 5.10 could have been done more accurately, and we will re-do that process to better reflect Figure 5.1 (topography).</p>
Agent 4	Policy 1	<p>Policy GLCNP/1 also limits development to west by the sentence “In addition, land to the west of the railway line will remain open and free from further development.” Policy GLCNP/1 (again) then limits Rural Exception sites within these two areas.</p>	<p>We have removed the reference to the area to the west of the railway line from this policy.</p>

Agent 4	Policy 1	Much of the southern half of Great Chesterford is identified as at risk of flooding and within the CAM Valley Area, further constraining development.	We agree. This constraint has been taken into account in the NP. The NP Steering group has no influence over EA flood zone definition.
Agent 4	Policy 1	Collectively, this spatial strategy leaves little opportunity to meet any housing requirements or help significantly boost housing supply within the parishes. Fundamentally, however, there seems to be little justification for such a sweeping and restrictive policy basis. The wording and blanket restrictions of the areas around Great Chesterford clearly demonstrates that the Neighbourhood Plan has not been positively prepared, nor does it seek to promote sustainable development in accordance with local requirements.	We would disagree – it has very much been positively prepared. A rigorous site selection policy has been applied to identify suitable and sustainable sites for development.
Resident 1	Policy 1	Don't support as it envisages development to the south and eastern boundaries and shouldn't. Infill only. Let development occur elsewhere in Essex in less significant, brown field areas.	We can only consider development with the Neighbourhood Plan area and not further afield. Infill development by itself would not provide sufficient sustainable development to cater for the growth considered appropriate for the communities over the Neighbourhood Plan period. Potential development sites have been carefully assessed and ruled out if they do not meet the relevant criteria.
Resident 14	Policy 1	1. Adoption of Policy GLCNP/1 is of paramount importance for the future of Great Chesterford if there is to be any realistic possibility of retaining the current distinctive rural character of the Village.	Yes, agreed.
Resident 14	Policy 1	2. The Policy is required on account of increasingly emergent indications that UDC has moved from, if not abandoned, its previous long-held position that important local features characterising the area around Great Chesterford should be protected from significant development.	Noted

Resident 14	Policy 1	Concern about UDC's changing attitude about development is based on the evidence summarised below.	Noted
Resident 14	Policy 1	As part of a package of measures associated with proposals to expand Stansted Airport, in the early 1980s BAA suggested development of a substantial site straddling the South Cambs/Essex border centred round Hinxton Village and including land at Stump Cross; as a result, Great Chesterford would lose its separate identity as a village community, and become subsumed as part of a new town with a population of 50,000.	Noted
Resident 14	Policy 1	UDC submitted evidence to the ensuing Public Inquiry as regards the implications of any such development insofar as it affected Uttlesford District, including its likely impact on local villages. In objecting to the proposed new town, UDC made clear its strong opposition to any such development as regards Great Chesterford; in its Submission, January 1982, "Stansted Airport Public Inquiry, Appendices 2-6, Background Information relating to the Uttlesford District", UDC stated:	Noted
Resident 14	Policy 1	5.3.9. The Village Plan (HE140) recognises Great Chesterford's potential for continued small scale growth because of its services and facilities. Great Chesterford is therefore designated a Principal Village and will be one of the locations where small scale growth is planned to take place." ...	Noted
Resident 14	Policy 1	5.3.15. ... Development rising away towards Stump Cross would affect views out of the Conservation Area. Unless a buffer zone was left between the Village and new development new houses would abut historic Carmen Street and impair the settings of eight listed buildings within it.	Noted

Resident 14	Policy 1	5.3.16. The northern approach to the Village along the B1383 would be severely affected. At present the historic core of the Village with its attractive cottages directly abuts open countryside. New housing estates north of the Village would result in a lengthy approach, suburban in character.”	Noted
Resident 14	Policy 1	5.3.21. The potential threat to an area of known archaeological importance is the most significant impact of [the] new town proposal within Essex. Increment 2 [development of the land as proposed by BAA] contains two Scheduled Ancient Monuments, the site of a fourth century Roman Walled Town and an Anglo Saxon cemetery, 17 hectares (41 acres) and 9 hectares (23 acres) respectively. “The adjacent sites of a Roman military ditch and amphitheatre are not protected by scheduled status but represent additional important sites.”	Noted. Reference is to paragraph 5.3.21 of the UDC Submission to the 1982 BAA Inquiry. However, since we can find no reference to the existence of an amphitheatre in any of the other publications relating to Great Chesterford’s Roman heritage, no change was made to the Plan.
Resident 14	Policy 1	6. Following BAA’s failure to follow-up on its scheme, matters rested there until land for potential development at Stump Cross (06-07GtChe15) was submitted in response to UDC’s 2015 Call for Sites in connection with preparation of a new Local Plan. UDC’s Draft Sites Assessment of the implications of development of this site stated, inter alia:	Noted and in accordance with the draft NP.
Resident 14	Policy 1	“[Does site lie within area noted in the Historic Settlement Character Assessment?] The site lies within Sector 2 - Newmarket Road approach from the B184 and the north. Development of Sector 2 land would impact on that part of the historic core at its western extremity to the west of Newmarket Road. Elsewhere it would not. The principal effect of large-scale development would be to extend the village beyond clearly defined landscape features thus detrimentally affecting its setting and this approach by	Noted and reflected in Policy 1 re northern gateway.

		intruding onto open arable farmland with its consequential loss.”	
Resident 14	Policy 1	Creation of a hierarchy of villages applicable to settlements within Uttlesford was further developed by UDC as it refined its 2015 Local Plan proposals by reference to the level of services available within each. For example, as noted in paragraph 5 above, Great Chesterford having previously been identified as a Principal Village, this designation was further applied to the Village in the subsequently withdrawn 2015 draft Local Plan. The Planning Inspector noted in his assessment of that Plan that the hierarchy was “broadly based”, apparently accepting UDC’s view that any reassessment “would be likely to result in protracted and subjective discussion about the different weightings to be attributed to the various facilities in each village.” (paragraph 1.7, UDC’s Neighbourhood Development Plan and the Local Plan, July 2015).	Noted. The definition of a key village is not within the scope of the NP.
Resident 14	Policy 1	UDC has not consulted Great Chesterford over the years regarding what particular level of services is required to determine the place of the Village within the hierarchy as it has been developed. The definition and position of any village in the hierarchy is evidently varied to suit the circumstances of the moment. Nevertheless, following withdrawal of the 2015 Local Plan, UDC’s extensive reformulation of the level of services required and the placement of villages within that hierarchy in preparing its 2019 Local Plan (Regulation 19 Pre-Submission Local Plan, paragraphs 3.36 et seq.) came as something of a surprise; the revised formulation stipulated:	Noted. The definition of a key village is not within the scope of the NP.

Resident 14	Policy 1	... “Key Villages: Existing facilities and services including day-to-day shopping, GP services, primary education, public houses, community halls and regular bus services to other Key Villages, nearby towns and London Stansted Airport. Key Villages are a major focus for development in the rural areas – suitable for a scale of development that would reinforce their role as a provider of services to a wide rural area;	Noted. The definition of a key village is not within the scope of the NP.
Resident 14	Policy 1	Type A Villages: These villages have a primary school and some local services, e.g., village hall, public house or shop. They act as a local service centre and are suitable for a scale of development that reinforce their role as a local centre; and	Noted. The definition of a key village is not within the scope of the NP.
Resident 14	Policy 1	Type B Villages: These villages do not have a primary school but may have some local services; for example a village hall, pub or shop and provide services mainly to their local community. They are suitable for a scale of development that would reinforce their role as providers of services mainly to their own community”.	Noted. The definition of a key village is not within the scope of the NP.
Resident 14	Policy 1	Great Chesterford was listed in the 2019 Local Plan as one of seven Key Villages in Uttlesford, together with Elsenham, Hatfield Heath, Newport, Stansted Mountfichet, Takeley and Thaxted.	Noted. The definition of a key village is not within the scope of the NP.
Resident 14	Policy 1	It is equally clear from the now withdrawn 2019 Local Plan that a key driver in UDC’s identification of Great Chesterford as a Key Village, and therefore an appropriate place to locate a major new town (NUGC), was based particularly on transport and employment considerations, the Plan stating:	Noted. The definition of a key village is not within the scope of the NP.

Resident 14	Policy 1	“The site at Great Chesterford benefits from its proximity to M11 Junction 9 and Great Chesterford Railway Station and Whittlesford Railway Station; as well as access to biomedical and research and development employment opportunities north of Saffron Walden and south of Cambridge.”	Noted. The definition of a key village is not within the scope of the NP.
Resident 14	Policy 1	What emerged from the Planning Inspectors’ ensuing review of the Plan (as well as from UDC’s own two Sustainability Appraisals on which it relied in justification of its selection of the site) was that the significant heritage and landscape features that characterise Great Chesterford were essentially of secondary importance to transport considerations in UDC’s evaluation of the NUGC location. The evidence demonstrates that UDC:	Noted.
Resident 14	Policy 1	Made its selection of Great Chesterford in late 2016/January 2017 as an appropriate site for NUGC without having undertaken any prior landscape or heritage assessment;	Noted.
Resident 14	Policy 1	Ignored the conclusions contained in reports dated May and June 2017 from its own Landscape Officer, outside consultants and South Cambridgeshire District Council that, on landscape grounds, the site could not accommodate the proposed NUGC development, and that the highly sensitive nature of the site in landscape terms was such that development would cause significant and unacceptable harm to the important visual qualities of the site and the wider landscape; and	Noted.
Resident 14	Policy 1	Ignored specialist evidence regarding the significance of the heritage assets in the area, including the view of Historic England that selection of NUGC “seems to have been very biased towards access and transport, with comparatively little consideration/weight having been given to the historic	Noted.

		environment... [o]verall, the selection process appears to have been very driven by transport.”	
Resident 14	Policy 1	It should have come as no surprise to UDC, therefore, that the Planning Inspectors, in rejecting the Plan, concluded, inter alia, that selection of NUGC was “not justified by the historic heritage evidence available ... we share Historic England’s views that there is a possibility that it is not a suitable location for the development proposed due to its impact on the significance of heritage assets.” (Paragraph 83, letter dated 10 January 2020 informing UDC that the Local Plan was not sound). The Inspectors’ letter continues that “[h]aving visited the site ... we are also sceptical as to how development on the high ground including the sensitive upper valleys and ridges could in practice be avoided if the quantum of development proposed ... were to be provided ... it is our view that NUGC is not currently justified due to the harm that would be caused to the landscape and to the significance of heritage assets.” (Paragraph 85, <i>ibid.</i> )	Noted - Policy 1 seeks to protect chalk uplands and Policies 1, 4 and 5 seek to protect landscape and heritage features.
Resident 14	Policy 1	Despite this very strong condemnation by the Inspectors of selection of the NUGC site on account of potential damage to landscape and heritage considerations, UDC has subsequently adopted Planning Decision UTT/ 19/0573/OP that completely ignores both these concerns as well as the Council’s own earlier assessment relating to an area to the south-west of London Road (submitted in response to the 2015 Call for Sites). UDC had concluded that development here would result in the detrimental loss of agricultural land and diminished sense of place, and fail to contribute to sustainable patterns of development in relation to Great Chesterford; yet despite such reservations, planning permission was granted in 2020 for 76 houses to be built on the site, a decision justified principally because of the	Noted – although we determined that it had potential for development and is allocated in the draft NP, as it has been granted outline planning consent.

		shortfall in UDC's five-year land supply resulting from the failed Local Plan.	
Resident 14	Policy 1	The only conclusion that can be drawn from UDC's recent record regarding local planning matters is that protection of landscape and heritage considerations are no longer its primary concern in relation to future development in the locality; UDC:	Noted.
Resident 14	Policy 1	Has abandoned its 1982 view relating to development of land at Stump Cross that "new housing estates north of the village would result in a lengthy approach, suburban in character" (paragraph 5 above), repeated in 2015 that large scale development to the north of Great Chesterford would "extend the village beyond clearly defined landscape features thus detrimentally affecting its setting and ... approach [from the north] by intruding onto open arable farm land" (paragraph 6);	Noted, and we have policy 1 in relation to northern gateway.
Resident 14	Policy 1	Has abandoned its 2015 view that large-scale development to the south-west of Great Chesterford would adversely impact future sustainable patterns of development for the village (paragraph 13), instead requiring that the village should "be a major force for development in the rural area" in order to "reinforce [its] role as a provider of services to a wider rural area" (paragraph 8); and	Noted – although we determined that it had potential for development and is allocated in the draft NP, as it has been granted outline planning consent.
Resident 14	Policy 1	Now places transport considerations ahead of landscape and heritage considerations in determining planning matters in relation to the Village (paragraphs 10 and 11).	Noted.

Resident 14	Policy 1	Policy GLCNP/1 provides: “This Neighbourhood Plan extends the development limits to include both built development and that for which outline planning permission has been granted. The limits accommodate a site for 76 houses to the south-west of the village of Great Chesterford for which outline planning permission has been granted [UTT/19/0573/OP]”, “In order to retain the sense of place in Great Chesterford and conserve the northern village gateways into the village, the area of open land between the north of Great Chesterford village and national road infrastructure in the north ... will remain open, save for community facilities ... Of particular importance to the north of Great Chesterford are the Roman Temple and Roman Town historic Scheduled Monuments. Here the significance of these assets and their setting, including the historic landscape and intervisibility between the two sites ... must be conserved and enhanced. No further development shall be permitted ...”	Agreed.
Resident 14	Policy 1	On the basis of UDC’s present approach to local planning matters, there can be little hope or expectation that landscape and heritage considerations will continue to be accorded due account – which makes adoption of this Policy of critical importance for the future of Great Chesterford as we currently know it.	Thank you, and we completely agree that it is of the utmost importance that the draft NP and policy 1 protect and enhance our landscape and heritage features of the NP area.
Resident 5	Policy 1	The majority of the parish is covered by a protected area. There is no evidence of the Roman temple to the naked eye yet it dominates discussion.	No comment.
Resident 8	Policy 1	Absolutely concur with the stated objective to preserve the northern village limits as they touch the ancient Roman settlements. Absolutely agree with the objective to preserve	Thank you; we completely agree.

		the area either side of the Cam river; we are so lucky to have a chalk stream of that quality to walk by and enjoy.	
Statutory 3	Policy 1	<p>The associated policy protections (GLCNP/1) as shown on Figures 5.8, 5.9 and 5.10 are of great concern. The Chalk Uplands (Fig 5.8), Northern Gateway Open Area (Fig 5.9) and Roman Scheduled Monuments and Setting (Fig 10) policy protection areas boundaries seem broadly drawn and without any logic regarding features on the ground. Furthermore they appear to seek to provide an additional protection above and beyond the designation as countryside that is not merited. In summary, the said policy protection areas appear to be seeking to prevent the Local Plan that Uttlesford is developing from considering development on much of the edge of Great Chesterford and consequently undermine any future spatial strategy in the Neighbourhood Plan Area.</p>	<p>We do not think our policies regarding Figures 5.8 to 5.10 should be of great concern. They have been very carefully considered over a long period of time. We live in a unique community with very important and significant landscape and historical features which are worthy of very strong protection and the community has supported this approach. The policy at GLCNP/1 is not designed to prevent Uttlesford from progressing its Local Plan, far from it. But we are entitled and it is proper to consider the areas which are of particular importance to the Community. We are a very constrained community, and our plans at 5.8 to 5.10 reflect the obvious constraints and features we seek to protect in this area. We cannot second guess what Uttlesford consider to be suitable places for development, but we find it impossible to believe, given we have used your own assessment methodology, that you would consider development within the areas we have set out for protection as being suitable for development, and indeed we have specifically been through the site assessment process to test that. There are other areas within the Neighbourhood Plan Area which are not so protected. However, we have revised the wording to Policy GLCNP/1. We are content that these changes, coupled with the changes to the plans create the right, robust and justifiable policies for the Plan. Some of the Community facilities for the villages are located already within the areas concerned so we must allow for improvement and replacement of those, provided the openness of the area and the intervisibility</p>

			between the Scheduled Monuments is not compromised.
Statutory 3	Policy 1	As set out above, Great Chesterford is a Key Rural Settlement, a relatively sustainable settlement in Uttlesford and is likely to see development proposed in the Uttlesford Local Plan. This is in line with the recommendations from the Inspectors examining the withdrawn Local Plan, who identified that Uttlesford should allocate more small and medium sized sites.	We appreciate the Inspector examining the withdrawn Local Plan stated that Uttlesford should allocate more small and medium sized sites, but it was not stated that they should be in Great or Little Chesterford, nor that they should be on Chalk Upland or in the setting of a Scheduled Ancient Monument. Indeed, the Inspector was very supportive of the landscape and historical impact reasoning for not having a Garden Community in this location.
Statutory 3	Policy 1	The policy wording associated with Figure 5.8 talks about exceptional circumstances being needed to justify development, this is the sort of wording associated with Green Belt policy.	We have carefully considered this and amended the wording of this policy to remove reference to these exceptional circumstances.
Statutory 3	Policy 1	The policy wording associated with Figure 5.9 appears to prevent any development to preserve openness, apart from community facilities. This appears to be a stricter policy than Green Belt, in that Green Belt policy seeks to preserve openness, but still allows development in very special circumstances (or exceptional circumstances in plan making). It is also not clear why community facilities are considered appropriate development. It is also not clear which area 'west of the railway line' is being referred to, but similar concerns relate to this proposal.	We have carefully considered this and amended the wording of this policy to remove reference to these exceptional circumstances. We have also removed the area to the west of the railway line from this policy.

Statutory 3	Policy 1	The policy wording associated with Figure 5.10 appears to be somewhat more justified, in that Scheduled Ancient Monuments are nationally important and the NPPF says that substantial harm to or the loss of them should be wholly exceptional. However, the boundary drawn in Figure 5.10 itself does not appear to be well related to the monuments on the ground. UDC's evidence has indicated that the area between the SAMs is of importance to their setting, but it is not clear how far their setting is in other directions. In particular the eastern and northern boundaries of the area indicated appear unjustified.	This plan reflects the background paragraphs 5.15 to 5.17 which are self-evident, well-justified and do not require repetition here. The plan specifically reflects Figure 5.3 which has been produced showing the impact of the topography which has been computer modelled for us. We do, however, concede that the 'smoothing' we have carried out to create Figure 5.10 could have been done more accurately, and we will re-do that process to better reflect Figure 5.1 (topography). It should also be noted that the preservation of the historically important east-west axis was considered more important than preserving the more northern low-lying areas within this zone.
Statutory 3	Policy 1	Similar concerns to the above apply to the River Cam policy wording with reference to Figures 5.11–5.13.	Considerable thought has gone into the Cam Valley Area boundaries and policy wording. We have additionally reviewed and amended the policy wording as above.
Agent 2	Policy 2	We support the separation zone defined in Figure 5.14 and the related policy which applies to that zone under GLCNP/2.	Thank you for your support of this policy.
Agent 3	Policy 2	Figure 5.14 identifies a separation zone between Great and Little Chesterford. There is no evidence to support the delineation of this zone and its boundaries. The separation zones are not supported by any evidenced analysis and do not appear to relate to landscape capacity or character.	We disagree with your analysis of policies GLCNP/2 (settlement pattern and separation). The landscape and historic evidence is perfectly clear and coupled with our own evidence it is perfectly appropriate to designate land as being protected in the contexts of separation zones.
Resident 1	Policy 2	Excellent keeping the distinctive settlements separate.	No comment.

Resident 8	Policy 2	I would prefer to see explicit statement with regards to materials, colour and appearance for new build being consistent with the existing surroundings to ensure a harmonious appearance.	We agree that all efforts must be made to ensure that the visual impact of developments is properly assessed and sympathetic to the village environment. We believe that this is most appropriately achieved through site specific discussions rather than a specific objective. It is, however, catered for in Objective 4.2.2 and Policy GLCNP/5. In addition we have amended GLCNP/5 to say that there is an expectation that the quality of design and quality of materials is high, and that layout and height is well thought out.
Statutory 3	Policy 2	Concerns like those raised in GLCNP/1 above apply to policy GLCNP/2 and associated Figures 5.14 – 5.16. The principle of maintaining separation is sound; however, why these areas; what if mitigation measures can be put in place; and preventing all development is unjustified. This policy is even more restrictive than Green Belt Policy and not in accordance with NPPF para 145.	We are very confident that Figures 5.14 to 5.16 have been correctly drawn and do not propose to amend them.
Statutory 3	Policy 2	Exceptions to developing in the Separation Zones includes sites allocated in the Neighbourhood Plan. However, none of the allocations are within the protected Zone, so why include them in the exceptions? Allocated Chest 9 and Chest 13 are within Development Limits as per Policy GLCNP/2. However, it is noted that Chest 12 is not within the Development Limits Boundary. How is this anomaly reconciled with the policy requirement of all development being within Development Limits? Maybe the Development Limits Boundary should be extended to included Chest 12.	We only have development limits in Great Chesterford, and only have settlement boundaries in Little Chesterford. Development Limits for Great Chesterford have been adjusted to take into account Chest 9 (as that has Outline Consent already) but Settlement Boundaries have not been adjusted to take into account Chest 12. The Policy is worded to reflect this in the exceptions. It is important that the openness of the Separation Zones is preserved, but we have allowed for exceptions. There is no requirement that such a policy in a Neighbourhood Plan is more or less restrictive than Green Belt policy. Again, as set out above, there are other areas that are not so constrained but it is important to the communities that these areas are protected.

Resident 1	Policy 3	Cycle and pedestrian routes to be improved into Essex, i.e., to Saffron Walden but also to Cambridge, i.e., to Sawston along the bypass to Cambridge, as many of us look to Cambridge for work and services.	The proposed cycle path joins to the existing Cambridgeshire network. We can only consider development within the Neighbourhood Plan area but agree that cycle paths should be prioritised for any further development and the draft Neighbourhood Plan reflects this.
Resident 5	Policy 3	A cycle route from Saffron Walden to the villages would be welcome. Enhancements to the train station would offer poor return on investment without the fast train to London stopping in the village. Majority of village London commuters drive to Audley End.	We are supportive of a cycle route. Enhancements to the train station associated with Chest 9 are for cycle users. Section 6.3 references improvements to station facilities as being a key action identified as part of the Great Chesterford village plan. It is considered very unlikely that Great Chesterford would become a full stopping station – that would require “4-tracking the line” to avoid reducing the Cambridge to London journey time and there are no Network Rail plans to do this.
Resident 8	Policy 3	I would raise one specific observation with regards to traffic calming measures, that we should avoid excessive street signage, bollards, sleeping policemen and “furniture” ... which has blighted Saffron Walden. In my opinion this is a “careful what you wish for”.	Thank you for your observation; the Parish councils are mindful of this when commenting on specific planning requests. We believe this is adequately covered in GLCNP/5.
Statutory 1	Policy 3	Para 5.3 Getting around: We are disappointed to note that equestrians have been totally omitted from this section, with all routes being suggested as for walking and cycling. Details of cycle routes have been given, but we ask that equestrians are also catered for within this section, and ultimately the resultant policy GLCNP/3.	Policy 3 is in relation to sustainable transport, equestrian use in the local area is recreation and not transport related. We do not have the ability in a Neighbourhood Plan to create new Bridleways.

Statutory 3	Policy 3	Page 47 para 5.3.3: Reference to the B1383 being regularly used as a relief road when there are closures on the M11, and the 147 full or partial closures in 2018, is not disputed but it should be clarified that this number of closures is for the full length of the M11. The B1383 is only used as a diversion if there are closures between Junctions 8 and 9.	We will make your suggested change to para 5.3.3.
Statutory 3	Policy 3	Pages 47–48, para 5.3.7: It is agreed that there is little opportunity for the Cross-Country Train (CCT) service that runs hourly from Birmingham New Street to Stansted Airport to stop at Great Chesterford as the journey time is already over three hours and the service is slowed by having to cross three main railway lines on its way and often gets stopped short at Cambridge if there are delays.	As we understand it there is no prospect whatsoever to allow for more stopping trains at Great Chesterford. In any event, having such a policy would clearly be outside of the scope of a Neighbourhood Plan and is beyond our control.
Statutory 3	Policy 3	The other ‘non-stopper’ is the West Anglia service from Cambridge to the airport, which is now extended to Norwich using the new bi-mode (electric and diesel) rolling stock. This service runs more or less on the half hour to the CCT service during off-peak, which increases the attractiveness of rail travel from Cambridge to the airport. However, a new West Anglia timetable is to be introduced in 2022. We understand that there will be a consultation on the timetable revisions, which will be an opportunity to look at stopping patterns and frequency. The Parish Council could take this opportunity to make a robust business case for stopping some or all of those trains at Great Chesterford.	As we understand it there is no prospect whatsoever to allow for more stopping trains at Great Chesterford. In any event, having such a policy would clearly be outside of the scope of a Neighbourhood Plan and is beyond our control.
Statutory 3	Policy 3	Inclusion of the list of improvements in the policy are all reasonable and sensible. However, in practice when negotiating with developers on small sites there may be a difficulty arguing all requests meet the statutory test in Reg 122.	Noted.

Statutory 3	Policy 3	<p>The following highlighted text in red font should be added to the policy wording for reasons provided below the bullet points:</p> <p>3rd bullet point in the text box on Policy GCLNP/3 – Getting Around: The following on-site infrastructure must be provided on any proposed development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision of vehicle charging points for all dwellings and parking standards in accordance with the Essex Design Guide <b>or the updated Essex Parking Standards Guidance (whichever is more recent).</b></li> <li>• Provision of adequate <b>footway</b> pavements which link with the existing pedestrian network.</li> </ul> <p>The Essex Parking Standards Guidance is currently being updated and will include new guidance on EV charging point standards. Technically ‘pavement’ can also mean the carriageway surface so best to include footway or pedestrian before it or alternatively say ‘pedestrian footway’.</p>	We will make your suggested change to Policy GLCNP/3.
Statutory 3	Policy 3	Is there any assurance that the monies collected can be used for the said improvements? It should be noted that if the monies are not used for a certain period of time the developer can reclaim the monies.	Noted.
Agent 3	Policy 4	The Policy sets out provisions to protect landscape character and locally important views. None of the views identified appear to be supported by a robust analysis. The Historic Environment Assessment produced by Essex County Council identifies important views, but the analysis falls short of the methodology that would ordinarily be required of a Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment. In the absence of such, it is difficult to conclude that development capacity would be limited on this basis.	We disagree with your analysis of policy GLCNP/4 (Landscape Character and Locally Important Views). The landscape and historic evidence is perfectly clear and coupled with our own evidence it is perfectly appropriate to designate views to be protected.

Agent 4	Policy 4	There are a number of figures which indicate important views and historic environment features, these figures are confusing and not sufficiently precise or justified to be included within planning policy as they would not provide sufficient information or a practical framework for the determination of planning applications.	We appreciate the points that you and others have made in relation to some of the figures which have therefore been updated to ensure they are clearer.
Resident 1	Policy 4	This is our history, English history. Once it's built on we can't retrieve it. The views are so important, across green belt and to see and understand Roman settlement patterns, e.g., important protected monuments. We are blessed with beautiful Green Belt, heavily populated by farm, hedgerow, field and wooded animals including badgers and increasingly rare birds; skylarks, red kites, buzzards, yellowhammers, grey partridge. Do not allow New Town, GC Garden Village to flatten and destroy all of this.	We agree with the importance of our local environment. We do not have any Green Belt within the Neighbourhood Plan Area but we do very much seek to protect the important views and landscapes within our Plan Area, and also seek to preserve and enhance the space from a conservation point of view. Strategic development such as a new town is not within the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan.
Resident 11	Policy 4	View 26. Photo not taken recently. Photo not taken from the position shown on the plan page 56. There have been significant changes to the scene. The manor and church are not able to be seen from the plan position, and obscured by trees anyway. I have photographs which I would like to be seen, but the pictures used in the report should be up to date and accurate.	Thank you for your comments regarding view 26. We will provide a more up to date photo showing The Manor from the mapped viewpoint.
Resident 15	Policy 4	This section does not appear to show important views from the footpath between Great and Little Chesterford. (It may be that I couldn't find them but I think they should be there.) Many people walking that path do so to enjoy views across the valley to the west.	Thank you for your comment. Views 2 and 38 both from Little Chesterford encompass the views mentioned. View 2 is on the footpath and also includes one to the west.
Resident 5	Policy 4	Justification for this section is heavily around Scheduled Ancient Monuments, none of which can be seen as they are all fields. It feels a very easy challenge from local / central government, this is not the view of a ruined castle. A	We agree with Historic England regarding the national importance of these sites. We are very fortunate to live in a place with so much history and it is essential to preserve this.

		visitor to the village would not know of Roman connections unless told, therefore is this a valid reason for the policy?	
Resident 8	Policy 4	Houses built on the periphery of the village should be given special consideration that the materials used and orientation blend in to create a visual harmony ... and not set at adverse angles in discordant materials. Look from the outside in. An obvious example of negative impact is looking to the village from the east (e.g., Susan's Hill/Cow Lane) at the new orange-coloured houses between Stanley Road and the B183, where the rooflines, brick and tile colours are completely out of character with the rest of the village behind.	We agree that all efforts must be made to ensure that the visual impact of developments is properly assessed and sympathetic to the village environment. We believe that this is most appropriately achieved through site specific discussions rather than a specific objective. It is, however, catered for in Objective 4.2.2 and Policy GLCNP/5. In addition we have amended GLCNP/5 to say that there is an expectation that the quality of design and quality of materials is high, and that layout and height is well thought out.
Resident 9	Policy 4	Looking at the map at Figure 5.2 Landscape Capacity, I don't see how the categories of Low and Negligible Low have been arrived at. Please can this be explained to me? With regards to 5.4.7, one of the lovely views is from Cow Lane at the top of the hill (between Little Paddocks and Grumble Hall) looking to Strethall and to Park Farm in the other direction. Additionally, the view from the permissive path linking Grumble Hall to Park Farm looking down the valley to Great Chesterford and across to the ridge at Strethall is very highly valued.	Thank you for your comments, these have been taken into consideration and added to our community views. Also it's worth looking at the landscape character assessment report to better understand the categories of Low and Negligible Low. This can be found here <a href="https://www.lovegreatchesterford.com/evidence">https://www.lovegreatchesterford.com/evidence</a> . See Appendix 3.
Agent 3	Policy 5	The views identified in Figure 5.28 are not supported by a robust analysis. The Historic Environment Assessment produced by Essex County Council identifies important views, but the analysis falls short of the methodology that would ordinarily be required of a Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment. In the absence of such, it is difficult to conclude that development capacity would be limited on this basis.	We disagree with your analysis of policies GLCNP/2 (Settlement Pattern and Separation), GLCNP/4 (Landscape Character and Locally Important Views) and GLCNP/5 (Historic Environment). The landscape and historic evidence is perfectly clear and coupled with our own evidence it is perfectly appropriate to designate land as being protected in the contexts of separation zones, or river valley and protection of the environs of Scheduled Monuments.

Agent 3	Policy 5	Figure 5.28 also identifies the Little Bordeaux Farm SAM setting zone. There is no evidence to support the delineation of this area, which does not appear to relate to any physical or functional relationship between the SAM and its surroundings. The boundaries of the setting zone do not relate to any physical features and, as currently presented, appears arbitrary and unevidenced.	We disagree with your analysis of policies GLCNP/2 (Settlement Pattern and Separation), GLCNP/4 (Landscape Character and Locally Important Views) and GLCNP/5 (Historic Environment). The landscape and historic evidence is perfectly clear and coupled with our own evidence it is perfectly appropriate to designate land as being protected in the contexts of separation zones, or river valley and protection of the environs of Scheduled Monuments.
Agent 4	Policy 5	Treatment of the Historic Environment – NPPF Paragraph 185 requires plans to set out a positive strategy for the historic environment, this is not the case within Policy GLCNP/5. Overall, we do not consider the proposed Northern gateway designation and the Roman Scheduled Monument setting zone is properly evidenced for reason raised at earlier stages of the GLCNP process. We refer the steering group back to those comments and restate that the supporting documents do not establish a justification for the extensive area of land that is to be constrained by the corresponding policies. When combined with the proposed settlement separation zones to the south of the village, and the impact of the draft policy seeking to protect important views, the plan is not positively prepared.	We cannot agree that the draft Neighbourhood Plan “does not set out a positive strategy for the historic environment” and in particular with reference to Policy GLCNP/5. We very much appreciate that the land you seek to promote falls within one of the sensitive areas identified in the Figure 5.10 and covered by Policy GLCNP/5, but that does not mean we have not set out a positive strategy for the historic environment. We have in fact been very mindful indeed of the almost unique setting of the two villages within the Neighbourhood Plan Area and the scheduled monuments and other historic assets and their preservation for future generations has been in our minds as much as the need for delivery of sustainable growth of the communities.
Resident 1	Policy 5	The Northern Gateway needs protecting. The nationally significant ancient monuments need protecting.	Agreed. We have policies within the Draft NP to achieve this.
Resident 5	Policy 5	Not building on a scheduled monument is protecting it. Does the plan enhance? Not convinced there is not so much a sign or info board next to the ancient sites to enhance a visitors experience.	The policy wording is to conserve the visibility between the SAMs, rather than enhance. Section 6.8 of the NP addresses the point about the need for improvements to the visibility and profile of historic interest areas.
Statutory 2	Policy 5	We also welcome Section 5.5, which deals specifically with the historic environment of the plan area.	Thank you for this very positive feedback.

Statutory 2	Policy 5	Paragraph 5.5.4: there might be a word missing. We suggest: identified as being of special architectural and historic interest by Historic England.	Agreed – the policy wording was updated accordingly.
Statutory 2	Policy 5	Paragraph 5.5.8 – we suggest that the sub-clauses a) and b) could be separated out from the main paragraph for clarity of reading.	Agreed - the policy wording was updated accordingly.
Statutory 2	Policy 5	Policy GLCNP/5 – we welcome this policy in general, and note that it incorporates all aspects of local heritage except non-designated archaeology. We would suggest, however, that it could be divided into a small number of separate policies that each deal with a specific facet of the historic environment. For example, important views and vistas; local heritage features and structures; and special characteristics within the conservation area/the historic core of Little Chesterford. Although this would add to the number of policies, it clarifies their intent and purpose and allows them to be more specific in each case.	The Steering Group considered these comments and amended the policy accordingly.
Statutory 2	Policy 5	We also consider that the requirement for all new development to identify new non-designated heritage assets may be difficult to satisfy in reality. A qualifying clause might be needed for this bullet point, i.e., ‘where they exist’, as not all sites will contain any non-designated heritage assets in the sense this policy intends.	Agreed – the policy wording was updated accordingly.
Statutory 2	Policy 5	Given the archaeological interest of the Chesterfords, we would suggest that a policy be included that requires the results of all archaeological investigation to be published and disseminated locally, along with the deposition of finds to a local museum.	Agreed – the policy wording was updated accordingly.

Statutory 2	Policy 5	We welcome the annotated maps indicating the presence of features. Because these are quite small on A4 pages, we would recommend they be created as individual PDFs and made available on your website for close inspection.	Agreed – we are working on improving the clarity of the maps within the plan.
Agent 2	Policy 6	We do have some concerns over this section. Page 68 refers to the Riverside walk between Great and Little Chesterford. This is described in paragraph 5.6.11, it is listed in the table of valued community spaces (item 22) and illustrated on figure 5.34. This walk is located on our clients’ agricultural land and is an informal path. The current factual situation is that there is no right of way along the River Cam between Great and Little Chesterford. In recent times the landowner has generously allowed informal access alongside the River Cam and is giving consideration to the creation of a possible permissive path, subject to certain provisions and limitations.	We agree that the land upon which the “Riverside Walk” is located is land belonging to your client and indeed we acknowledge that walking along this route is permissive and your client’s generosity in this regard is appreciated by many, many people in the community.
Agent 2	Policy 6	It is inappropriate for a statutory NP to seek to protect an informal walk which has no statutory status. We would question whether NPs should be seeking this at all as it seems outside of the field of land use and development planning. The relevant policy – policy 6 – is concerned with spaces rather than routes and the policy should not seek to protect something which only exists temporarily on the basis of the current landowners’ generosity. We therefore question the principle of including a walk on this basis and whether a neighbourhood plan should be seeking to protect such features at a detailed level. It seems unnecessary, somewhat ineffective and beyond the scope of a NP.	We are looking forward to formalising this route with your client in due course, and would welcome a discussion with you about the practicalities of that. In the meantime, and for the purposes of this Draft Neighbourhood Plan, we feel very strongly that the community route referenced VCS-22 (which does not include the arable field itself) is very much a Valued Community Space in accordance with our Policy Objective and indeed represents one of the <i>most</i> valued community spaces in the Plan Area. Given the nature of the site and the importance to the community we would consider this to be appropriate for the scope of a Neighbourhood Plan.

Resident 1	Policy 6	If anything they need increasing so we can walk more (more rights of way) and further. Circular routes. Ask farmers/landowners to collaborate. More community spaces needed.	Our Neighbourhood Plan seeks to preserve and enhance both the public and permissive rights of way that we have in our communities. We are unable to designate new rights of way via a Neighbourhood Plan.
Statutory 3	Policy 6	The Policy wording (in italics) is not very precise and needs to be redrafted <i>“resulting in a loss... will only be supported where [it] is not lost...”</i>	We propose to make the following change in light of your comments: Proposals which result in the loss, development, change of use or alteration of Valued Community Spaces (Figures 5.32–5.34) will only be supported in circumstances where the value to the community is not materially reduced as a result of the proposal, and the Valued Community Space is improved or enhanced.
Agent 2	Policy 7	We support the identification of sites LGS-15 the green by Manor cottages and LGS-16 Meadow behind Little Chesterford village Hall as local green spaces – both sites are owned by our client.	Thank you for your comments.
Agent 2	Policy 7	We have noted the content of the background paper local green spaces designation report March 2021 and believe that in the case of LGS-15 it should note that there are existing residential and agricultural access rights across the designated LGS area. Designation of this land as a local green space should not interfere in anyway with established and legal access rights.	We note regarding GLCNP/7 the access rights for LGS-15 and can confirm that will not interfere with those rights. Indeed, many of the Local Green Spaces are special to the community because of their beauty, aesthetic value or historic significance, rather than due to them being public open space.
Agent 2	Policy 7	In addition, the above report describes LGS-6 as informal grass. In our view it would better be described as permanent pasture which would reflect its current status and primary use.	We note your comments regarding a preference to ‘permanent pasture’ rather than ‘informal grass’ in the March 2021 designation report. We will make that change accordingly.
Community 1	Policy 7	Policy GLCNP/7 is too tightly drawn. The MAT do not object to the Academy Playing Fields being identified as a Local Green Space; however, the policy wording does not cover development being permitted for educational purposes and	We believe that this is covered under the wording pertaining to enhancing the “function of the space”.

		is therefore unacceptable. The Academy is likely to seek permission for a sports pavilion, toilets, changing facilities, etc. Under the currently drafted policy this would be unacceptable as it is not a 'community facility' but rather an 'educational facility – with some community use'. It is important that this policy is amended to avoid any unnecessary unintended consequences.	The Neighbourhood plan does not seek to obstruct the developments you've listed.
Resident 1	Policy 7	So important for views, vistas and nature and indeed for mental health. We moved to Great Chesterford for its rural and village qualities, not for it to become an urban jungle with endless boxy non-descript soulless estates to be annexed on to it. We don't want "Skylark close" on the old skylark field – we want the skylarks!	Our NP seeks to protect the valued characteristics of the villages and protect the natural environment.
Agent 4	Policy 8	Furthermore, the Chesterford Research Park is the second largest employment site in Uttlesford with over 650 employees. However, over the GLCNP period to 2033 the park expects to create 850 new jobs with 4,000 jobs in total created (Uttlesford and Braintree District Councils Housing for New Communities in Uttlesford and Braintree, 30 June 2020). In order to support this development, it is vital that residential accommodation is provided in sustainable locations and those settlements in close proximity, which includes Great Chesterford, can help support this. The uncertainty over the delivery of the larger sites within the withdrawn Uttlesford Local Plan will provide further pressure on the existing sustainably located settlements to provide small to medium sized development in the new Uttlesford Local Plan to 2040. This has recently been set out in the Issues and Options consultation and Call for Sites exercise by UDC during March/April 2021 and it is acknowledged at paragraph 3.3 of the draft GLCNP.	We do not know what the emerging Local Plan will look like, and cannot second guess that. We have in recent history, as a community, been very supportive of sustainable growth and have set that out in our draft Plan. The community has agreed that such growth is an objective of our Plan. It is not an objective of our Plan, nor a requirement of national policy that we meet the District Council's housing need.

		However, this issue has not fed into the draft plan strategy or policies.	
Resident 1	Policy 8	Employment should focus on Essex but equally on South Cambs and Cambridge.	Our policies can only cover the NP area, which is all within Essex.
Resident 5	Policy 8	The Research Park is the only employer of note. Why is the garden centre even listed?	We support all local employment sites to ensure a variety of opportunities for local people.
Statutory 3	Policy 8	Policy GLCNP/8: Limiting development at Chesterford Research Park to being in line with the approved masterplan is not clear and potentially unjustified. It is not clear which masterplan is being referred to, if the masterplan is updated and approved this will then become the 'approved masterplan'. If the policy is intended to prevent any further changes to Chesterford Research Park beyond that of the existing approved masterplan associated with the latest planning permission, this does not appear to be justified. Chesterford Research Park (CRP) is part of the cluster of Science Parks to the south of Cambridge associated with the 'Cambridge Phenomenon'. Restricting the development of CRP to that associated with the existing masterplan is not justified.	We propose to change to the wording regarding CRP to reflect the plan at 5.16 (bearing in mind the Chalk Upland Policy already excepts CRP) as follows: At Chesterford Research Park, only development proposals for new research and development uses (and ancillary uses) and not within the Separation Zone, will be supported, subject to the provision of a workplace travel plan which takes into account the need to minimise through traffic in the villages.
Statutory 3	Policy 8	Chesterford Research Park is noted as a Key Employer in the Neighbourhood Plan. Was a boundary extension of the Chesterford Research Park ever considered given the increasing importance and growth of the Science sector? The Withdrawn Local Plan had proposed an extension of the Chesterford Research Park boundary.	Analysis of employment need is a strategic matter and is not within the scope of a Neighbourhood Plan.
Statutory 3	Policy 8	Page 76 – Figure 5.37 and Figure 5.38: Both maps are not very clear. It would be helpful if an explanation is provided for the difference between the blue and purple shading on the maps.	We are working to improve plans 5.37 and 5.38.

Agent 3	Policy 9	The 10% growth figure appear somewhat arbitrary. The site selection analysis states that the existing permitted sites in Great Chesterford account for an 11% increase. If this is the case, and the 10% growth is a ceiling, the plan is making no additional provision for the village, beyond windfall applications. This approach would be at odds with one of the basic conditions of neighbourhood planning, which is to deliver the three strands of sustainable development, as set out in paragraph 8.	Our neighbourhood plan is appropriate having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State, pays special regard to the desirability of preserving listed buildings and their settings and features of special architectural or historic interest that it possesses, it is appropriate to make the order, has special regard to the desirability of preserving and enhancing the character and appearance of our conservation area, contributes to the achievement of sustainable development, is in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the current Local Plan, does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with retained EU obligations, and is otherwise in accordance with the law and policy generally.
Agent 3	Policy 9	Chest 8 has been effectively rejected on the basis that the site was of a scale that would not fit with what appears to be the predetermined settlement capacity set out in draft Policy GLCNP/9. No consideration has been given to an allocation on the site on a smaller area for development in what is a highly sustainable location: arguably more sustainable than the proposed Chest 12 allocation.	As you currently have two planning applications submitted with Uttlesford District Council for Chest 9 and Chest 8, we look forward to working with you on both applications, but cannot come to any other conclusion than Chest 8 is not appropriate development for inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan.
Agent 4	Policy 9	In relation to housing need, the Housing Survey conducted in 2016 is now over 5 years old. Also, it is not possible to ascertain a reliable level of need solely through a survey of existing householders of an area, as by definition they have homes. It is therefore necessary to rely on other forms of research such as the Housing Trajectory and Five-Year Land Supply. The housing land supply position as of the 1 April 2020 was just 3.11 years of housing supply for the 2020–2025 five-year period. This has since worsened to 2.68 years (Elsenham Appeal Decision APP/C1570/W/20/3256109).	No comment.

Community 1	Policy 9	The MAT supports the requirement for funds to be collected for primary educational purposes.	Noted.
Community 2	Policy 9	Additional housing should make payment towards a Scout HQ and supporting facilities.	We believe that a scout HQ is now provided for with agreement with GCPC and that additional housing should make payments for multiple facilities for a wide range of residents.
Resident 1	Policy 9	Don't need this level of development. Small infill including some affordable housing is all that's needed. GC Garden Village is an abhorrent concept – will destroy the villages and make us into suburban urban sprawl. Not needed. Use Brownfield sites elsewhere in Essex/South Cambs. Resist at all costs this Garden Village.	We can only consider development with the Neighbourhood Plan area and not further afield, and infill developments by itself would not provide sufficient sustainable developments to cater for the growth considered appropriate for the communities over the Neighbourhood Plan period. Strategic development such as a new town is not within the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan.
Resident 15	Policy 9	One concern is the capacity of the school, given the council's comments that it is at or near capacity already, if 10% new houses means 10% more children.	We agree that this could be a concern. However, we need to plan for sustainable development as per government policy. Developers will be required to make a contribution to education, the level of which is controlled at county level and distributed by the county council to mitigate against the effects of development. A substantial intake of the school pupils are outside of Great and Little Chesterford. Additional children from new development will likely be given priority over those outside of the plan area.
Resident 3	Policy 9	There should be less demand from central government for the East and South East of England, businesses should be encouraged to set up or move elsewhere. Any new housing should be infilling, or brownfield sites not new towns or on greenfield sites.	We can only consider development within the neighbourhood plan area and infill developments by itself would not provide sufficient sustainable developments to cater for the growth considered appropriate for the communities over the neighbourhood plan period. Strategic development

			such as a new town is not within the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan.
Resident 5	Policy 9	I cannot see how chest 9 with road noise and train noise passes the test on quality of life for residents. Did the Icknield Rise development not get locals for this reason?	Chest 9 has undergone the appropriate environmental assessments and was approved by Uttlesford District Council on that basis. It will therefore be coming forward for development.
Resident 7	Policy 9	I doubt many residents welcome more housing, but I understand that we must accept change and just hope that is managed carefully and retains the character of the two villages. 10% increase over 15 years seems fair and reasonable. There is no mention of assisted living properties – would not that be something to consider to enable long-time residents to stay in the village when remaining in their current house is no longer possible?	Thank you for your comments, we will make some adjustments to Policy 9 to include mention of assisted living.
Statutory 3	Policy 9	Limiting overall development to 12% of the number of dwellings in the Neighbourhood Plan Area seeks to prevent the Local Plan that Uttlesford is developing from considering development on much of the edge of Great Chesterford. As set out above, Great Chesterford is a relatively sustainable settlement in Uttlesford and is likely to see development proposed in the Uttlesford Local Plan. This is in line with the recommendations from the Inspectors examining the withdrawn Local who identified that Uttlesford should allocate more small and medium sized sites. By limiting overall development, Policy GLCNP/9 appears not to be supporting the future delivery of strategic policies or a spatial strategy that will arise from the emerging Local Plan. The effect of this policy will be to promote less development	A great deal of thought has gone into ensuring that the Plan is pro-growth, contributes to sustainable development and meets the Basic Conditions required. We have considered numbers and been through a very thorough process of Site Assessment and Site Selection. It is not for us to second-guess where Uttlesford might want to put development in future, and not for Uttlesford to dictate to the Neighbourhood Plan where development should go. We cannot support future development plans in the Local Plan if we do not know what they are, and that is certainly not the purpose of a Neighbourhood Plan.

		to be set out at a strategic level as well as undermine any future strategic policies. Preventing development over five dwellings on all but three sites is unjustified. We are not convinced that this policy contributes to sustainable development.	
Statutory 3	Policy 9	Bullet point 2 – Effectively puts an embargo on any development of 5+ units once an additional 106 dwellings have been built irrespective of whether it is a sustainable site or not.	We have reconsidered the wording to policy GLCNP/9 to clarify this.
Statutory 3	Policy 9	Bullet point 5 – The Council does not allow the proposed cascade restriction on Section 106 sites, but the cascade proposal can be applied to Rural Exception sites. This bullet point needs to be amended accordingly to reflect a distinction between S106 and Rural Exception sites.	Policy GLCNP/9 has been updated to address this point.
Statutory 3	Policy 9	Policy Chest 13 is being developed by UDC as ‘council housing’. As permission has already been granted, how will the proposed cascade restriction in the policy be applied? It is very doubtful that UDC would find the restriction sought by this policy acceptable when letting houses.	Policy GLCNP/9 has been updated to address this point.
Resident 15	Policy 9.3	As part of the planning application consideration considerably more information is now known about this site. It appears to contain evidence of a potentially important, possibly Bronze Age, settlement pre-dating the Roman period. Concern has also been expressed by Essex Place Services about the impact of any development on the historic setting of Bordeaux Farm. There is growing recognition that the Cam corridor and river (a rare chalk stream) are environmentally important. The Government has also recently announced a strategy to improve biodiversity by establishing wildlife corridors. In my opinion	Thank you for your comments. As you are aware, this site now has outline planning permission so development on this site will proceed. A detailed archaeological assessment was undertaken in July 2020 which concluded that no archaeological features or deposits were identified on this site.

		all this would justify in our plan changing our rating for this site to 'not suitable' for development from 'potentially suitable' (as shown in Fig 5.39).	
Statutory 3	Process next steps	The District Council recommends that key steps outlined in this response are considered, after which a further review of the Neighbourhood Plan should be undertaken, including consideration of Policy wording and phrasing. The council will be very happy to assist in this process.	The Steering Group is grateful for this support.
Statutory 3	Process next steps	Once the [SEA] Screening is completed the Council will send a Determination Statement to the Qualifying Body and the three statutory consultees (Natural England, Historic England and Environmental Agency).	The Steering Group is grateful for this support.

**APPENDIX O – Sample of news updates on website (<https://www.lovegreatchesterford.com/nhp-news>)**

## **We Are Close to Regulation 15**

RACHEL THACKRAY · MARCH 9, 2022

## **The Great and Little Chesterford Neighbourhood Plan – Regulation 14 (pre-submission) Consultation 29 March – 10 May 2021**

RACHEL THACKRAY · MARCH 26, 2021

## **Draft Plan with Policies and Housing Site Selection is now available for review**

RACHEL THACKRAY · NOVEMBER 4, 2020

## **Final Site Assessment now Available**

RACHEL THACKRAY · JULY 7, 2020

## **May 2020 Update on Progress**

RACHEL THACKRAY · MAY 6, 2020

## **Survey Results and Housing Site Assessment News.**

RACHEL THACKRAY · FEBRUARY 17, 2020

## **The Neighbourhood Plan Survey is here!**

HANNAH HELLIAR · JULY 10, 2019

## **How well is the Neighbourhood Plan progressing?**

HANNAH HELLIAR · JULY 3, 2019

## **What is a Neighbourhood Plan?**

Q: Neighbourhood plan? Is that the same as the Local Plan? You know, the 5000 houses on the hill?

A: No, this is different, this is *our* plan... [Read More](#) →

PENNY MCCULLOUGH · JUNE 8, 2019

## **NHP Documentation**

Documentation relating to the Neighbourhood Plan [Read More](#) →

RACHEL THACKRAY · JUNE 7, 2019

## **NHP Objectives**

Let's get Power Pointing! The policies, strategies and objectives thus far collected by the NHP working group are here to share.

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RACHEL THACKRAY · MAY 22, 2019

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## The Chesterfords Neighbourhood Plan

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**The Chesterfords Neighbourhood Plan Is Emerging**

The Chesterfords Neighbourhood Plan helps shape our future. A Neighbourhood Plan will allow Great and Little Chesterford to shape how we want our communities to develop when new planning applications come forward. Many of you have already reviewed and commented on the Plan's vision, objectives and outline policies. Thank you!

Key elements of the plan are now ready for review. The **full policies** and the **housing site selection** form the main parts of the plan. The policies form the rules against which applications are assessed and the housing site selection determines which sites best meet our objectives using a rigorous process. Selecting sites for potential development in this way gives us more control over where housing is built. A summary is available in addition to the full documents.

Once all the plan documentation is finalised, there will be a formal period of statutory consultation and a referendum before the Neighbourhood Plan is adopted.

**View the policies and housing site selection by the 30th of November at:**  
[lovegreatechesterford.com/nhp-news](http://lovegreatechesterford.com/nhp-news) or [e-voice.org.uk/little-chesterford-parish-council](http://e-voice.org.uk/little-chesterford-parish-council)  
If you are unable to view this information online, please let us know and we will organise an appropriate alternative depending on your circumstances.  
Email: [chesterfordsneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com](mailto:chesterfordsneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com) or contact the Parish Clerk

(December 2020)

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## The Chesterfords Neighbourhood Plan

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Thank you to everyone who took the time to read and comment on the draft Great and Little Chesterford Neighbourhood Plan that we made available in November. We very much appreciate all the comments received from residents, and to those who identified minor typos or inconsistencies – a heartfelt thank you!

We are now working hard to refine the draft, along with the necessary accompanying documents, so that it is ready to move to the next stage of the process. We will be in touch once we are ready to outline these important next steps.

With best wishes,

The Great and Little Chesterford Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

(February 2021)

APPENDIX Q – Sample of digital communications



**Inside Great Chesterford**



Hannah Helliar · 10 Jul 2019 · 🌐

You should have received through your door today a copy of the Neighbourhood Plan survey. The link to the electronic survey is:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ChesterfordsNP>

Please take the time to complete the survey by 26 July 2019 - it should take no more than five minutes, and your feedback on the draft outline policies is really important to us.... See more

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**Inside Great Chesterford**



Hannah Helliar · 4 Nov 2020 · 🌐

The Great and Little Chesterford Neighbourhood Plan is emerging.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has been working hard to turn outlines of objectives and policies into full drafts. We have gathered evidence, consulted with quite a few s... See more



**Inside Great Chesterford**



Hannah Helliar · 23 Nov 2020 · 🌐

Don't forget to send us any comments you have about the draft Great and Little Chesterford Neighbourhood Plan by Monday 30 November 2020. Email us on chesterfordsneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com

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**Inside Great Chesterford**



Hannah Helliar · 28 Mar 2021 · 🌐

We are pleased to let you know that we are now entering the formal consultation period (Regulation 14) for the Great and Little Chesterford Neighbourhood Plan. See the attached flyer that details where you can find the draft Plan, and all its supporting documents, as well as information about how you can comment.



**Inside Great Chesterford**



Hannah Helliar · 26 Apr 2021 · 🌐

Now that the excitement of shops and pubs opening has worn off, we'd like to remind you that there are only two weeks remaining to comment on the Neighbourhood Plan.

Thank you to everyone who has commented previously and helped us shape how ... See more

