

**Little Thetford**

# Have your say on the future of **LITTLE THETFORD**

- 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 wants to work with you to produce a 'Vision' for your village.

Questionnaires for each village can be viewed on the District Council's website at [www.eastcambs.gov.uk/local-development-framework/consultation-villagetown-visions](http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/local-development-framework/consultation-villagetown-visions); or paper copies can be obtained by phoning the Forward Planning team on 01353 665555.

The consultation period runs from 27 June - 18 July.

Background documents relating to the review can also be found on the website.



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## A Vision for Little Thetford

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- **What facilities would you like to see?**

**What do you think?** We want your views on how Little Thetford should change in the future. What sort of place would you like Little Thetford 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 Little Thetford 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 18th July 2011. 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:

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

- Local resident of Little Thetford  Employee, working in Little Thetford
- Local business 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 | <input type="text"/> |
| Priority 2 | <input type="text"/> |
| Priority 3 | <input type="text"/> |

## Housing

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

**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. as 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 development envelope of the village. However, schemes are currently limited to a maximum of 2 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?

**7. Local communities can set up 'Community Land Trusts' to provide affordable housing for local people - as an alternative to affordable housing provided by Sanctuary Hereward. Community Land Trusts can provide more local control and allow more people to access housing.**

**Would you like to see a Community Land Trust in your village?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

## Employment

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

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

## 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"/> |
| Traffic Calming/Highway improvements       | <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 of the infrastructure you would like to see provided in the village

**10. For the priorities you have selected in Question 9 above, can you provide more detail on what these improvements should be and where they should be located?**

## Development envelope

**11. The development envelope 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 the development envelope with a policy that assesses each application on its merits
- Don't know

**12. 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:

### 13. Sex

- Male  Female

### 14. Status

- Employee  Unemployed  Student  
 Self-employed  Homemaker  Retired

### 15. Age

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

### 16. 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

### 17. 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?**

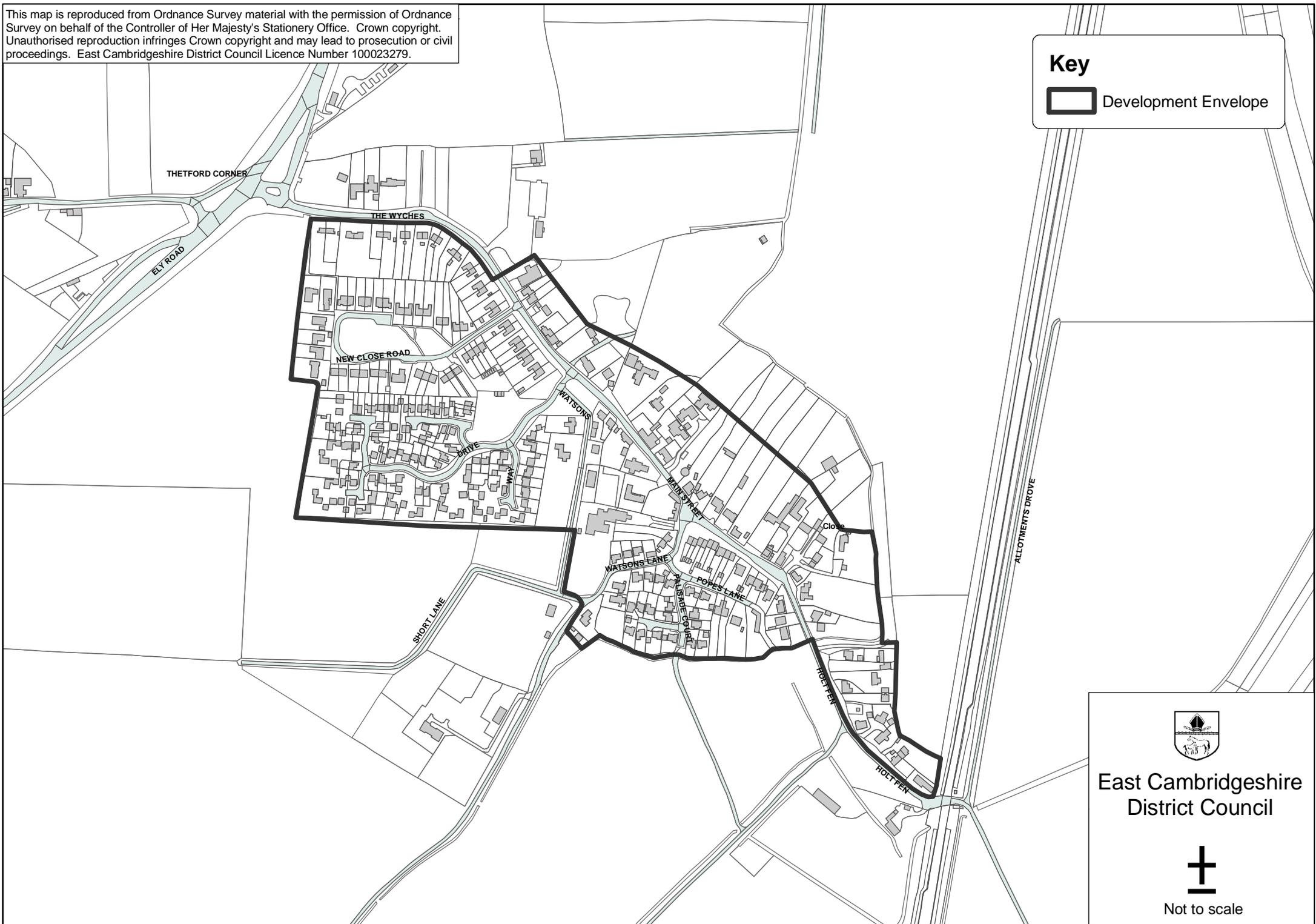
- Yes  No

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**Key**

 Development Envelope



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Not to scale

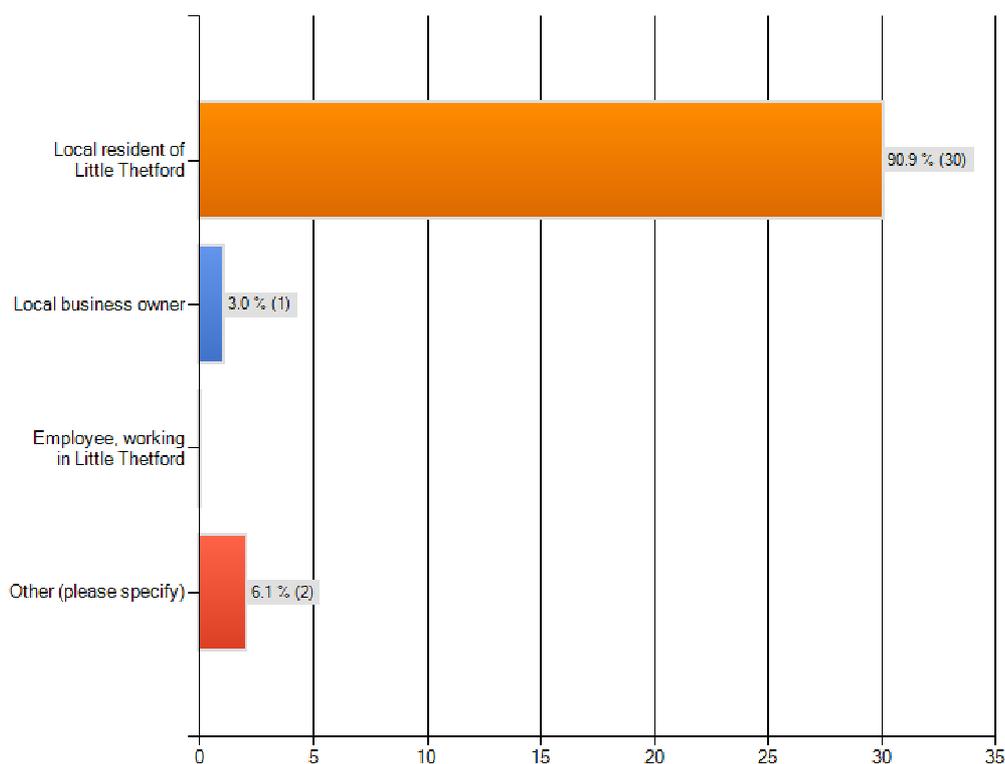
# Little Thetford Village Vision Questionnaire Results

## Key facts:

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| Consultation period:                | 27 <sup>th</sup> June – 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2011 |
| Total responses:                    | 33   |
| Number of dwellings in the village: | 320  |
| Response rate:                      | 10%  |

## Summary of Results

### Q3. Please indicate your main interest in the development of Little Thetford



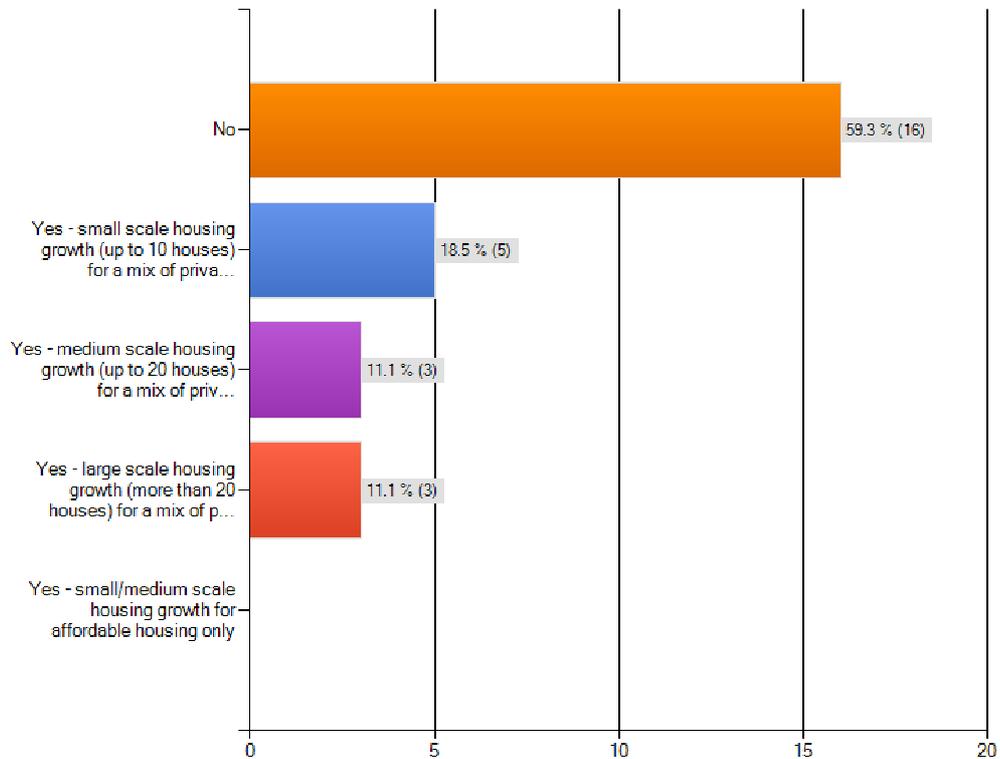
A total of 33 people responded to this question with 90.9% of respondents stating that their main interest in the development of Little Thetford was as a local resident. One response was received from a local business owner, and one from a land and property agent.

### 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 31 people responded to this question. Key priorities identified by the respondents included: expansion of services (including a shop), improved public transport links, traffic calming/speed restrictions, improvements to A10 junction, Parish Council to review its objections to affordable housing, no changes, an extension to the development envelope to provide a 25% increase, provision of a youth club, expansion of school, to address inconsiderate parking in the Wyches, improved cycle/pedestrian routes along A10, provision of a cycle path between Ely and Stretham and Ely and Little Thetford, more visible policing, improvements to phone lines, more facilities for older children, better use of the village hall, increased length of slip road for north bound traffic turning into the village, better recycling

facilities (plastic), an activity/adventure playground for children of all ages, reduced street lighting and associated costs, provision of a bus stop at the church, to keep it a lovely, safe, friendly and happy village, restrictions on the use of bird scarers and more use of the village green in Holt Fen.

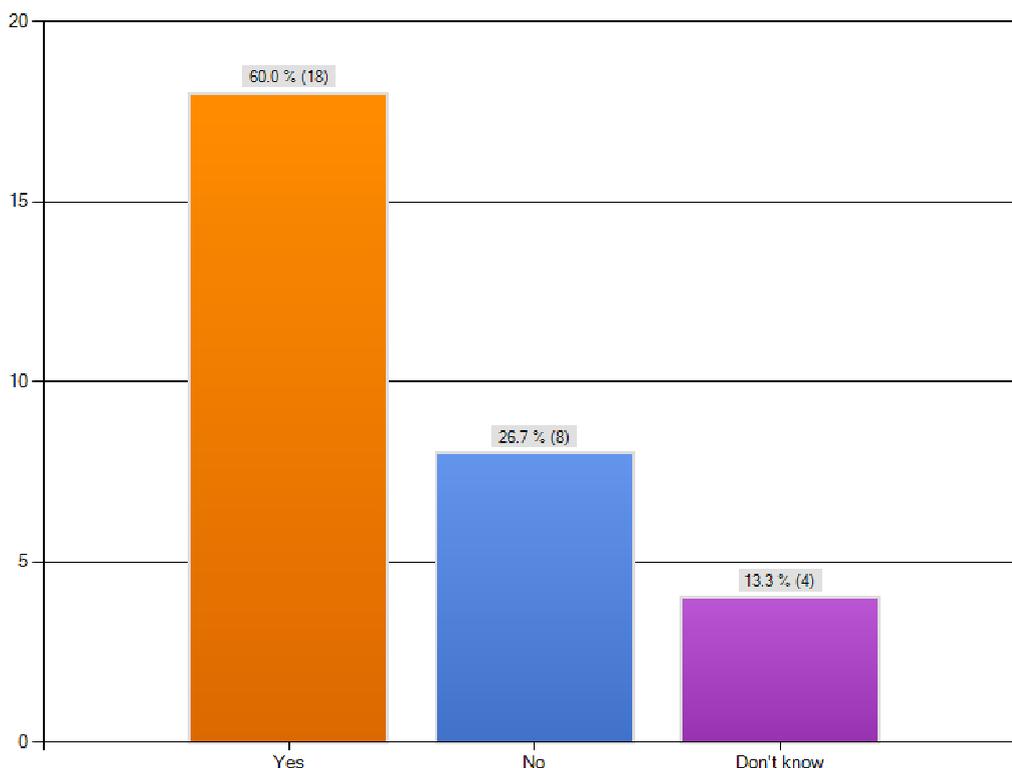
**Q5. Do you think there should be housing growth outside the development envelope on the edge of Little Thetford? Please choose one of the following options:**



A total of 27 people responded to this question, with 6 people choosing not to answer. Of the 27 respondents, 59.3% thought that housing growth should not be allowed outside the development envelope on the edge of Little Thetford.

Of the people that supported growth (40.7%), most support was given to small scale housing growth (18.5%) that would provide a mix of general and affordable housing. There was no support for small/medium scale growth for affordable housing only.

**Q6. Housing development will continue to come forward on small sites within the development envelope of the village. However, schemes are currently limited to a maximum of 2 dwellings. Do you think this approach should continue?**

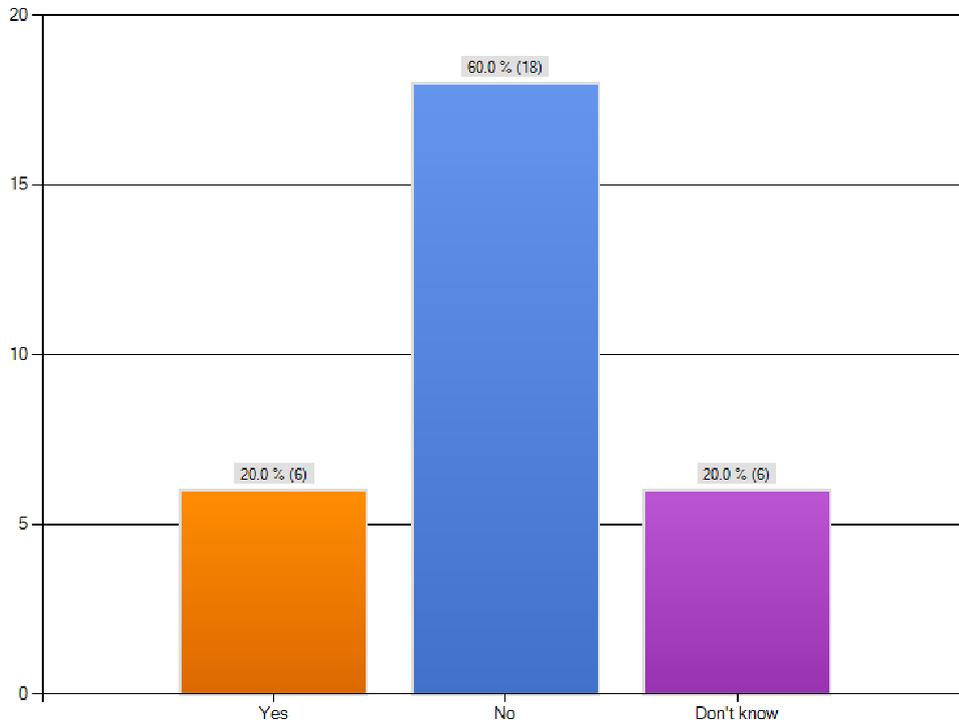


A total of 30 people responded to this question, with 3 people choosing not to answer. Of the 30 respondents, 60% supported retention of the current policy to restrict housing schemes within the development envelope to a maximum of 2 dwellings. Approximately 27% of respondents disagreed with the current approach, whilst 13.3% did not know.

In response to asking for suggestions for alternative approaches, the following comments were received: allow applications for the size of in-fill development to be judged on their merit, allow small/medium scale growth outside the development envelope, allow growth of 50 houses per year for ten years, limit growth to outside the development envelope only and remove the in-fill restriction.

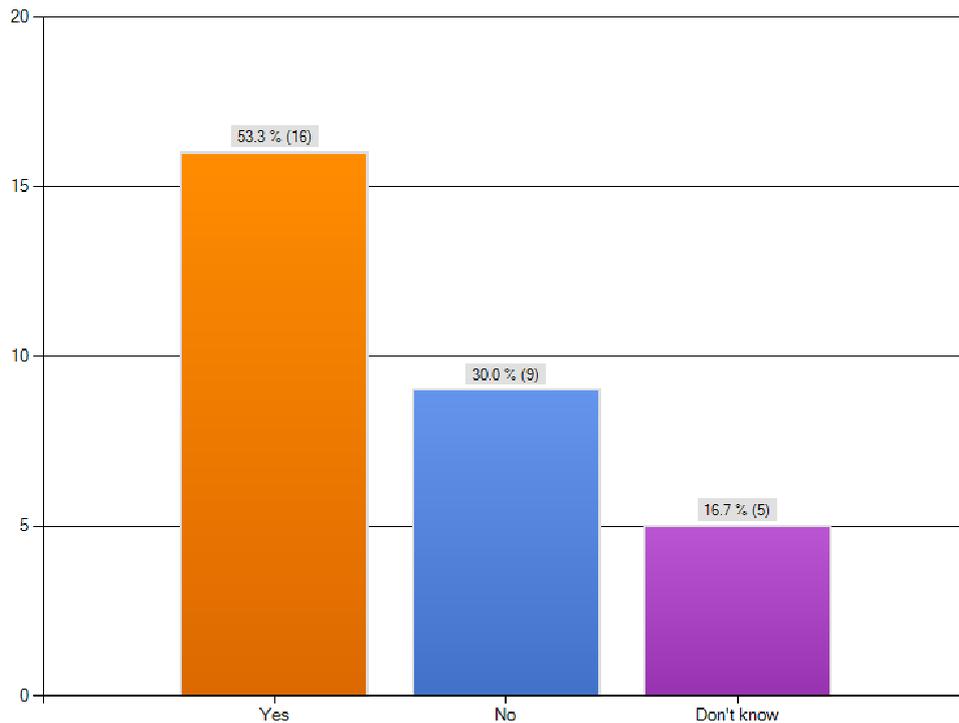
One respondent questioned why more than two dwellings had been allowed at developments on Main Street and Holt Fen, whilst another noted that more dwellings would mean that infrastructure would need to be improved.

**Q7. Local communities can set up 'Community Land Trusts' to provide affordable housing for local people - as an alternative to affordable housing provided by Sanctuary Hereward. Community Land Trusts can provide more local control and allow more people to access housing. Would you like to see a Community Land Trust in your village?**



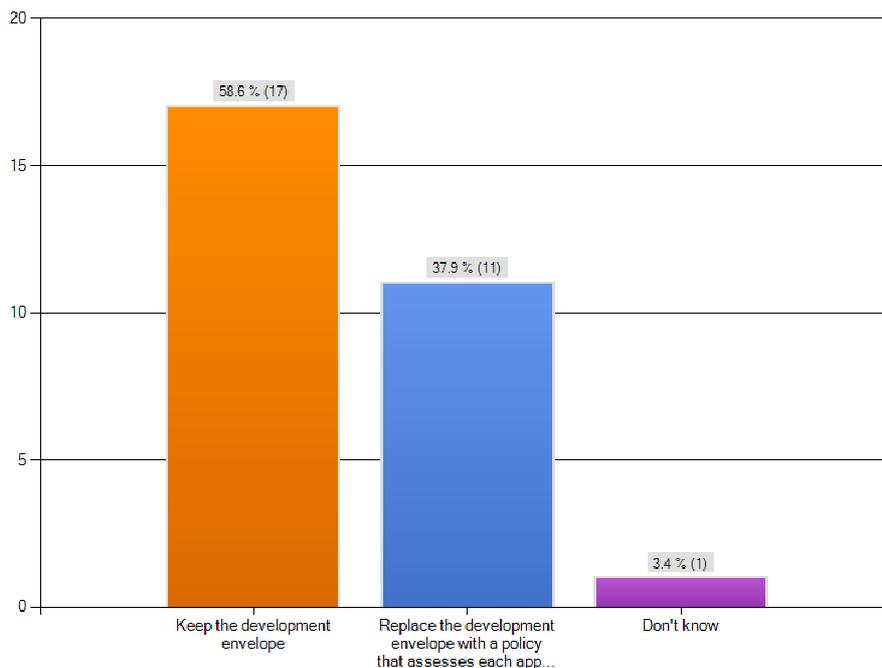
A total of 30 people responded to this question, with 3 people choosing not to answer. The majority of people (60%) objected to the creation of a Community Land Trust to manage affordable housing projects in the village. 20% of people were supportive of the suggestion, with 20% unsure.

**Q8. Would you like to see more opportunities for small businesses in the village/parish? (e.g. offices, industrial units, workshops)**



A total of 30 people responded to this question, with 3 people choosing not to answer. The majority of respondents (53.3%) agreed that they would like to see further opportunities for small businesses in the village/parish. 30% of respondents disagreed with this suggestion with 16.7% unsure.

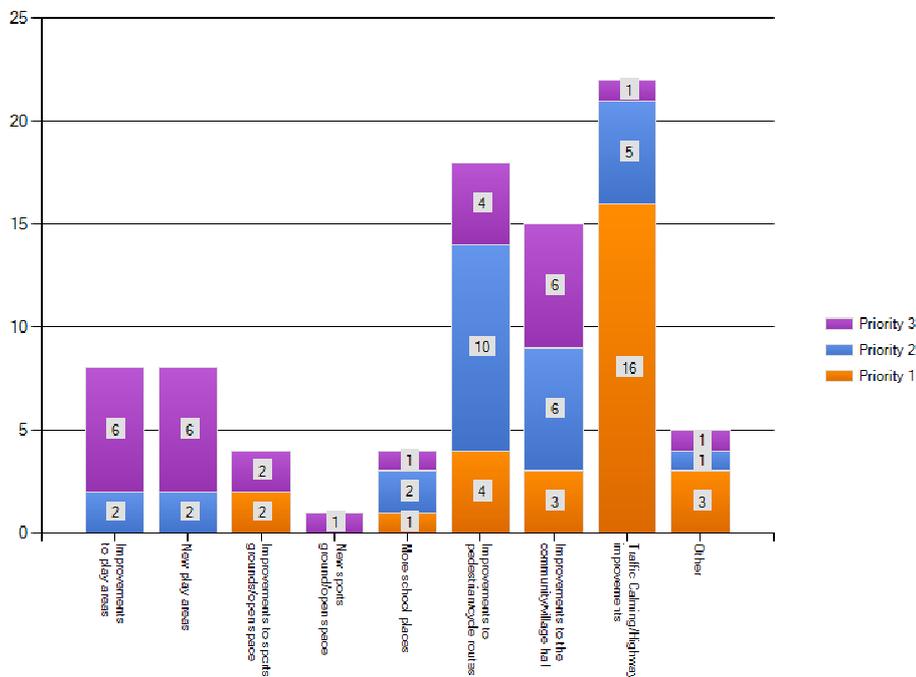
**Q9. The development envelope marks the built up area of the village where development is normally allowed to take place. The area outside the development envelope is protected as open countryside. Which of the following approaches would you prefer?**



A total of 29 people responded to this question, with 4 people choosing not to answer. 58.6% of respondents stated their preferred approach would be to keep the development envelope, whilst 37.9% thought that the development envelope should

be replaced with a policy that assesses each application on its merits. One person (3.4%) did not know what their preferred approach would be.

**Q10. 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 29 people responded to this question, with 4 people choosing not to answer. Overall, the need for traffic calming and highway improvements scored most highly (22 people), followed by improvements to pedestrian/cycle routes (18 people) and improvements to the community/village hall (15 people).

When analysed in terms of priorities, traffic calming (16 people) ranked most frequently as priority 1, improvements to pedestrian/cycle routes (10 people) as priority 2 and improvements to the village/community hall, new play areas and improvements to play areas jointly identified as priority 3 (6 people each).

**Q11. For the priorities you have selected in Question 10 above, can you provide more detail on what these improvements should be and where they should be located?**

A total of 21 people responded to this question, which raised infrastructure issues at the following locations:

- Need for a better cycle route to Ely
- Traffic lights, roundabout, or traffic islands required at the entry to the village
- Speed restrictions on A10 at the junction with Little Thetford and reduced 20mph limit throughout village
- Foot/cycle path extensions required in the Wyches from the cemetery to A10 and between Little Thetford and Stretham.
- Need for village green to be retained and not used for recreational purposes

Other non-site specific comments noted the need for: play/outdoor activities for older children in the village, a review of the A10 capacity and junction type, expansion of the village envelope to the south (including provision of screening), improvements to

footpaths, improvements to the village hall, an expansion to the school, a community shop and a general requirement for more accessible areas for the very young and the disabled.

**Q12. Please use this space to make any other comments:**

A total of 7 people provided a response to this question making the following comments: need for further traffic calming measures at the junction to the village with the A10, need to consider dualling of the A10, need for a community shop and more social events, need to protect community feel of village by resisting further housing development and the need to consider the impact of housing growth in Ely on the A10.