

Fordham

Have your say on the future of **FORDHAM**

- What do you want to change or improve
- What do you want to protect?
- What facilities would you like to see?

East Cambridgeshire District Council is looking for your views on how your village/parish should change or improve in the future.

Please complete the questionnaire:

- online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/fordhamvillagevision> by Monday 8th August 2011.

To request a paper copy of the questionnaire, or for more information, please contact the Forward Planning team on 01353 665555.



East Cambridgeshire
District Council

A Vision for Fordham

Have your say on the future of Fordham

- **What do you want to change or improve?**
- **What do you want to protect?**
- **What facilities would you like to see?**

What do you think? We want your views on how Fordham should change in the future. What sort of place would you like Fordham to be? What are your priorities for the village and the wider Parish? Your views will help us to form a long-term vision for Fordham which sets out how it should develop over the next 20 years.

What will the Vision do? The Vision will be used to guide decisions on future development and planning applications. It will also help ensure that key infrastructure and facilities are provided and improved. The Vision will be included in the statutory development plan for East Cambridgeshire - known as the 'Core Strategy'.

How do I comment? Please let us have your views by answering the questions below. Comments should be made by 8th August 2011. The website contains background documents, and questionnaires on other settlements (which you are welcome to fill out). There will be a further opportunity to make comments on the draft Vision, which we hope to publish in early 2012. If you have any questions please call the Forward Planning team on 01353 665555.

Any information that you will provide will be used for the purpose of the Core Strategy, and processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act.

1. Please provide your details:

Name:	<input type="text"/>
Company:	<input type="text"/>
Email address:	<input type="text"/>
Address 1:	<input type="text"/>
Address 2:	<input type="text"/>
Town/City:	<input type="text"/>
County:	<input type="text"/>
Postcode:	<input type="text"/>
Phone Number:	<input type="text"/>

2. Please select whether you would like your details to be added to the Core Strategy consultation database, in order to be notified of key stages of production:

- Yes No

3. Please indicate the main reason for your interest in the development of Fordham:

- Local resident of Fordham Developer or local landowner
- Local business owner Potential investor
- Employee, working in Fordham Professional interest
- Other (please specify)

4. How would you like to see the village/parish change or improve in the future? Please list your top 3 priorities below:

Priority 1

Priority 2

Priority 3

Housing

5. Do you think there should be housing growth on the edge of Fordham?

Please choose one of the following options:

- No
- Yes - small scale housing growth (up to 10 houses) for a mix of private and affordable housing (e.g. like provided by Sanctuary Hereward)
- Yes - medium scale housing growth (up to 20 houses) for a mix of private and affordable housing
- Yes - large scale housing growth (more than 20 houses) for a mix of private and affordable housing
- Yes - small/medium scale housing growth for affordable housing only

Other (please provide details)

6. Housing development will continue to come forward on small sites within the village. However, schemes are currently limited to a maximum of 9 dwellings (taking account of the size of the village and local facilities).

Do you think this approach should continue?

- Yes No Don't know

If you selected no, what alternative approach would you like to see?

Employment

7. Would you like to see more opportunities for small businesses in the village/parish? (e.g. offices, industrial units, workshops).

- Yes No

Development envelope

8. The development envelope (see map at back) marks the built up area of the village where development is normally allowed to take place. The area outside the development envelope is protected as open countryside.

Which of the following approaches would you prefer?

- Keep the development envelope
- Replace development envelopes with a policy that assesses each application on its merits

Local infrastructure and facilities

9. The District Council can secure funds from developers to spend on improving local infrastructure and facilities. If new development comes forward in the village, what benefits would you like to see? Please select your top 3 priorities from the list:

	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3
Improvements to play areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
New play areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improvements to sports grounds/open space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
New sports ground/open space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
More school places	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improvements to pedestrian/cycle routes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improvements to the community/village hall	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If you selected other, please provide details

10. Please use this space to make any other comments:

Monitoring Information (Optional)

It would be useful if you could please provide the following information about yourself:

11. Sex

- Male
- Female

12. Status

- | | | |
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| <input type="radio"/> Employee | <input type="radio"/> Unemployed | <input type="radio"/> Student |
| <input type="radio"/> Self-employed | <input type="radio"/> Homemaker | <input type="radio"/> Retired |

13. Age

- | | | |
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| <input type="radio"/> 0-16 years | <input type="radio"/> 40-49 | <input type="radio"/> 75-84 |
| <input type="radio"/> 17-24 | <input type="radio"/> 50-59 | <input type="radio"/> 85+ |
| <input type="radio"/> 25-39 | <input type="radio"/> 60-74 | |

14. Ethnic origin

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| <input type="radio"/> White British | <input type="radio"/> Chinese | <input type="radio"/> Caribbean |
| <input type="radio"/> White Irish | <input type="radio"/> Indian | <input type="radio"/> Other black background |
| <input type="radio"/> Other white background | <input type="radio"/> Pakistani | <input type="radio"/> Other ethnic group |
| <input type="radio"/> Gypsy / Traveller | <input type="radio"/> Other Asian background | |
| <input type="radio"/> Mixed ethnicity | <input type="radio"/> African | |

15. Disability

Under the Disability Discrimination Act a person has a disability if he/she 'has a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term effect on his/her ability to carry out normal day to day activities.' Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

- Yes No

Thank you for your help.

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 Development Envelope



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Not to scale

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A vision for Fordham

1. Where do you live? (*name and address*)

2. Please select whether you would like your details added to the Core Strategy consultation database, in order to be notified of key stages of production:

yes

no

3. Please indicate the main reason for your interest in the development of Fordham:

Local resident of Fordham

Developer or local land owner

Local business owner

Agent, acting on behalf of a land owner

Other (please specify) _____

4. How would you like to see the village/parish change or improve in the future? Please list your top 3 priorities below:

Priority 1 _____

Priority 2 _____

Priority 3 _____

5. Do you think there should be housing growth outside the development envelope on the edge of Fordham?

Please choose one of the following options:

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Other (please provide details)

6. If there is support for housing growth on the edge of Fordham in the next 20 years, where should this take place? Please provide location and name of land owner (if known)

7. Would you like to see more opportunities for small businesses in the parish?

yes

no

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Improvements to pedestrian/cycle routes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improvements to the community/village hall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other, please specify	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. Please use this space to make any other comments:

Completed questionnaires should be returned by 25th January 2012 to: Forward Planning Team, East Cambridgeshire District Council, The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely, CB7 4EE, or you can submit your response online via <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/fordhamvision>. There will be a further opportunity to make comments on the draft Vision, which we hope to publish in late Spring 2012. If you have any questions please call Forward Planning on 01353 665555. Any information that you will provide will be used for the purpose of the Core Strategy, and processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act.

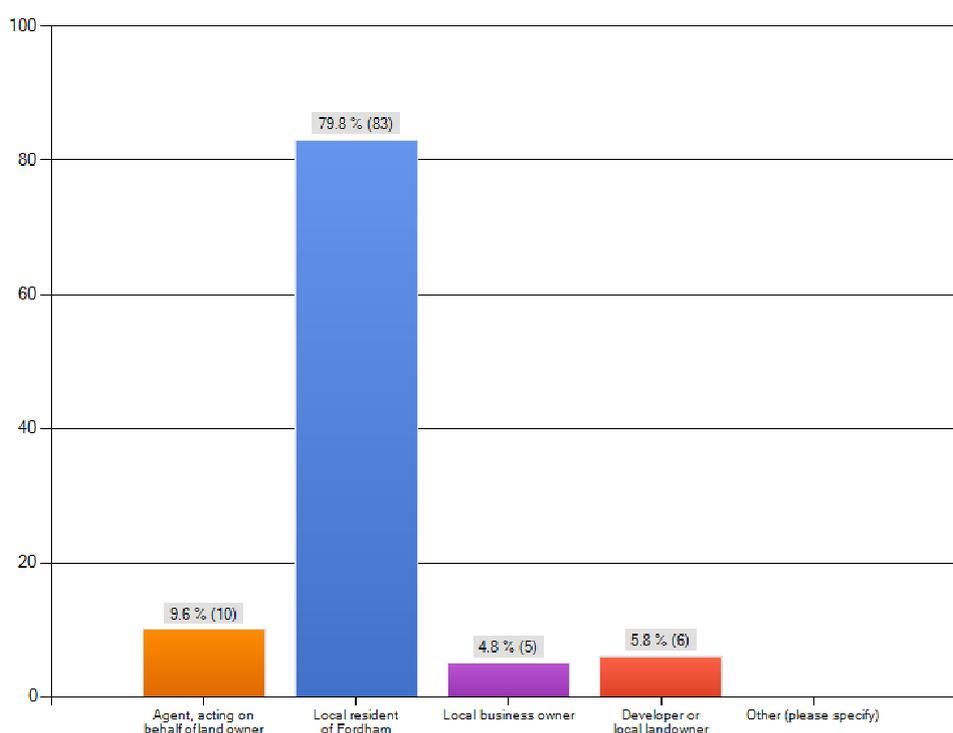
Fordham Village Vision Questionnaire Results

Key facts:

Consultation period:	August 2011 and January 2012
Total responses:	104
Number of dwellings:	1150
Response rate:	7% (residents only)

Summary of Results

Q3. Please indicate your main interest in the development of Fordham



A total of 104 people responded to this question, with 79.8% of respondents stating that their main interest in the development of Fordham was as a local resident. 15.4% of the responses were received from agents and landowners, with 4.8% from local business owners.

Q4. How would you like to see the village/parish change or improve in the future? Please list your top 3 priorities below:

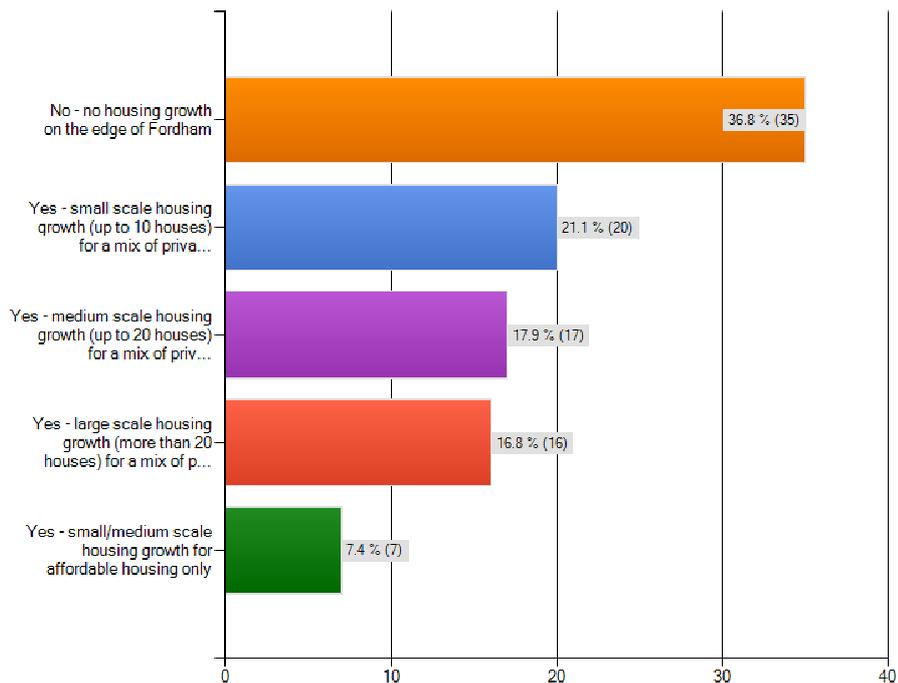
A total of 98 people responded to this question. Key priorities identified by the respondents included:

- Fewer executive homes
- Garages on new homes to be large enough for a car
- New housing developments to provide an activity area for children
- All new homes to provide off-road parking for two cars
- More school places/bigger school (21 people)
- Reduce school class sizes (2 people)
- Reclassify Fordham as a Key Service Centre
- Allow large scale residential development
- More/new employment opportunities (5 people)
- Restrict industrial development to retain rural village
- Opportunity to build some larger dwellings on the edge of the village

- More drama/sports/club activities at Victoria Hall (2 people)
- Encourage greater use of village hall
- Allow only a maximum of 5 houses in a development
- More amenities for young people (6 people)
- Improvements to play areas/equipment (for all ages) (17 people)
- More sports facilities on the recreation ground (10 people)
- Swimming pool
- New sports pavilion/centre (7 people)
- Development of local interests and facilities
- Residents to take responsibility for roadside litter/rubbish dumped in green spaces (4 people)
- Better collections of rubbish/recycling (3 people)
- Fines for people who don't pick up dog mess
- Improvements to appearance of village
- Maintain/expand inner core/green spaces (9 people)
- Continued protection for open space by river and 'key' heritage trees
- Protection for the allotments (2 people)
- Extend Fordham woods by planting more trees
- Re-open railway station (7 people)
- Improved public transport - especially for students travelling into Cambridge (9 people)
- Footpaths levelled for use by scooters
- Lighting on main paths (2 people)
- More shops (2 people)
- Road link – Fordham/Cambridge
- Restrict new housing – too many in the village already
- Remove road humps that do more harm than good
- More affordable housing (9 people)
- More low-cost housing (not affordable) (3 people)
- Not providing homes for unemployed outsiders
- Affordable housing for people with family connections in the village
- More affordable housing for elderly
- Road improvements
- Ensure that infrastructure and services keep pace with development
- Better drainage in Mill Lane
- Diversion of heavy goods vehicles from east side of village cutting through the village (4 people)
- Minimal changes to the village environment
- More cycle paths, particularly from Burwell through to Cambridge (3 people)
- Increased police presence/reaction to vandalism (3 people)
- Improvements to existing housing
- Better quality resurfacing of minor roads e.g. Trinity Close
- Cycle paths to be separated from the footpaths along Mildenhall Road
- Stop lorries using Carter Street as a rat run (3 people)
- Parking on one side of Carter Street to relieve congestion
- Reduced speed limit through village (2 people)
- Reduce speed limit through Carter Street (4 people)
- Reduction in quantity and speed of traffic (especially through the centre of the village) and on Mildenhall and Isleham Road (2 people)
- Traffic calming from church to garage
- 30 mph speed limit all the way up the Mildenhall Road
- Reduction of traffic in River Lane – bridge inadequate for HGV's
- Better management of speeding, particularly River Lane
- Better road safety provision – particularly around the school junction, on Collins Hill and through the centre of Fordham (8 people)
- Improve road safety between the Church and the Crown Pub
- Parking issues, especially Mill Lane

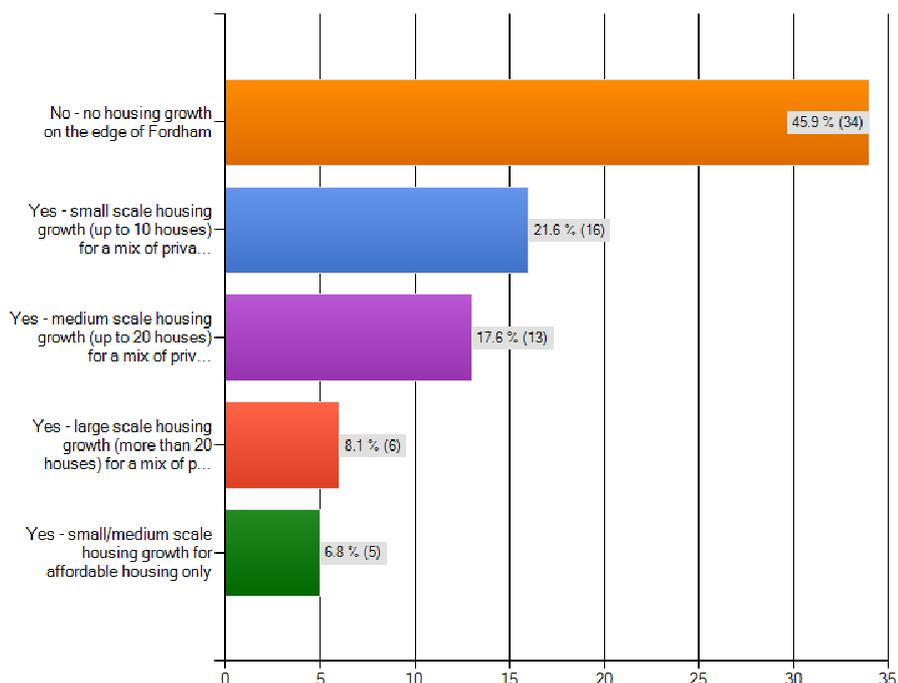
- Introduction of wheelie bins
- More housing to enhance and preserve village services (9 people)
- Large housing development (2 people)
- Remove development envelope to enable all previously developed land to be considered for new development
- Identify land suitable for new development
- No more housing/change (5 people)
- A more relaxed attitude on building regulations – let us have our say and vote on it
- Development of a village centre via a small number of shops/businesses (2 people)
- More facilities: doctor, dentist, Post Office, chemist. Greengrocer, chip shop (22 people)
- Open a community café in the centre of the village
- Community energy project e.g. wind turbine, solar panels. Income could support community activities
- More community cohesion/spirit (3 people)
- More village events (beer festivals/family events) (2 people)
- Residential development on land off Harry Palmer Close
- Continuation of non development land in village centre
- Maintenance and improvement of community facilities (3 people)
- Encourage more facilities/services for residents
- Not expand too much or too quickly
- Minimise development to that which is absolutely necessary
- Some development linking Mildenhall Road residents with the rest of the village
- Establishment of neighbourhood watch
- Better maintenance of public footpaths and the Adoption and Maintenance of Un-adopted Roads (4 people)
- Footpaths to be cleaned regularly and have lighting
- Hedges in Mildenhall Road to be cut back and the rubbish cleared
- Retain existing character/identity (4 people)
- Prevent Fordham changing into a commuter village for Cambridge
- Improvements to the community/village hall (2 people)
- Improve existing infrastructure – inadequate for existing housing – drainage problem on Carter Street/ Murfitts Lane
- No development link with Soham
- More Parish Council control of a clearly defined development plan
- All residents keeping their gardens in good order
- Better broadband speeds

Q5. Do you think there should be housing growth outside the development envelope on the edge of Fordham? Please choose one of the following options:



A total of 95 people responded to this question, with 9 people choosing not to answer. The majority of people were in favour of growth (63.2%) with respondents favouring small scale housing growth (21.1%) over medium scale (17.9%), large scale (16.8%) and affordable housing only (7.4%) developments. Approximately 37% of the respondents did not want to see any housing growth take place outside the development envelope in Fordham.

When analysing responses just from local residents (74 people), 54.1% were in support of housing growth on the edge of Fordham, with 45.9% against. Of the residents who were in support of growth, most support was given to small scale housing growth (21.6%). A separate graph of these results is shown below.



Q.6 If there is support for housing growth on the edge of Fordham in the next 20 years, where should this take place? Please provide location and name of landowner (if known):

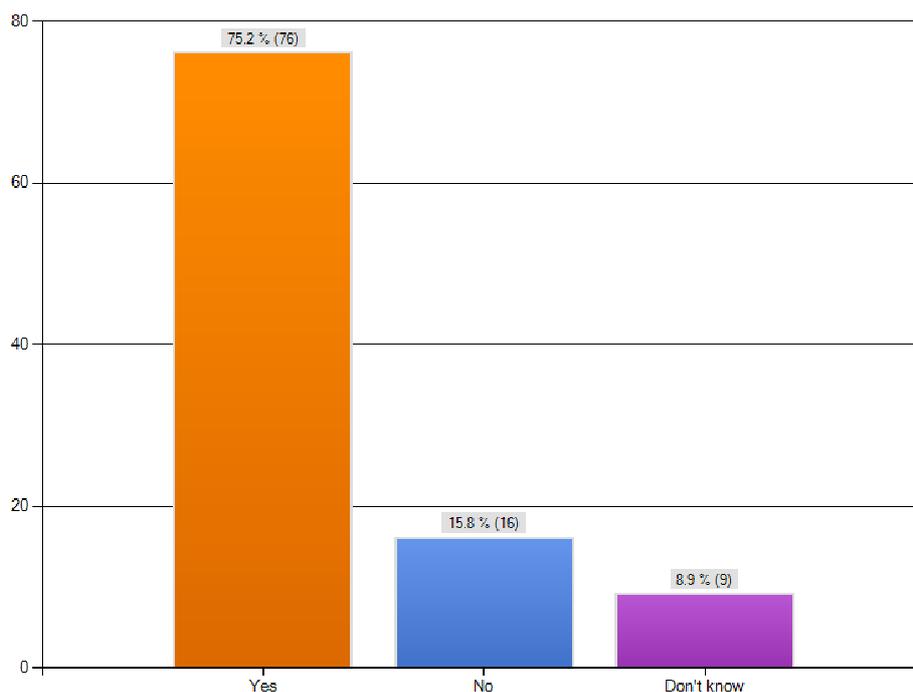
A total of 51 people responded to this question with the following locations suggested:

- Field next to Clover Antiques to join up with new development there (3 comments)
- Land east of Stewards Field
- Land north of Stewards Field
- Land rear of 21-23 Ironbridge Path (Housing)
- Land north of 40 Newmarket Road (Employment)
- Land rear of Fordham Garden Centre
- Land at 5 Station Road
- South of Mildenhall Road (2 comments)
- Mildenhall Road (4 comments)
 - Land fronting Murfitts Lane opposite housing
 - Fill-in gaps
 - Parish Council land
 - Land at 68 Mildenhall Road
- East of Newmarket Road (4 comments)
- Soham Road (3 comments)
 - Coming up from Sharmans Road and turning right to Soham
 - Land rear of 5 Soham Road
- Isleham Road – north of the school (4 comments)
- Land on the edge of Fordham towards Soham
- Land opposite Simpsons Garden Centre
- Land off the old A142 Soham Road (3 comments)
- Land off Harry Palmer Close (2 people)
- Market Street
 - Between Market Street and the bypass, but limited in size (2 comments)
- Between the village and the bypass i.e. Station Road to Soham Road (7 comments)
 - Land between 16-18 Station Road
 - Land east of 56 Station Road
- Develop on fenland north of the village
- Along existing main roads – Soham Road, Mildenhall Road, Burwell Road, Isleham Road (2 comments)
- Land east of Carter Street (2 people)
 - Land rear of Grove Park
 - Land east of 230b Carter Street
- Land rear of 90 - 94 Carter Street
- Field opposite haulage yard on Mildenhall Road
- At the haulage yard on Isleham Road
- Land between Fordham and Soham
- Between Fordham, Mildenhall or Chippenham
- Not beyond the western (Soham) boundary
- Towards Burwell
- Small development to the left of Church Street, coming in from Market Street
- Land to the east of Collins Hill/South of Mildenhall Road
- Land at Fordham Abbey (mixed use)
- Land at River Lane

Other comments received included:

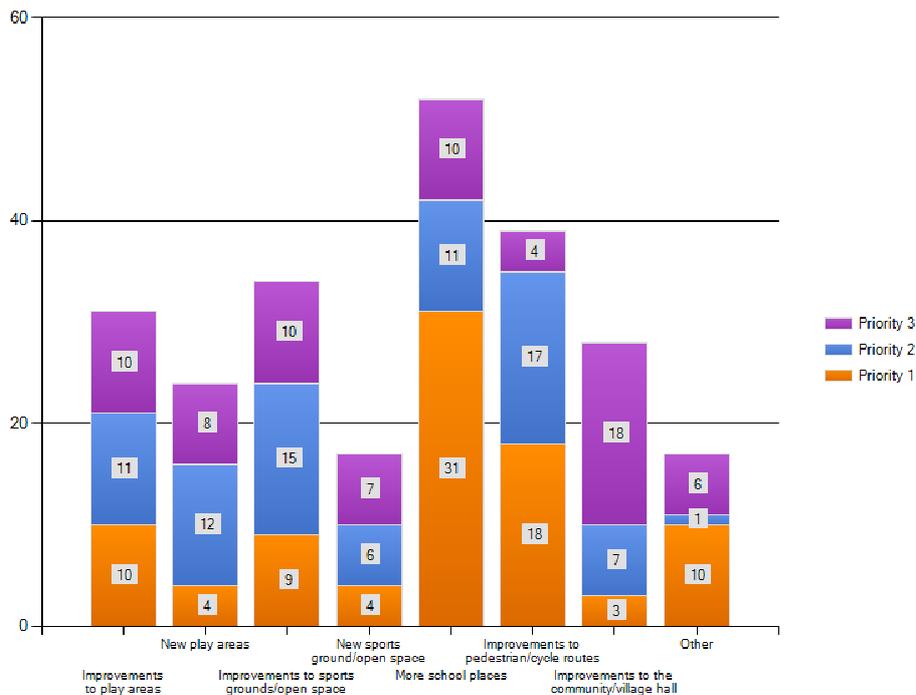
- I will not answer this as I believe the information can be used to put pressure on local landowners to sell their land for new build
- Infill development only (2 comments)
- I do not support any housing growth in Fordham
- If Fordham grows too big it will lose its character
- No No No
- Not supported

Q7. Would you like to see more opportunities for small businesses in the village/parish? (e.g. offices, industrial units, workshops).



A total of 101 people responded to this question, with three people choosing not to answer. The majority of respondents (75.2%) were in support of seeing further opportunities for small businesses in the village/parish.

Q8. The District Council can secure funds from developers to spend on improving local infrastructure and facilities. If new development comes forward in the village, what benefits would you like to see? Please select your top 3 priorities from the list:



A total of 89 people responded to this question, with 15 people choosing not to answer. Overall, the need for more school places (52 rankings) scored most highly, followed by improvements to pedestrian/cycle routes (39 rankings) and improvements to sports/ground/open space (34 rankings).

Other infrastructure priorities suggested included:

- Reduced speed limits
- A village wind power project and car sharing scheme
- Car-sharing schemes
- Affordable and specialist housing for special needs groups
- Specific investment and support for teenagers (sports facilities, youth clubs, under 18 discos etc)
- More parks, gardens and woodland walks
- Re-opening of Fordham/Soham Station
- Swimming pool
- New cricket pavilion
- Childminding/play group for working mothers
- More car spaces
- Improve restricted access areas
- Delete road bump on Fordham/Soham Road north of the mini roundabout
- Reduction of speed limits to 20mph or 30 mph in all of the village where paths are narrow and close to fast traffic
- Teenagers area to be moved to other side of the Pavilion
- New sports pavilion and facilities
- More shops and facilities - parking, Post Office and Doctors Surgery (3 comments)
- More police presence
- Better rail links into Cambridge/Ely
- No more traffic on Carter Street
- Sufficient off-road parking (up to 3 spaces for new developments)
- Access to the countryside (tracks for walking and riding)
- Recycling bins provided by Council for rubbish collection at home
- Should be wary when developers offer inducements

Q9. Please use this space to make any other comments:

- Why develop Fordham? Let it grow organically! It is a village, let it stay a village! Look what developers have done to Burwell, Soham and Ely! In 20 years time will villages be extinct?
- Target householders who leave rubbish on view between their homes and on roads/footpaths
- As other measures to reduce traffic speed are in the place, the addition of a further 'gate' between Murfitts Lane and Bush Pastures going out of the village could help reduce the speed. Why are there streetlights between Bush Pastures and Soham Road? They are totally unnecessary, a waste of energy, and increase carbon emissions.
- I would prefer the village to retain its rural identity - concerned over problems that can be associated with some families in social housing
- If Soham Town Council is successful in opening its railway station than Fordham should re-open its station
- Need to slow down traffic through the village and Mildenhall Road.
- Bigger co-op like Isleham or Burwell - Fordham's is too small. Crossing Carter Street/Church Street at 8.45/3.15 needs some type of safe crossing. Play area - its old/out of date/baby swing too low and should be moved away from the skate park. Make it bigger and more modern.
- The school and pre-school are full to capacity and still they build more family housing, where are the children to go? They need to enlarge the school.
- I feel the village needs more floral areas and benches for social and resting areas, so you look around and be proud of the village.
- A safe crossing for children going to school/play area as in 'Isleham'. This seems to work well, calming traffic and safer for all using both areas.
- No back garden developments - it is asking for trouble.
- In the last 5-10 years all the young members of my family have married and started families of their own and have all moved out of the village to find affordable housing.
- Road conditions around the Co-op are too restricted when 40-ton trucks negotiate the parked cars and tight bends.
- Please leave River Lane - Iron Bridge and New Path as it is now - retain this lovely area
- Fordham is a first class village with an excellent community spirit that needs to be preserved as a priority, alongside any development proposals.
- We are pleased to see improvements to the Victoria Hall.
- This is a really hard village to build a life in at the moment unless you are from the area. We have lived here 4 years and having two preschool children have found it nearly impossible to integrate into village life, partly because the village is so spread out with no heart to it and partly because the play areas are so poor (unsafe and either too big or small). We live on the outskirts and rarely find out

about anything happening despite using the local shops etc. Please help this be a welcoming community to live in.

- This is a pleasant small community in a rural area, which needs to be maintained. The existing road infrastructure is unable to take the current level of traffic even with the by-pass.
- Hire someone to pick-up the rubbish.
- I think more small businesses would be welcome, but not large industrial sites. I am dismayed that any improvements to local infrastructure seem to focus only on things to benefit primarily children. Sports areas and the village hall can be used by all ages, of course, but more school places and play areas seem to benefit only one segment of the population (and their parents). I find this community to be very nice, with friendly people - I wouldn't want to see it changed very much. More effort to be made to stop people throwing rubbish. A dog-poop bin at the back gate to the sports field would be useful. (There are 2 on the car park side.) Some people seem to think that picking up the mess and leaving the bags at the gate is sufficient.
- Fordham cannot support any more housing developments. Already the roads are too busy and the school is over subscribed. Developing infrastructure will destroy all the benefits that Fordham currently offers and it will be little more than a suburb. Increasing the number of school places will ruin the small, caring and high achieving school. We need to protect the green spaces. I would support small scale, sympathetic business premises - small workshops or office space but with the emphasis on small - not an industrial estate.
- What Fordham needs most of all is better public transport. Reopening the local train station so people have a REAL choice about getting into Cambridge. I have to drive to work because I work until 7pm and the last bus is 6.30pm - no choice whatsoever.
- Fordham should encourage appropriate small businesses, but not waste disposal plants (e.g. Station Road plant)
- More and more young people of the village have to move away to get affordable homes, leaving older people and people with large mortgages that cannot afford to go out. This is leaving the village like a ghost town in the week as most work in the city.
- Fordham has many long straight roads and we need more speed calming measures, as it is clear that the speed limits are simply not observed. The village cannot support any large developments, as we do not have an infrastructure to cope with such alarming growth. More people would use sustainable forms of transport if we could improve the cycle paths particularly on the Burwell Road.
- Heavy vehicles and fast traffic use the village as a through route, walking in the village means walking very close to vehicles without much protection, a reduction in speed limits to 20mph in most of the built up areas and also the provision of much needed pedestrian crossings would help to slow the traffic and ensure that pedestrians feel safer.
- Why the emphasis on children to Q8? And why not give us more options, especially as we have an ageing population with more people over 60 than under? This question, again, is nonsense and I believe this survey is seriously skewed to give answers for which plans are already in place and for which the DC can say, 'You asked for this; we are delivering'. And, as this is the only space available for general comment (there should be a box at the end for final comments), I am adding the following: - I cannot answer Q11 properly as I am

retired AND a full-time student at Cambridge University. You do not allow for the facility to tick two boxes here, - Q6 is an unpleasant question and I refuse to answer it, - re. Q7, I do not support the new development for small businesses. I DO support the idea of renovation and refurbishment for small businesses and this should be the priority, - I will not answer Qs 13 or 14, which I find intrusive.

- I love living in Fordham as it has a close community spirit. I feel that if we keep building on every patch of green belt, we will lose that and the open space that moved us here in the first place.
- I would like to see improvements to existing buildings within the village, not a new village cluttered with cheap housing, Fordham is a wonderful old village with a great history that needs to be preserved.
- Fordham is a very pleasant, compact village. We do not need large developments. We do need a PO and more shops, especially if there is more housing to come.
- We already have an excellent village hall, with plenty of parking and an excellent sports field for football, cricket, bowling green, tennis and children's play area. There are 3 excellent large greens in Trinity close, and in the 25 years we have lived here we have never seen children playing on them.
- Have lived in Fordham for 50 years - it would be lovely to see more families stay in the village. Our younger children cannot afford houses that have recently been built. Help them please.
- Any new opportunities for small businesses within the parish should take place within the development envelope.
- Strong action should be taken to reduce the amount of dog fouling.
- Appalling map! Where is the river Snail? I thought Ordnance Survey could do better.
- Affordable homes for use of local families, which may encourage small businesses to stay in village. Extension of existing homes should face more restrictions. New play areas in Newport Avenue area. Bus should serve Newport Avenue area.
- It is IMPOSSIBLE to cycle or walk far safely, particularly with young children. The footpaths are a great network but not maintained enough. Would be nice to be able to cycle to Newmarket, Isleham, Chippenham or Freckenham safely
- Carter Street is a nightmare as it is at the moment, we have the garage who park their customers vehicles on the road during the day, we have white lines across our driveways, but when there are high sided vehicles parked either side of it, it is impossible to see any oncoming traffic when trying to exit the drive. Then there are so many huge lorries that come through, we thought the bypass would help however the opposite is true and it seems the A142 is quieter than Carter Street, which is why any future development would be better opposite the current development on the A142 than anywhere the centre of the village.
- Keep any residential development to within the current development envelope, do not make the same mistakes as other villages have made in supporting large scale residential development which would ruin the nature and character of our village. Maintain existing open spaces, be aware that the land south of the River Snail floods regularly and is shown in the Environment Agency's flood plain maps Improve parking down Mill Lane - it will not be long before

ambulance/fire services cannot get access because of congested parking along this road

- When applying to the Council for 106 monies to aid the development of a sports facility at the local school it was said no money was available as no social housing was being considered in Fordham - so what are the houses that are currently being completed? It makes a mockery of the council and proves that whatever residents say or do will have little effect so this survey is probably a formality rather than really finding out what residents think/feel about their village.
- Fordham is a very pretty and hugely popular village - we should not make the same mistakes that other villages have made by opting for large-scale development that ruins the nature and the character of the village. It would be too easy to look at the open spaces that are potentially available, particularly in the middle of the village, for development, however such 'infill' would be disastrous in the long term. Land south of the River Snail is regularly prone to flooding and falls outside of the development envelope for this very reason.
- Something needs to be done about parking on Mill Lane - it is entirely likely that at some stage there will be an emergency and ambulance/fire services in particular will be unable to get through due to sheer volume of traffic parked along the road at any one time
- Business units to support local business, providing/keeping local work.
- I think the school is overcrowded and not enough space to expand
- Fordham is a good village community, but needs opportunities for born and bread young families to be able to buy housing within the village.
- Integration of the fragmented areas needs to happen through sensitive development and facilities.
- Do not want any more housing - schools, transport, parking would not be able to cope. We have no village doctor. We would like our village to remain a village thanks.
- Keep Fordham, Fordham.
- Fordham should not grow too large
- In order to improve the general environment of Fordham we need to reduce the amount of litter on the roads. Much of this comes from the black sacks that are ripped open by wild & domestic animals and the recycling boxes that contain paper that is scattered by the wind & operatives. The introduction of wheeled bins for domestic refuse and recycling would remove much of this unpleasant mess.
- As far as I am aware the Parish Council has not arranged for a meeting to explore these issues with local residents, I do not know why but it would have been more productive I suspect especially if it had been well facilitated. Perhaps in the future they could be asked to do this. I am sure that there are a number of people in the village with facilitation skills who could have been called upon to help.
- We have lived in Fordham for 26 years; we love it here, so we are hoping to stay.
- At an earlier stage, Fordham was to have been classed as a Key Service Centre, which we consider is appropriate. However, Fordham was subsequently downgraded to a Limited Services Centre, despite possessing facilities on a par

with some of the designated Key Service Centres. We consider that Fordham has an essential role to play in the provision of jobs and housing to meet local needs. Existing local facilities must be supported by a minimum quantum/critical mass of economically active resident population. We therefore propose additional, appropriately located and sensitively designed housing and employment development to ensure the retention, and indeed improvement, of local facilities and services. There is underused, previously developed land in and around Fordham that is appropriate for additional development, both within and adjacent to the current development envelope.

- Would like to see more speed restrictions i.e. minimum of 30 through the whole village and/or minimums of 20 in the centre of the village as in some Norfolk villages - with possibly traffic calming through the main streets i.e. Mildenhall Road/Church Street/top of Carter Street. Interactive lights to warn vehicles they are exceeding the limits. Ban of HGV's would make a great difference
- I would like to see Fordham take up some energy saving initiatives for which there are grants under the Low Cost Carbon Scheme and which could help to reduce the costs of some of items below (see Reepham in Norfolk). Fordham should keep its village community, which is very strong, and the over-development of housing damage this.
- This is a pleasant working village with a reasonable range of facilities for its size, but it is badly affected by through traffic, much of which seems determined to go through as quickly as possible, irrespective of the school, children crossing or parked vehicles. There are too many heavy vehicles, unconnected with local businesses, apparently blindly following Sat Navs.
- Fordham seems to have some facilities for young children and families and some for older people (e.g. bowls club, the legion etc) but very little for teenagers. More thought needs to be put into offering community facilities for this group too.

Fordham wants limited growth...



EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE
DISTRICT COUNCIL

The District Council carried out consultation with residents of Fordham in July 2011 and January 2012 to find out their views on how the village should change over the next 20 years.

Of those who responded, 63% called for some new housing development on the edge of the village, outside the current development envelope.

How much growth?

Small-scale housing growth – up to 10 dwellings for a mix of private and affordable homes – was the most popular choice in the survey.



Where will the new housing be located?

The Parish Council and District Council have agreed a range of site options - **we now need your views on these sites.**

Please answer our short survey. The consultation will take place between **1st – 21st May 2012.**

Your comments

Questionnaires can be completed and returned by the following methods:

- Online: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/fordhamoptions>
- By post: Forward Planning, East Cambridgeshire District Council, The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely, CB7 4EE
- In person: at the following locations:
 - Fordham Primary School
 - Fordham Co-Op
 - Carter Street Garage

Your comments will help us to decide which site will be allocated in the new Local Plan for East Cambridgeshire, which will be published in the Autumn.

Fordham Vision - Sites Survey

Fordham wants limited growth...

The District Council is preparing a new Local Plan for East Cambridgeshire. This plan will include a long-term 'Vision' for Fordham which will set out how it should develop over the next 20 years. The Vision will be used to guide decisions on future development and planning applications and will help ensure that key infrastructure and facilities are provided and improved.

The Fordham Village Vision survey carried out in July 2011 and January 2012 revealed support for small-scale housing growth (up to 10 dwellings) on the edge of the village for a mix of general market and affordable housing.

We need your views

We need your views on where this housing growth could be located.

How do I comment?

Please let us have your views by answering the questions below. Comments should be made by 21st May 2012. You can submit your response online via <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/fordhamoptions> or you can return this completed questionnaire by post to: **Forward Planning Team, East Cambs District Council, The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely, CB7 4EE**. There will be a further opportunity to make comments on the draft Vision, which we hope to publish in Autumn 2012. If you have any questions please call Forward Planning on 01353 665555.

Any information that you provide will be used for the purpose of the East Cambridgeshire Local Plan, and processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act.

1. Please provide your details:

Name:	<input type="text"/>
Address 1:	<input type="text"/>
Address 2:	<input type="text"/>
Town/City:	<input type="text"/>
County:	<input type="text"/>
Postcode:	<input type="text"/>
Email Address:	<input type="text"/>
Phone Number:	<input type="text"/>

2. Please select whether you would like your details to be added to our database, in order to be notified of key stages of production of the Local Plan:

- Yes No

3. Do you support the approach to housing growth that was favoured in the previous surveys (i.e. small - scale growth (up to 10 dwellings) outside the development envelope - for a mix of private and affordable dwellings)?

- Yes Don't know
 No

If you answered no to this question, can you specify what your preferred option would be?

4. Would you support small-scale development in the following locations? Based on the results of this survey, a site could be allocated to deliver up to 10 dwellings on the edge of the village.

A map of the potential sites can be found at the back of this survey.

	Yes - I support new housing here	No - I do not support new housing here
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Land off Harry Palmer Close	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Land north of Fordham Garden Centre	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Land between 16-18 Station Road	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Land at 5 Station Road	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Land rear of 184 Carter Street	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Land north of 26 Isleham Road	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Land adjoining 24 Mildenhall Road	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Land at 78 Mildenhall Road	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Land between 110 - 118 Mildenhall Road	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Land between 67 - 115 Mildenhall Road	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Land adjacent The Pines, Mildenhall Road	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Land north of 19 Collins Hill	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Land south of 36 Newmarket Road	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Land east of Newmarket Road	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

5. Do you know of any other sites on the edge of the village that should be considered for housing?

6. Please use this space to make any additional comments

Monitoring Information (Optional)

It would be useful if you could please provide the following information about yourself:

7. Sex

- Male Female

8. Status

- Employee Unemployed Student
 Self-employed Homeworker Retired

9. Age

- 0-16 years 40-49 75-84
 17-24 50-59 85+
 25-39 60-74

10. Ethnic origin

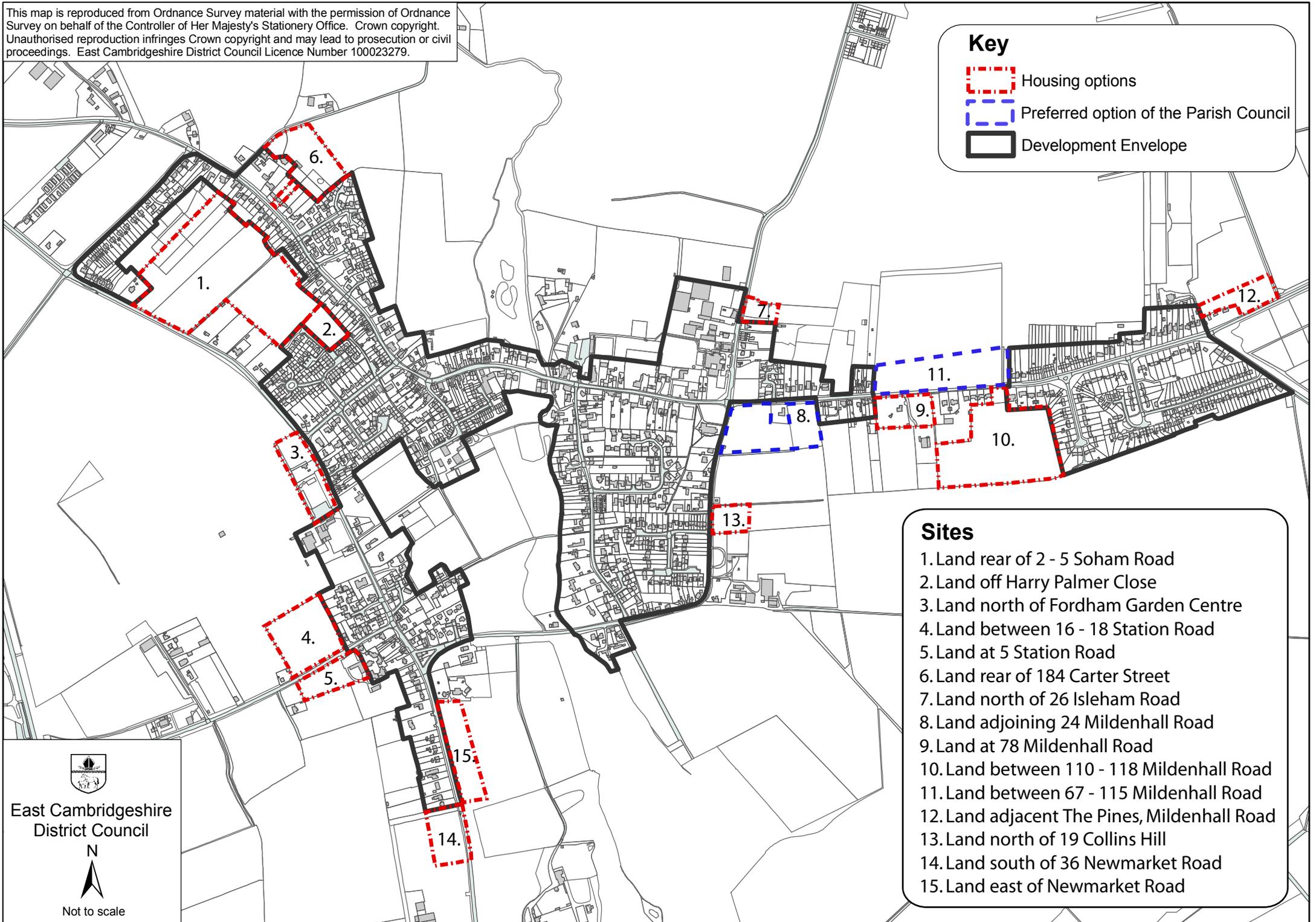
- White British Chinese Caribbean
 White Irish Indian Other black background
 Other white background Pakistani Other ethnic group
 Gypsy / Traveller Other Asian background
 Mixed ethnicity African

11. Under the Disability Discrimination Act a person has a disability if he/she 'has a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term effect on his/her ability to carry out normal day to day activities.' Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

- Yes No

Thank you for your help.

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Key

-  Housing options
-  Preferred option of the Parish Council
-  Development Envelope

Sites

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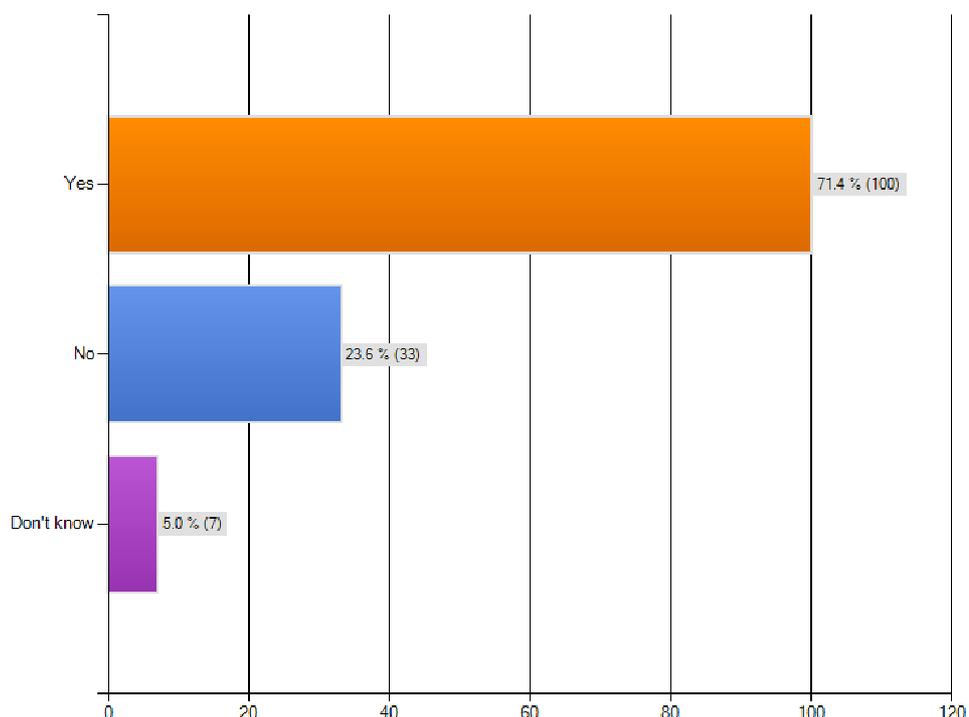
Fordham Village Vision Options Results

Key facts:

Consultation period:	1 st May – 21 st May 2012
Total responses:	145
Number of dwellings:	1150
Response rate:	9%

Summary of Results

Q3. Do you support the approach to housing growth that was favoured in the previous surveys (i.e. small - scale growth (up to 10 dwellings) outside the development envelope - for a mix of private and affordable dwellings)?



A total of 140 people responded to this question, with the majority (71.4%) in favour of the approach proposed from the previous surveys (i.e. small-scale growth for up to 10 dwellings).

From the respondents who disagreed, the following alternative approaches were suggested:

- Development needs to be small scale but within the development envelope - unless linking up Mildenhall Road houses which appear to be a separate hamlet - Fordham needs to maintain village status - which is what attracts new property buyers in the first place!
- No housing growth at all. It will spoil the character of the village and increase traffic to a dangerous degree.
- As stated on the previous survey, we feel there has already been too much development in the village already.
- Build more than 10 as village could house more young people.
- Up to 20 dwellings if carefully designed to be in character with the surroundings

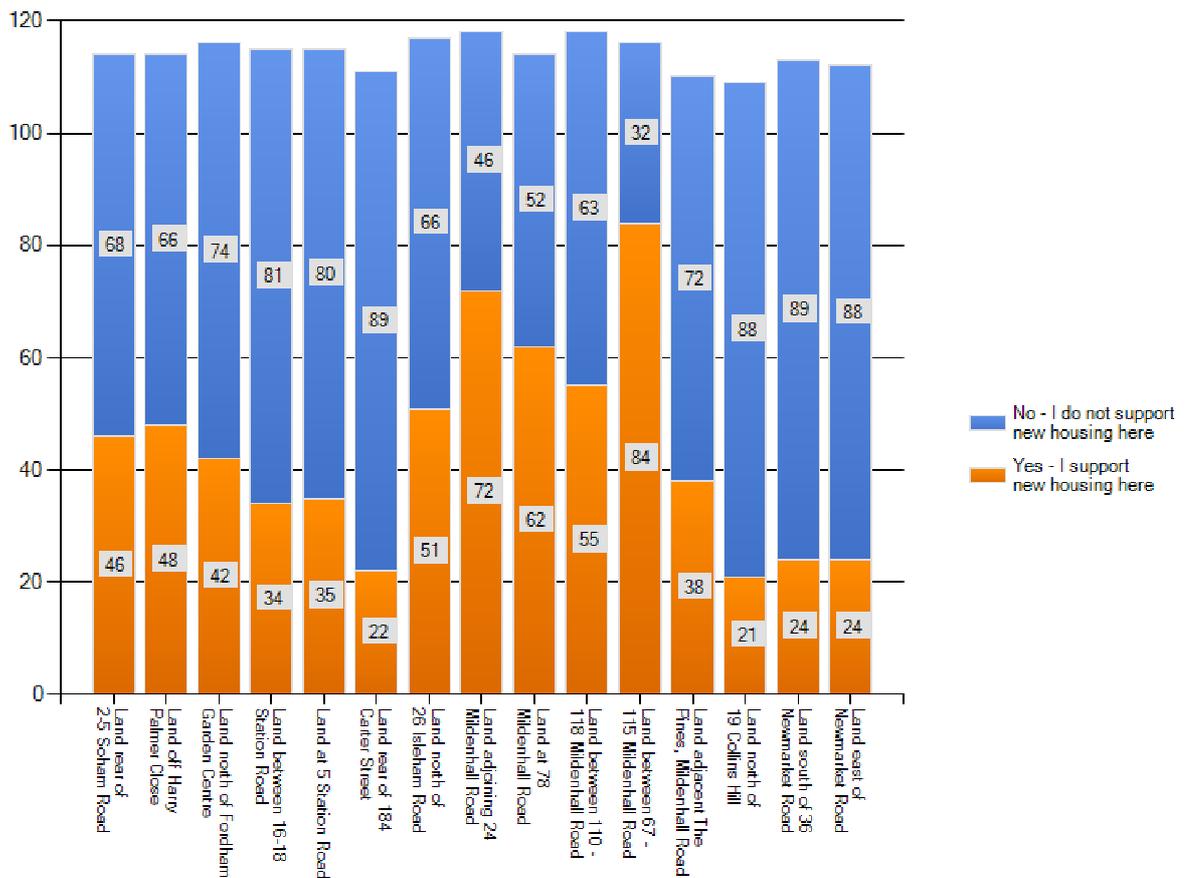
- Development within village envelope scheme possible i.e. infilling and backland
- Up to 5 dwellings of private and affordable
- I feel that Fordham has recently expanded to a large enough size and feel that there are several other smaller villages that should be expanded before Fordham. i.e. Wicken
- Would prefer to be within the development envelope, regardless of small scale or not. Although parts of the development envelope look somewhat arbitrary/inane to me.
- We do not support the level of growth previously suggested in limiting growth on the edge of the village to small-scale housing growth of up to 10 dwellings. It is considered that this is an arbitrary limit on the scale of growth within the village, which has no correlation with the scale of housing need, the level of service provision within the village or the capacity of potentially suitable sites. We consider that no arbitrary limits should be set on the scale of housing development for individual sites and that potential sites should be considered on a case by case having regard to their capacity and overall sustainability credentials as well as the wider settlement hierarchy and growth strategy for the District.
- Growth within the development envelope
- Not more than 10 dwellings
- No further development until the school and basic infrastructure i.e. sewage system, water supply etc are expanded to cope with the future demand.
- Already too much traffic going through the village.
- More housing for the younger people of the village in a price range they can afford. No to any town houses or houses of 5 & 6 bedrooms.
- I think that any housing growth outside of the current envelope should only consist of affordable / social housing. If areas 8 and 11, (the Parish Councils preferred options), were used for this purpose then it is clearly the case that both sites could easily accommodate more than ten dwellings. If the intention of the Parish Council is to enable Fordham residents, both young and old, and who are on low incomes, to remain in the village, then the figure of ten dwellings in total is clearly ridiculously inadequate. Harry Palmer Close and Stewards Field occupy an area that is not much greater than that of either area 8 or 11, and yet between them they accommodate nearly 30 separate dwellings.
- Only permitting the construction of 10 dwellings, whether private, affordable or a mix of both would only be a pointless token gesture. It would only lead to a very small increase in the total population of the village and in the long term would not prevent Fordham from becoming just one more of the increasing number of commuter villages that surround Cambridge, Ely, Newmarket and Soham.
- Start a new village elsewhere rather than overcrowd us as our village is too small to support a greater number of people and traffic. Spend more money on Soham to make it a nicer place instead of making our village -a nice place-worse.
- There are still lots of areas inside the development envelope.
- No development, as I would fear extension of these sites in the future
- Fordham is a parish that has and is still enjoying business and commercial growth. The need to provide market and affordable dwellings is in high demand due to this growth. As only 7% of residents responded to the recent questionnaire it may help if a similar questionnaire could be carried out asking the people who are travelling into the area who are employed by local businesses, if they would like to live in Fordham if given the opportunity.
- I would like to see more than 10 dwellings, and not in filling gardens making them small houses and most times only packing for one car per house, that puts more cars parked on pathway as we see in other towns and villages.
- Inside the development envelope

- I think that Fordham could support more than 10 extra dwellings. I also think that Fordham would benefit from some more housing/sheltered housing for single/older people.
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- Infill areas within the village.
- On the whole some development may be beneficial, but Fordham needs to be kept small to retain its character.

Other comments received included:

- Recently developed affordable housing was not by any means taken by local village people.
- The local school does not have the capacity to be able to take more children it is not big enough. I do not believe that the affordable houses that have gone up in rule gardens have been kept for local people from the village or with a strong connection will this be the case for the new houses? That is why the planning was passed as the houses are for local people. I don't think that the village as a whole can cope with the scale of developments suggested.
- The village amenities are already under strain without adding more housing

Q4. Would you support small-scale development in the following locations? Based on the results of this survey, a site could be allocated to deliver up to 10 dwellings on the edge of the village.



A total of 133 people responded to this question. Of the sites proposed, Land between 67 – 115 Mildenhall Road received the highest levels of support (84% of respondents), followed by Land adjoining 24 Mildenhall Road (72% of respondents) and Land at 78 Mildenhall Road (62% of respondents).

None of the other sites proposed received significant levels of support, with a higher percentage of respondents against new housing in these areas.

Q5. Do you know of any other sites on the edge of the village that should be considered for housing?

- Land adjoining option 1- towards Soham and adjoining option 2.
- No. 1 Soham Road (and land adjoining 2 Soham Road)
- Land behind the new development, Rules Garden. Which on your site options map is not included. This would be an ideal site for future development as the infrastructure is already in place and there is access on to Carter Street. Open space has been provided for the area, good bus route with bus stops to Newmarket and Soham, cycle path to Soham with well lit roads and access to the village from Carter Street
- Land near 19 Station Road (6.7 acres)
- Land next to 5 Station Road
- Land North of River Lane, adjacent to other modern development at least close seems as good as anywhere in the village.
- Land between the old railway station and the Fordham by-pass.
- Land at 44 Mildenhall Road
- Land to north of river lane
- The old scrap yard, which used to be run by Rodney Count.

Of the other areas proposed, only land at 44 Mildenhall Road falls in the vicinity of the preferred areas, however with only a narrow frontage, the site would require backland development to provide 10 dwellings at a density appropriate to this area of the village.

Other comments received included:

- Along Mildenhall Road would be ideal to join the village together. Know it is not in the building envelope but this seems ridiculous as it seems a perfect place for growth if we have to have any at all. Am very concerned on the impact of this growth on an already crowded school.
- We do not feel competent to suggest other sites because the quality of life of those living nearby may be affected.
- I am surprised that more land on the Isleham Road has not been put forward given its proximity to the school, public transport and shops. Some development could take place here without detriment to the landscape and existing businesses.
- No further development until infrastructure issues addressed
- If property developers wish to develop land for profit, then there is already a planning process in place that they are very adept at using to their own advantage. They certainly do not need any help with the identification of potential sites. Usually it is the case that developers have to be restrained from trying to cram the absolute maximum number of dwellings onto a site so as to maximise their profits.
- I would support a development with option 1, 2 and my land as this would connect Soham Rd and Murfitts Lane and Carter Street with the rest of the village.
- I would like to see more built next to the new house's on Soham/Fordham road, use the whole field, this site has better access out of the village to Newmarket and Soham/Ely, and you could make a foot path though to Carter street or Sharmans lane for access to the shops and school. And building there would have the least impact on the Village.

Q6. Please use this space to make any additional comments

- Option 1 has good access to the A142 for Newmarket, Cambridge, Soham, Ely. Close to the centre of the village and a good size for future development.

- Options 1 and 2 are in areas that have recently had new dwellings built. This area could be linked up. It has good access for Soham, Ely, Newmarket and the A14.
- I would prefer any development to be in the village between the blocks of existing housing areas. I am strongly opposed to extending development in ribbon style along the roads as this has a detrimental impact on the rural aspect of the village. Specifically opposed to sites 14, 5, 14, 15 and 12.
- Essential that infrastructure is seriously taken into account - emphasis on ensuring school is extended/equipped to meet needs and to enable it to maintain it's high standard of education which is a selling point used by recent developers!
- Am concerned that local facilities like schools, doctors won't be able to cope as struggling already.
- If there is further development in the village before anything further is built we need to ensure that there are sufficient facilities available inc room at the school, health centre, etc. Ideally no further development would be better for the village. We are over developed as it is.
- Road frontage land only north of Carter Street between 196 and 230 Carter Street to infill the gap and continue the street scene.
- My preferred options do not have too much impact on the existing visual appearance of the village, as they are a continuation of current developments. Good quality attractive housing is certainly a better option than overgrown wasteland. However, I feel strongly that the housing should be affordable to ensure young people stay or move to the village to enable the village to grow and progress, but consideration must be given to the size of the school and its facilities, which are already stretched. Any builders should consider a donation to the school as their profits impact on the school numbers.
- Site 8 - this site would surround the vicarage and possibly give cause for complaints about the church clock striking though the night and our tower bell ringing for Sunday services and practice night. We have installed sound control on all sides of Belfry except the east side. Our vicar in 1988 made the decision. Opposite the west end of the church, 2 residents down Hill Side Meadows have objected to the clock chimes through the night and the ringing for Sunday evening services.
- Will the school be enlarged to take extra children?
- Broadly I am in agreement with the Parish Council on 8.9.11 but I do not consider it is necessary to allow creeping extension of the village by developing sites such as 4, 5, 6, 12, 14, since there are a number of other non-preferred sites such as 1, 2, 3, 7, 10, 13 that could be infilled and in the longer term all of site 11 could be developed in small stages.
- I feel that new development usually attracts younger families, as such, walking distance to the village school, playground etc should be high on the priority list for new development.
- Land adjoining 24 Mildenhall Road would cause considerable congestion at crossroads especially as so close to the school. Traffic would be horrendous at this junction - v. dangerous for school children too.
- As far as possible, houses should be of 2 and 3 bedrooms, maybe with a few low-rise one and two bedroom flats to make new housing more accessible to new buyers. we

have had too many large 'executive style' developments in recent years edging out young couples and new buyers.

- The only area that we think development could take place is site 2, as this is the least obtrusive, but infrastructure must be able to cope. On the previous questionnaire we said that sewerage was inadequate at the junction of Carter Street/Murfitts Lane. On Friday, 18.05.12 the drains had to be closed once again. An operation, which takes several hours, inconveniences road users, and generates a lot of noise.
- Use rear of 2-5 Soham Road. Next to existing new build. Easy access out of village.
- We feel that Fordham has recently expanded enough in size.
- Land north of 19 Collins Hill. A lot of traffic passes along this road and I feel more development would increase volumes in traffic and safety levels.
- a) Soham Road - ideal position to meet needs of social housing and private houses - 3 access roads - Soham Road, Harry Palmer Close for social housing and Steward's Field for private houses - walking distance of village centre. No. 2 Soham Road willing to send 3/4 acre to expand site if needed. Housing on this site would blend in with the surrounding accommodation. b) 44 Mildenhall Road - room for access road to 2 acre site offering un-overlooked views, close to school and church. Desirable location to attract new ownership."
- 1 - unsuitable soil - old sand pits - very difficult to build here; 2 - sewerage problem - would need extra pumping station; loss of valuable allotments; too far from village focus
- Is sewerage system adequate for expansion? Water supply - Fordham water comes from Newmarket - is the supply capacity adequate?
- No large-scale development outside village.
- Fordham is a lovely village because it has large areas of green. We need to keep these green spaces. Sites 1 & 2 would be very large infill and would create 'ghetto' housing. This type of housing would be out of character with the village. Bear in mind we do not have the shops, school. P.O to sustain all the houses you could potentially fit into these areas. Would our sewerage system cope?
- 13. Collins Hill has enough problems with speeding, traffic and parking.
- Fordham has seen a huge amount of houses built over the past 20 years. At the same time shops and amenities have been lost, and traffic has increased. We think that any further building outside the development envelope should be strictly limited. Also, we believe that our green spaces, such as Stewards Field, should be preserved, otherwise the character of our village will be lost.
- There are facilities in this site for a new road on the B1102, cutting down on the traffic through Harry Palmer Close, with ample foot access to the shops in the centre of the village through the said Harry Palmer Close. Further more there is potential to build (your suggestion 10 houses per year), for the next ten years, affording a steady growth for a prospering village. All this would depend on the ability to strengthen the infrastructure to accommodate the extra stress that this would entail. Personally, as a retired Parish Councillor, I think if this could be achieved it would be the best thing that could happen to Fordham.
- I would not want to see too much development in our village, there has already been far too much already in my opinion. I would select only three sites. New houses means more pressure on sewage systems, water supply etc and additional traffic.

- While supporting small-scale housing growth in the village, my only concern would be that the school would be able to cope with the additional numbers of children and families moving in wouldn't be faced with the prospect of taking their children to schools outside Fordham.
- I feel very strongly that the north end of Fordham i.e. Carter Street - the various Grove schemes, Soham Rd, Murfits Lane, Harry Palmer Close has seen the most development in Fordham. The noise from the building of these sites has blighted many. Plus the overly large extensions that planning permissions have been granted to various houses in the area leave everything looking cramped and overlooked. That coupled with the by pass and the noise that still persists from the traffic even though we were promised measures to 'sound proof' the noise (perhaps this is something the parish council could get to grips with?) leave me to think that it is someone else's turn.
- I am more particularly against development that 'sprawls' the existing village (ie option 12) and sets a precedent for further enlargement of the village, especially as many possible sites for homes exist within the current envelope.
- We would emphasise that, in assessing and selecting appropriate sites for new housing development in the village, it is important that these are considered and selected having regard to appropriate and consistent sustainability criteria. These should be clearly set out by the Council. Sites also need to demonstrate they are suitable and deliverable.
- A more detailed assessment of the individual housing option sites listed in Question 4 is provided under separate cover (attached)
- Any additional housing in Fordham is likely to give need for further primary school places, can the village school support this?
- There is plenty of scope for development North of Isleham Road, and being in close proximity to the school will make the houses very desirable. This may also assist in bringing down the speed limit where the current 60mph zone ends just 20-30 yards from the school which in my opinion is very dangerous and cars are regularly spotted driving too fast on this road.
- Land between 110-118 Mildenhall road would make an excellent second recreation ground
- Land adjoining 24 Mildenhall road would work well as an extension to our over-crowded school
- We need pedestrian crossings, there isn't one in the village (co-op)
- We need a cycle path connecting Fordham to Newmarket and one connecting Fordham to Burwell
- Railway station to Cambridge, its for sale, lets put it back into service
- I do not like developments taking place behind existing properties. All properties built on proposed land must be developments of less than EIGHT houses to reflect the current policy of the parish council. Also if such developments are to take place then existing amenities must be increased, i.e. primary schools, and open spaces for leisure. Infill areas such as (2) (6) (10) (11) and (13) on the plan should be allocated for public leisure areas and not for development with houses. Also what will be done about public transport, currently very poor services to little or not nearby towns, we need better infrastructure if we are to grow as proposed, we need better bus

services, cycle paths i.e. to Burwell and Newmarket and Ely and we need our railway station reinstated now. Its up for sale, empty unused, open and available, the land adjacent could be used as a car park. Why are we not using this available sustainable transport option?

- Rejection of 1, 2, 6, 10 - undesirable backfill; 3,15 - removal of mature trees; 12, 14, too far from centre; 9 - site of existing small business. Reservations about all other sites based mainly on traffic issues, which would have to be addressed if any of these were developed, especially on Mildenhall Road and Collins Hill. Traffic is already too heavy and too fast, so, for example, vehicles cannot be safely reversed onto these roads, and pedestrians feel threatened, (see survey), especially children going to village school or alighting from school buses. No road should have solid ribbon development. It is important that spaces should be left (2 comments).
- I feel at least 1 crossing is needed on the main road through Fordham, preferably near the playground / Recreation ground.
- As a current resident on Isleham Road, I feel the development of housing would be of great benefit. It would help reduce the speed limit, therefore allowing my children to walk to school safely, and would bring a sense of community to our otherwise isolated housing.
- 1. I am not certain how these sites were selected. Where they predominantly sites put forward by owners in which case they represent potential site availability rather than suitability? 2. I was glad to see that some sites were not considered e.g. the land to either side of Ironbridge Path. 3. It is necessary to consider the character of Fordham, which has developed in a lop-sided way with a lot of ribbon development. In the case of Mildenhall Road there are still some significant gaps, especially Site 11, which provides a lovely view north with the pines and space beyond revealing that at this point Fordham is on high ground and this road out of Fordham in a way follows a ridgeline. For me this is the most significant distant view in the village and I am very disappointed that it is a favoured option of the PC. The Council development on the east side of Fordham could be regarded as isolated from the rest of the village but I do not believe that this would be remedied by building ribbon development on the north, or south side. People do walk and cycle along this road to the school and shops. Clearly sites 8, 9, 10 and 11 would be nearer to the school than those on Site 1, but in my view this is not sufficient to make the case for the loss of significant spaces and landscape views and further incremental development outside the historic village framework. 4. More houses can be built with less visual impact by building so-called backland development than by allowing for more ribbon development. This is particularly the case in Fordham where there has already been extensive ribbon development. 5. In considering which sites I would identify as suitable for development I have taken into account the issue of density. Fordham is a village with a history of both trees and tree nurseries. Much of the new development has taken the form of development that does not provide for large trees to be planted. I am thinking particularly of trees such as ash, wild cherry (the Fordham tree), lime, white horse chestnut or even pines that in time grow to be taller than houses. Site 13 for example might be suitable for one house, just one house might be appropriate on part of site 8. It is important that in allocating sites for development consideration is given to site specific density ranges. 6. I would like to see some recognition somewhere in the planning policies of the different needs of the population. The questionnaires as far as I am aware do not, for example, reveal if there is a need for housing for the elderly. 7. I am not sure but it is possible that Site 15 is a rookery and it would definitely be a pity to lose the stand of trees. It might be thought that there could be some limited low-density development behind the trees provided they were totally protected.
- My two children go to Fordham Primary. The school is already what I would consider over capacity. I believe that a % of all land purchased for building and new house

sale prices should be used specifically for school facilities. Unless specific consideration is given to this issue, the standard of education will fall and the good works of Mr Bullock and his team will be to no avail. Teaching children in portakabins is not acceptable long term. However nor do I support building on the school grounds - a second storey is needed.

- I am opposed to further building in land in the rear of people's gardens.
- I feel strongly that there should be minimal disruption to vegetation and wild life.
- It is pointless expanding housing without the necessary infrastructure in place to support the extra population. The primary school is already over allocated and we have a hosepipe ban due to lack of water resources. Improve these facilities and then decide how much more housing we can accommodate.
- Why not go with the Parish Council? They live locally and are much more likely to be in tune with what the village might want.
- There should not be any more houses near the busy parts of the villages if at all. The village is already over populated and the village cannot cope with this i.e. school. Land should not be built on near the school as that road is extremely busy and it is so hard to park around there and get the children safely across the road to school and back if there were anymore houses this would be near impossible.
- Although this vision is only looking at small scale growth some of the sites that are an option are very large and I fear that if they were to be sold for development now it would be far easier for additional growth to occur in the future. For example plots 1, 8, 11 and 10 would fit substantially more properties on.
- Having grown up in Fordham I think it prides itself on being a small close local village. The biggest pro that the village has is that all the local amenities are easy to get to and can cope with the village at the size it is. The school is already starting to burst at its seams; do we really want Fordham to get in a situation where village children are having to go to another village for their education?
- Fordham needs a mix of new house including affordable homes and a full range of privately owned homes.
- I believe that the Development Envelope of the village is there for a reason - to stop any development. It is a good idea to build some affordable houses BUT only when they are inside the development envelope.
- As housing has just been completed on the land which was formally Clover Antiques, the land next to the bungalow on Soham Road would be the ideal place to build, with access to the by pass within minutes no need for any extra traffic through village only to use the local amenities all within walking distance.
- I consider the site I have indicated is the best option because the development could take place with the least environmental and social change to the existing village as it is now.
- It is not clear what the legal status of the 15 areas, which are identified on the plan of the village, is. If the owners of these areas of land where applying for outline planning permission in the normal way, then their applications would be in the public domain. By law they would have to provide much, much more information about their intended developments and themselves. The owners of the two areas, 8 and 11, (the preferred options of the Parish Council), are potentially going to enjoy a windfall profit. The granting of any planning permission on these areas should clearly include the requirement to make financial contributions towards the provision of infrastructure

and community services for Fordham. While I appreciate there is a need for additional housing I feel it's very important to keep it to a bare minimum in smaller local villages. Any development has the potential to change the local character and undoubtedly puts additional pressure on excellent local resources such as the school.

- The limit on the scale of growth should be more flexible and dependent on site specific issues. If a site is suitable to deliver over 10 dwellings then this should be considered.
- Any additional growth needs to be supported with extra community facilities such as schools and play areas for all age groups; road safety; correct waste and effluent management. The whole point of village living is that growth and expansion are kept to small pockets keeping the community together rather than being divisive as per large-scale developments.
- Housing needs to be mixed within small development pockets: Therefore not clumping together social housing or elite housing but having a mixed population. This allows for better integration and community spirit whilst preserving the integrity of village life.
- New housing growth should be of minimal invasion on the surrounding established developments: Therefore any new growth should not back onto established housing creating dense developments and reducing the visual impact of the village.
- Personal view: There has already been a small development in my area, which I agree as part of the growth vision, but I do not agree with full-scale complete infill development.
- Village life should be kept, remember Fordham is not a town. I am an advocate for development but not at the detriment to village life or the village of Fordham. The Council in addition do have options and that visions should not be myopic based solely on village or town life but the integration between the two
- I think it's important for the people who wrote this survey to realise that when people fill this out they are going to be in support of development furthest away from where they live and against development "in their backyard". Consequently, when all the results are collated, all the areas marked for development will have support-but not from everybody.
- I feel that the site next to the old Clover factory is most appropriate as this area is already being developed. As many of the residents are likely to be younger, I don't think that distance from the village centre should be an issue. A footpath (but not road) could be built through to Carter Street to improve access.
- Part of the land adjoining 24 Mildenhall Road is owned by the Parish Council. Should this site be approved / allocated for future development this would benefit the village financially and fund projects within the community.
- Personally I think it a shame that all the land is being taken up with new housing. Last year new housing was put up at the clover antiques site, this backs onto land owned by my partners parents. We live near this down Carter Street. Since it has opened we have had people using the fields as public access and lifting up their garden fences to allow their dogs to fowl on private land. Where once we would have looked out onto orchards and meadows we now look out onto cheap housing and bright streetlights. I do understand that there is a need for more housing but at a cost of our beautiful village, which was once full of beautiful homes, and is now being cluttered with awful looking affordable housing. I would object to any housing that was proposed that would back onto Carter Street.

- Road already busy, another turning would cause more problems. As Simpsons gets bigger the traffic gets busier as well.
- Building around the Mildenhall road area would fill in the 'gap' in the village
- If developments go ahead, the areas roads will become even more congested at peak times as people generally have to drive to work. Reopening the railway station may help ease the congestion. Fordham needs to maintain its rural identity. I would suggest we need to protect our green field sites and perhaps develop brown field sites such as the garden centre on Market Street and land adjacent to the old station site up to the bypass.
- I am the owner of the land behind Rules Garden. I did suggest in the last questionnaire that this would make an idea development, is there any reason why my land hasn't been included?
- Part of that field has been in our family for generations, and we have all been part of the football and cricket, and supported anything that is part of the village, we have all said that if buy using the land we could support more by providing new facilities i.e. new changing rooms and pavilion on the recreation ground (Like the one in Witchford) it would justify the use of the land and bring something that the whole village could benefit from.
- Land within the village should be utilised before expanding the village into green belt
- Land between 67/115 Mildenhall Road contributes little to the village and the bulk of the land would remain in its current use.
- Consideration should be given to increased traffic up Collins Hill passing Trinity Close-we already experience a heavy amount of lorries
- If Fordham is to grow it needs bus shelters, another phone box and a shop or community facilities at the Mildenhall Road end of the village. Speed bumps should be introduced on the main road through the village particularly near the school and cross roads and traffic made one way using Carter Street and Collins Hill.
- I believe the areas I have selected are council owned so will not need to be purchased for development.
- It is very difficult to decide where small developments should be without understanding exactly what the effect would be on the roads, for instance Carter street is already a nightmare particularly around the area of Jaggards garage, the garage shop and the co-op we have huge lorries using the road as a rat run, petrol tankers delivering to the garage and really huge lorries delivering to the shop this often occurs when we also have the school buses coming through and when the children are coming and going to school, and this is without having to negotiate all the vehicles parked in this area.
- As it stands I do not have any objections to any of the proposed sites so long as the impact on the centre of the village, outlined above. is looked at closely.
- Please ensure that sufficient parking spots are available for the residents. As there is such a dearth of good public transport in the village, every two working-adult family has two cars and if they have visitors there is a need for three parking spaces per family.
- Of course, if there was a station that had a decent sized free car-park and provided a good link with Cambridge we wouldn't need to consider this ever again.

- What consideration is being given to stop the development envelope being pushed even further? Whilst there is undoubtedly pressure on getting land for continuing growth of housing, what controls will there be to ensure that the appropriate limits remain in place? The village can only grow so far before the actual amenities can no longer cope with the number of residents.

Comments from Statutory Consultees:

Natural England:

Following the information received on the potential sites within the draft village vision for Fordham, we have no comments to make on most of the housing site options. However, we would like to raise some concerns with the following housing sites.

Site 14. Land south of 36 Newmarket Road

Site 15. Land east of Newmarket Road

The site on the Land East of Newmarket Road is located near to the Brackland Rough SSSI. The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) imposes a general and overarching duty under Section 28G that requires an authority to take reasonable steps, consistent with the proper exercise of its functions, to further the conservation and enhancement of the features for which sites are of special interest (Paragraph 57: ODPM Circular 06/2005). The Government expects all Section 28G authorities, including planning authorities, to:

- “a) apply strict tests when carrying out any functions within or affecting SSSIs, to ensure that they avoid or at least minimise adverse effects;
- b) adopt the highest standards of management in relation to SSSIs in their ownership, and to take appropriate action to prevent damage by third parties; and
- c) as owners or otherwise to take positive steps, wherever possible, to conserve and enhance the special interest features of a SSSI where their activities may be affecting it, or as opportunities arise in the exercise of their functions. English Nature will advise on a case by case basis as to opportunities for enhancement” (Paragraph 60: ODPM Circular 06/2005)”.

There are therefore clear legislative drivers requiring Local Planning Authorities to contribute towards the conservation and enhancement of SSSI's.

With regard to the Land east of Newmarket Road, the LPA should ensure that it has sufficient information to fully understand the impact of the proposal on the SSSI before progressing this allocation. Please do not hesitate to contact Natural England if you would like to discuss this further.

In addition, we note that both of the above sites are located within historic parkland. Historic parkland often has high quality landscape and biodiversity value and the LPA needs to take the potential impacts and opportunities of these site allocations into consideration.

Anglian Water:

I am in receipt of the consultation relating to potential sites in Fordham and am able to advise that there will be sufficient capacity at Fordham Sewerage Treatment Works to accommodate the small scale housing growth considered. For each site, surface water should where possible utilise a SUDS solution and follow the drainage hierarchy.

Sites 1 – 10 – Foul network has capacity to accommodate

Site 11 - Foul network has capacity to accommodate, however, there is a rising main crossing the site that is protected by an easement that may affect the ability to develop the site

Site 12 - Foul network has capacity to accommodate, however there is an access constraint, the nearest connection point is approx 200m away, This may affect the viability of the site.

Site 13 - Foul network has capacity to accommodate

Site 14 - Foul network has capacity to accommodate, however there is an access/distance constraint, the nearest connection point being approximately 190m away, This may affect the viability of the site.

Marine Management Organisation:

The MMO has no comments to submit in relation to this consultation.

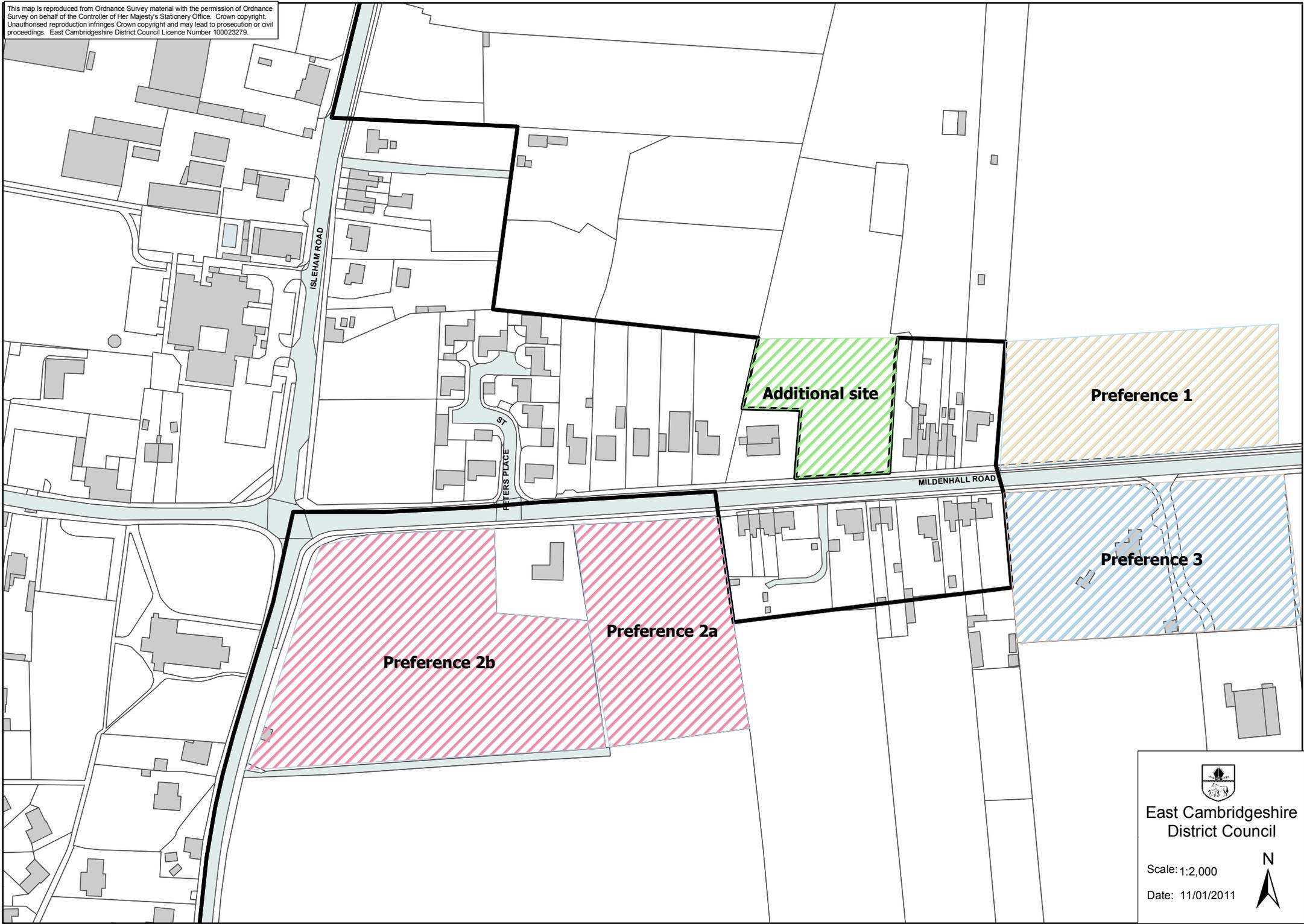
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While we have no comments to make at this stage, we note that at the more detailed stage, (i.e. when the developments come forward), there should be consideration of how the developments contribute to the Green Infrastructure Strategy and seek biodiversity protection and enhancement and we look forward to being consulted in the future.

Highways Agency:

The HA have no observations to make on the latest Fordham consultations.

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