

Sutton



East Cambridgeshire
District Council

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

- 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 are available from:

www.surveymonkey/s/suttonvillagevision; or paper copies can be requested from the Forward Planning team on 01353 665555.

There will be two public 'drop-in' events held at The Pavilion from 6-8pm on Tuesday 18th October and 2 - 3.30pm on Wednesday 19th October where you can find out more about the consultation and return completed questionnaires.

The consultation runs from 17th October - 7th November.



SUTTON VISION

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FUTURE OF SUTTON**

COME ALONG TO THE

Presentation Event

**Housing Development Proposal
for Sutton**

**Residential land allocated on land
north of the Brook for 50 dwellings**

**7.30pm
Tuesday 7th August 2012
The Glebe Hall
High Street
Sutton**



**For further details contact Parish Clerk on 01353 777189
Or visit www.sutton-pc.co.uk**

A Vision for Sutton

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What do you think? East Cambridgeshire District Council and Sutton Parish Council wants your views on how Sutton should change in the future. What sort of place would you like Sutton 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 Sutton 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 'East Cambridgeshire Local Plan'.

How do I comment? Please let us have your views by answering the questions below. Comments should be made by 7th November 2011. It would help us save resources if you are able to make your response on-line at www.surveymonkey.com/s/suttonvillagevision. Or you can return this completed questionnaire by post to the Forward Planning team at East Cambs District Council, The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely, Cambridgeshire CB7 4EE. There will be a further opportunity to make comments on the draft Vision, which we hope to publish in Spring 2012. If you have any questions please call the Forward Planning team on 01353 665555, or attend one of the drop-in sessions being held at The Pavilion, The Brook, Sutton at 6-8pm on Tuesday 18th October 2011 and 2-3.30pm on Wednesday 19th October 2011.

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"/>
Company:	<input type="text"/>
Email address:	<input type="text"/>
Address 1:	<input type="text"/>
Address 2:	<input type="text"/>
Town/City:	<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 Local Plan consultation database, in order to be notified of key stages of production:

Yes No

3. Please indicate the reason for your interest in the development of Sutton (please tick all that apply):

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Local resident of Sutton | <input type="checkbox"/> Visitor to Sutton |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local business owner | <input type="checkbox"/> Developer or local landowner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employee, working in Sutton | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional interest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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 Sutton, over the next 20 years? Please choose one of the following options:

- No - no housing growth on the edge of Sutton
- Yes - small scale housing growth (up to 20 houses) for a mix of private and affordable housing
- Yes - medium scale housing growth (20 to 50 houses)
- Yes - large scale housing growth (50 - 100 houses)
- Yes - large scale housing growth (100 - 200 houses)
- Yes - major housing growth (200 - 500 houses)
- Yes - major housing growth (500+ houses)

6. If there is support for housing growth on the edge of Sutton in the next 20 years, where should this take place? A map of the potential sites and a site appraisal of each option can be found at the back of this survey. Please rank the sites in order of preference (where 1 is first preference, 2 is second preference, and so on). If you do not support development on a particular site, please select the last column.

	Preference 1	Preference 2	Preference 3	Preference 4	Do not support development here
North side of Sutton - land east of Brookland Farm	<input type="radio"/>				
North side of Sutton - north of the Brook (would require relocation of play area)	<input type="radio"/>				
North side of Sutton - land north of Fieldgate	<input type="radio"/>				
Land east of Link Lane (max. of 20 houses)	<input type="radio"/>				
Other site (please specify)	<input type="text"/>				

7. If new development is to take place in the village, would you support the construction of 'eco-housing'? (e.g. houses that use solar power, recycled water or are built using zero-carbon construction methods).

- Yes
- Don't know
- No

Employment

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

- Yes No

9. If there is support for small business development in the village/parish, where do you think this should be located?

Development envelope

10. 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 policy, with regular reviews of the development envelope boundary
 Replace development envelopes with a policy that assesses each application on its merits

Local infrastructure and facilities

11. 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 checked="" type="radio"/>
New play areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
More local retail facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Improvements to sports grounds/open space	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
New sports ground/open space	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
More school places	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improvements to The Pavilion/The Glebe	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Improvements to pedestrian/cycle routes	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Traffic Management Proposal for Ely Road, The Brook, High Street and The Americas	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Other traffic calming/highway improvements	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

If you selected other, please provide details

12. Do you or your family use local public transport services?

- Yes No

13. If you answered yes to question 12 above, what services or initiatives would you like to see?

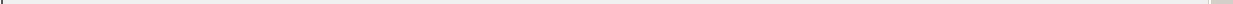
- Continued regular bus service
 - Local lift sharing schemes
 - Community Transport Scheme e.g Ely and Soham
 - Sharing of other existing services e.g school bus services

Other (please give details)

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Additional Comments

14. Please use this space to outline any other issues that you would like to raise regarding the future of Sutton:



Monitoring information (optional)

15. Sex

- Male Female

16. Status

- Employee Unemployed Student
 Self employed Homewoker Retired

17. Age

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

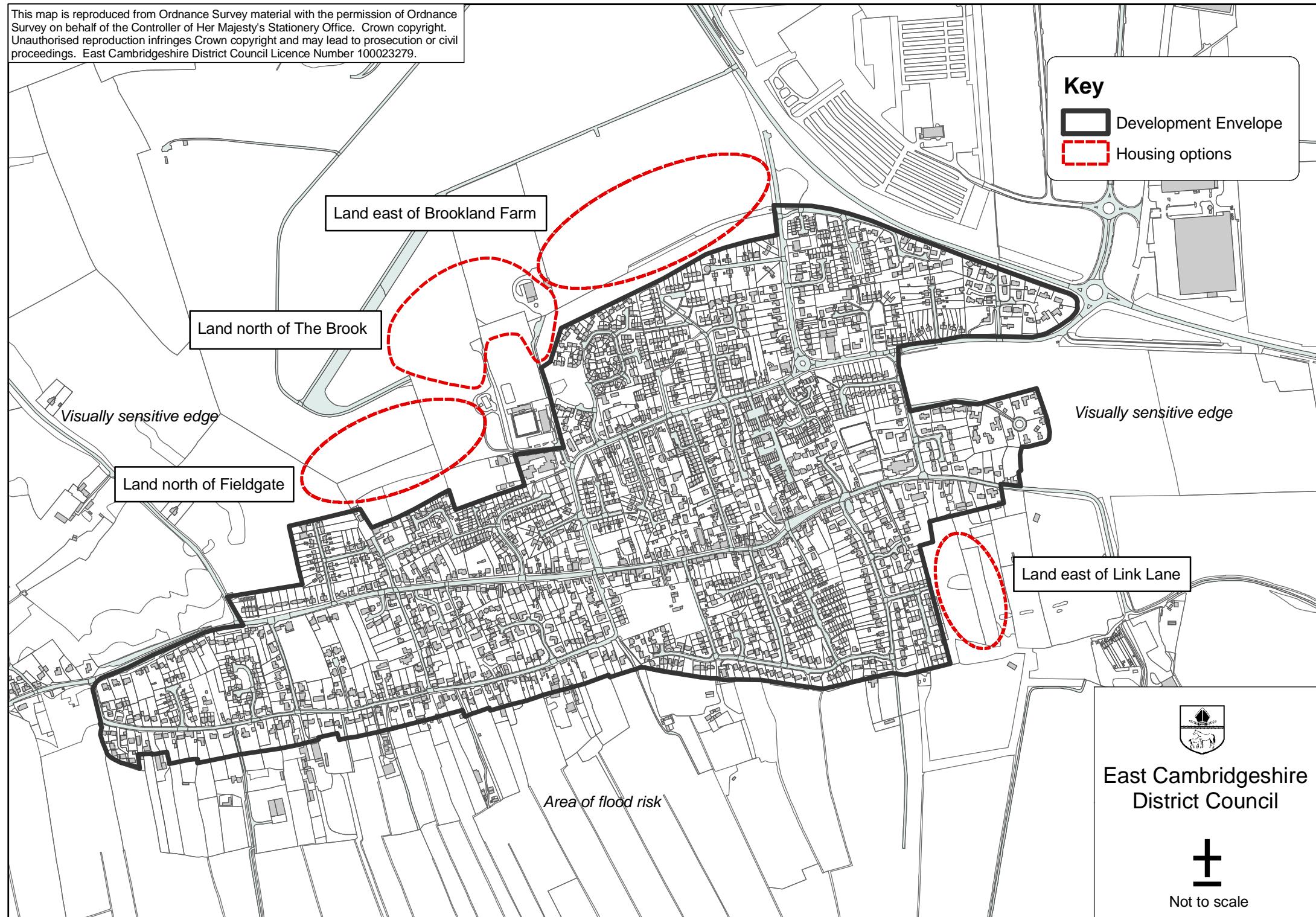
18. Ethnic origin

- 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

19. 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.



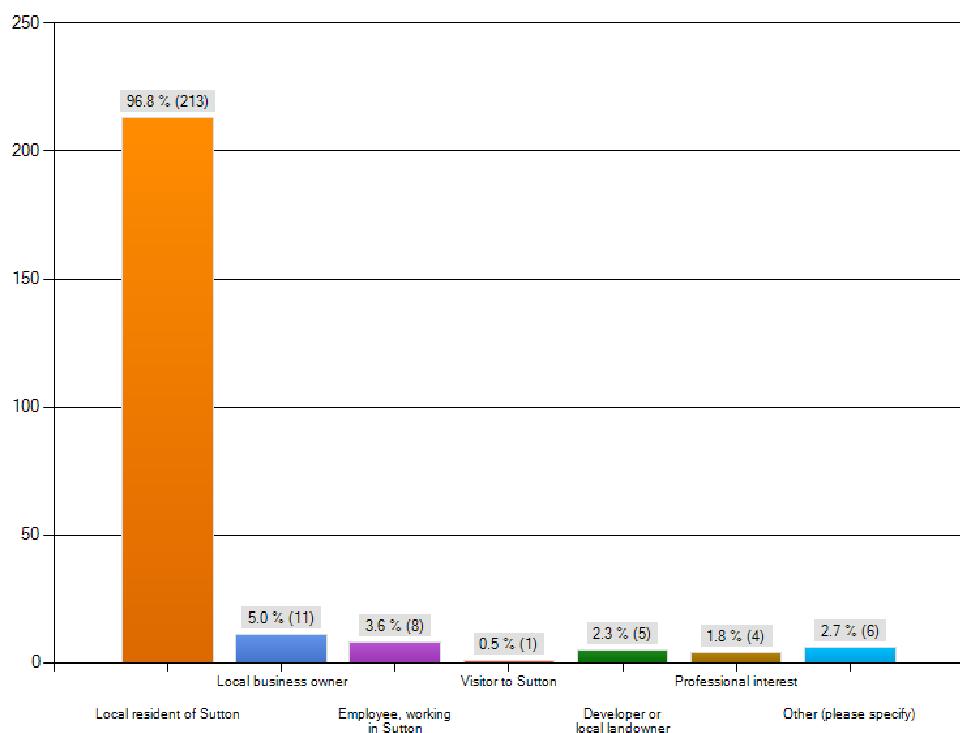
Sutton Village Vision Questionnaire Results

Key facts:

Consultation period:	17 th October – 7 th November 2011
Number of questionnaires distributed	1700
Total responses:	220
Response rate:	13%

Summary of Results

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



A total of 220 people responded to this question, with 96.8% of respondents stating that their main interest in the development of Sutton was as a local resident.

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 207 people responded to this question. Key priorities identified by the respondents included:

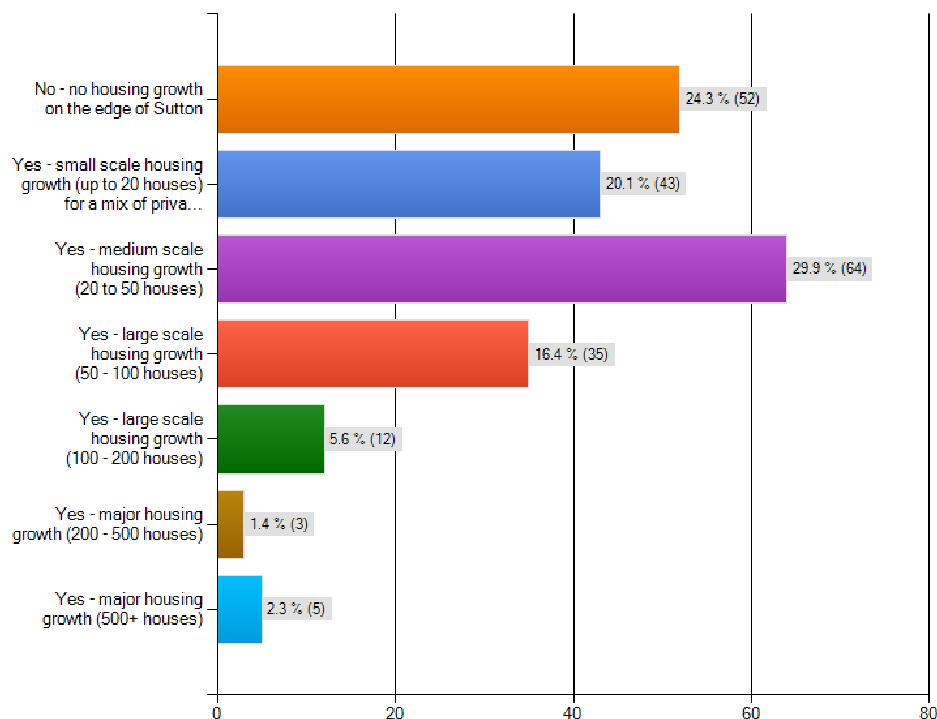
- Improved design of new buildings (4 comments)
- Less lorries and traffic through village (36 comments)
- Better traffic management (4 comments)
- Banning of HGV's and HCV's through village (29 comments)
- Provision of a bypass (33 comments)
- Replace traffic calming at entrance to village with an alternative option (9 comments)
- Improved traffic safety/calming measures (27 comments)
- Create passing places for heavy lorries that use the A142
- Provide a crossing on High Street (e.g. Pelican) (2 comments)
- Pedestrian crossing for school at Bellairs for safety (2 comments)
- Better parking facilities on High Street (bays?) (2 comments)

- More parking areas
- Better control of on-street parking (3 comments)
- No parking (double yellow lines) beside Church and High Street on corner by telephone box
- Consider introducing one-way traffic (3 comments)
- Remove the Ely Road roundabout
- Encourage more local retail (11 comments)
- More local employment/businesses (16 comments)
- More local shops/facilities (92 comments)
- Provision of a retail park/supermarket on airfield
- A competitive grocer (2 comments)
- Better internet connection (2 comments)
- Community based cafes/retail outlets (2 comments)
- Encourage residents to use local facilities
- More growth on Elean Business Park (3 comments)
- Think again about Elean Garden Village
- Village to be kept cleaner and tidier (18 comments)
- More pride in the village (4 comments)
- More colour in village – flower beds on sidewalks and roundabout
- Update village signs – remove reference to ‘Village of the Year 2002’
- Improved public transport (28 comments)
- Provision of a train station
- More traffic calming – e.g. zebra crossings to link north and south
- Improved condition of Road from High Street to Anchor, Sutton Gault
- B1381/B1050 between Earth and Willingham are dire in places, and are long overdue for repair
- Better maintenance of footpaths/roads (2 comments)
- Provision of a road north of the village to the school to improve access and safety
- Stricter enforcement of existing speed restrictions and additional traffic controls (6 comments)
- Installation of speed cameras
- More cycle paths to surrounding areas (12 comments)
- Funding for cycle path connecting Sutton to Witchford for use by children cycling to secondary school
- Better cycle paths/ pedestrian access to Sutton Gault and other villages
- Improvements to pedestrian walkways especially near the school/or crossing
- Improved school
- Improved disabled access by improving footpaths and adding drop kerbs
- Development on wasteland areas on main road
- Redevelopment of the empty shop opposite the Indian
- Improved pedestrian access to Sutton Gault
- Reinstate and resurface the footpath from the end of High Street to The Anchor, Sutton Gault
- More housing development (8 comments)
- More houses for local people
- Improved range of housing (2 comments)
- Suitable/sheltered housing for the elderly (2 comments)
- More affordable housing (11 comments)
- Less social housing
- Housing for first-time buyers (with garages) (2 comments)
- Prevent the Environment Agency from creating wetlands near Sutton. Ouse Washes - flood worry
- Better drainage
- No change/development (9 comments)

- Ensure that village facilities remain – once lost they're unlikely to reappear (4 comments)
- Sustained or improved community spirit, involving all sections of the community (8 comments)
- Parish Council to improve communication with residents
- Better/additional public house (7 comments)
- Enough development to keep shops viable (2 comments)
- Stop parking by the church on both sides of the road
- Housing development on all derelict sites along High Street
- Develop a clear community centre
- A Council/Committee that puts the village first, not massive tax increases
- Reduction in the high cost of the village precept
- Planned expenditure by Sutton Parish Council to involve village residents
- Reduce costs i.e. Council Tax (3 comments)
- Better visibility of where Parish Council money is spent
- Better transport link to Ely
- No housing growth on the edge of Sutton – there is no scope to increase the infrastructure capacity, particularly regarding roads and water (2 comments)
- Better health and leisure facilities (4 comments)
- Housing development curtailed allowing some open space to be left in the village (2 comments)
- Restrictions to further housing development (3 comments)
- Protect Orchard in Red Lion Lane
- Preserve and increase green space in Sutton (12 comments)
- Low levels of housing development (2 comments)
- Reduced and better controlled housing development
- More cooperation between local authorities leading possibly to less cost
- More sports facilities (5 comments)
- Another football pitch – 1 pitch is insufficient for the size of the village (2 comments)
- Upgrade the all weather pitch – not fit for purpose
- Better use of the recreation field
- Improve workshops for teenagers
- Youth club to be reinstated (3 comments)
- Safer areas for children to play
- More facilities for children and teenagers (14 comments)
- Focus on the development of youths and anti-social behaviour
- Provision of adequate play areas for the number of children in the village (10 comments)
- More fitness classes for all ages
- Exercise paths and cycle routes
- Increased, community based, affordable activities for all residents (4 comments)
- Opportunities for adults between 30 and 60 to meet up and participate in activities
- Improve recycling areas (2 comments)
- Less emphasis on specialist groups – more for all
- Play area south of High Street (2 comments)
- Maintaining the Glebe
- Less Parish Council involvement
- Better communication from Parish and Regional Councils (2 comments)
- Serious bid for village of the year
- Reintroduction of library (5 comments)
- Use down lighting to reduce light pollution
- Secondary school
- More policing (5 comments)

- More land for residents to use as allotments or to keep livestock
- More public bins around the village for regular and dog waste
- Change waste disposal from sacks to bins (2 comments)
- Concentrate on current population rather than increasing it
- More financial assistance to voluntary organisations
- Schools and doctors will be overloaded
- More spaces in schools
- Improvements to schools (2 comments)
- Focus on conservation work
- More private roads to be adopted by the [County] Council
- Improved local/community transport
- More dog poo bins

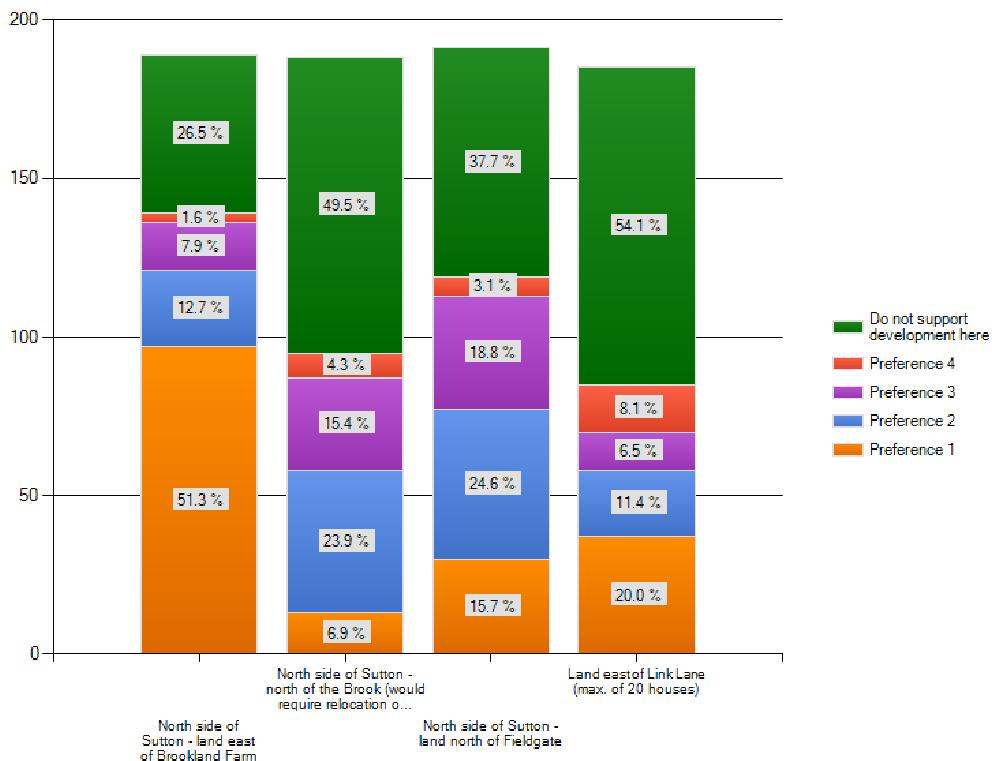
Q5. Do you think there should be housing growth on the edge of Sutton, over the next 20 years? Please choose one of the following options:



A total of 214 people responded to this question, with 6 people choosing not to answer. The majority of respondents (75.7%) were in support of allowing an element of housing growth within the village.

Of the people that supported growth most support (29.9%) was shown towards medium scale housing growth (20-50 houses). Both small scale (20.1%) and large scale (22%) housing growth received relatively high levels of support, with major housing growth only supported by 3.7% of respondents.

Q6. If there is support for housing growth on the edge of Sutton in the next 20 years, where should this take place? Please rank the sites in order of preference (where 1 is first preference, 2 is second preference, and so on). If you do not support development on a particular site, please select the last column.



A total of 200 people responded to this question, with 20 people choosing not to answer. Land east of Brookland Farm received the highest overall level of support (73.5%), with 51.3% of respondents choosing the site as their preferred option. This was followed by land north of Fieldgate (62.2% - support), land north of the Brook (50.5% - support) and land east of Link Lane (45.9% - support).

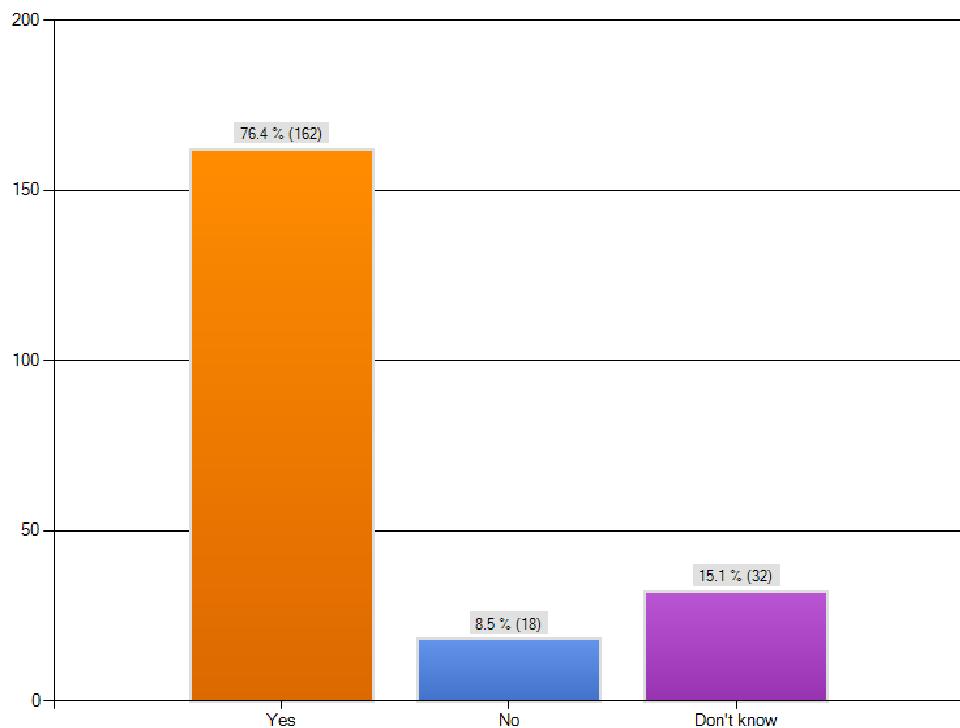
The following alternative development sites were suggested:

- Bellairs is a well drained level area. Access suitability was made specifically with the County Council Highways engineers for future development of the Bellairs site
- Land between Ely Road and Sutton Park
- On all existing 'brownfield' sites e.g. at Old Station and along High Street (2 comments)
- Redevelop derelict housing
- I thought the airfield at Mepal was going to be a site for housing? Surely this is a better site for housing and for small business units?
- Mepal
- Station Road could be used to extend business (i.e. business park on the edge of the village)
- Build anywhere!
- Land at the top of Lawn Lane – single dwelling only
- Land to the south-west of the Row

Other comments received included:

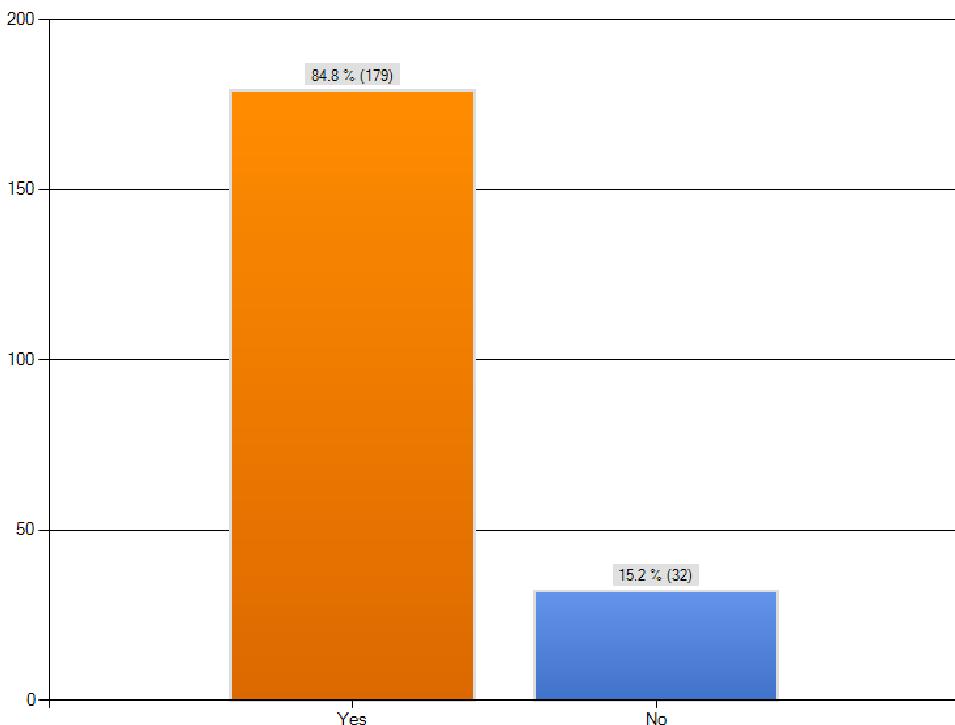
- Infill on individual plots as appropriate (3 comments)
- Development towards Sutton Gault
- Do not want any more development in Sutton
- No problem with development BUT need to have a developed infrastructure which is not mentioned and affects how people vote
- Land east of Link Lane is below water table and home to newts
- We don't need more houses – we need more jobs locally for youngsters. There are lots of houses available locally for sale or rent.
- [North side of Sutton] Ideally these sites should be treated as single entity in order to have a more coherent and better planned development
- Sutton is already a crowded village with few facilities and the roads to the village and the through road cannot cope with the volume of traffic. No building should be allowed until lorries bypass the roads and the village has better services and facilities.
- Infrastructure must be satisfied – e.g. more school places, more GP cover, sufficient parking on new estates, proper mix of low to high price properties, energy efficient housing
- This village has increased by nearly 30% in size over the last 10 years. Houses and estates have been crammed in. Travel through Sutton and spot the very few green spaces. In the Sutton Parish Plan 80% of the population indicated no further expansion.

Q7. If new development is to take place in the village, would you support the construction of 'eco-housing'? (e.g. houses that use solar power, recycled water or are built using zero-carbon construction methods).



A total of 212 people responded to this question, with 8 people choosing not to answer. The majority of respondents (76.4%) support the construction of eco-housing in the village, with only 8.5% of respondents against the suggestion. A number of respondents (15.1%) stated that they did not know.

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



A total of 211 people answered this question, with 9 people choosing not to answer. The majority of respondents (84.8%) were in support of seeing more opportunities for small businesses in the village/parish.

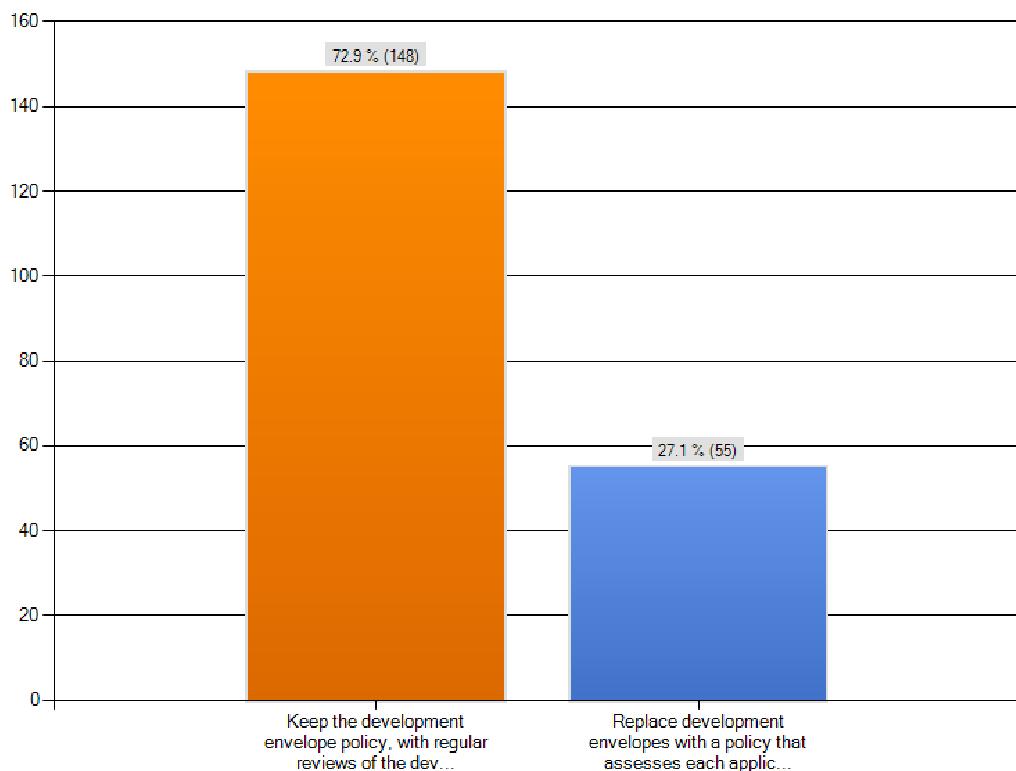
Q9. If there is support for small business development in the village/parish, where do you think this should be located?

A total of 166 people responded to this question, and made the following comments:

- Mepal Airfield (5 comments)
- North side of Sutton (25 comments)
- Existing (Elean) business park (62 comments)
- Old station area (20 comments)
- Ely Road (2 comments)
- Field Gate (3 comments)
- Opposite SunRise
- Away from residential areas
- Land east of Link Lane (4 comments)
- Use existing underused/empty premises (15 comments)
- Somewhere close to the existing business park. Anything that avoids large vehicles coming through the village (3 comments)
- Top end of Mepal Road
- Former Methodist Chapel could be a start-up/small enterprise if suitable parking could be created
- Anywhere provided it does not impact adversely on residential areas. This will depend on the nature of the business (9 comments)
- Keep business within the village area
- High Street (retail) (12 comments)
- Land south-east where there has been industrial development in the past
- Same as housing sites
- High Street – Park Road – Americas

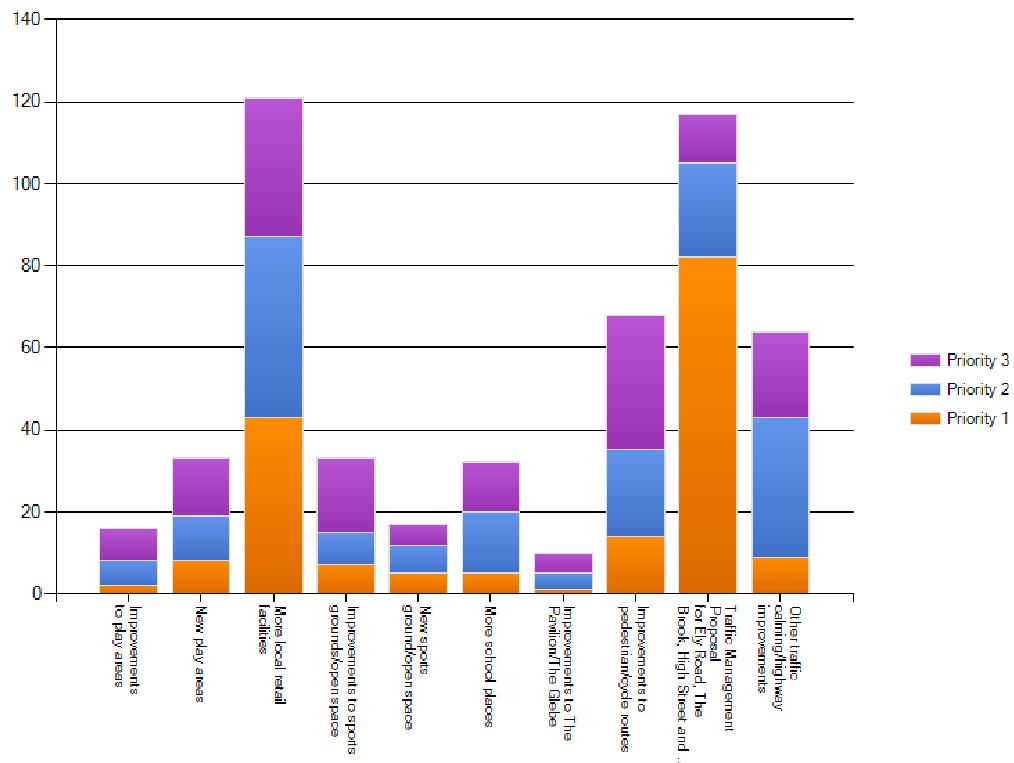
- Refuse change of use from business to domestic dwellings unless all other options have been exhausted
- Village centre (9 comments)
- We need more sensible shops, going back several years there used to be 35 shops – no need to leave the village – return to those times when everybody was friendly
- Encouragement for live/work units
- Empty butchers shop (2 comments)
- Support for new and existing shops on High Street
- Need High Street back, not possible at business park
- Small businesses should be limited to shops or services such as dentist, bakery etc
- I support the need for better facilities to Sutton – the village does not need a sheet metal or paperwork office – it needs businesses that will benefit the community
- Other side of main road – near Cheffins auction site (2 comments)
- Adjacent to housing to encourage walking rather than business use
- End of Church Lane
- Open space behind the orchards
- On outskirts of the village (3 comments)
- No to industrial – but yes to small offices if tastefully built. Development needs to be focused on re-opening shops
- Sutton needs facilities given that we are unable to access another villages facilities without a car

Q10. 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 203 people responded to this question, with 17 choosing not to answer. The majority of respondents (72.9%) supported keeping the development envelope policy – with regular reviews of the development envelope. 27.1% of respondents thought that the development envelope policy should be replaced with a policy that assesses each application on its merits.

Q11. 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:



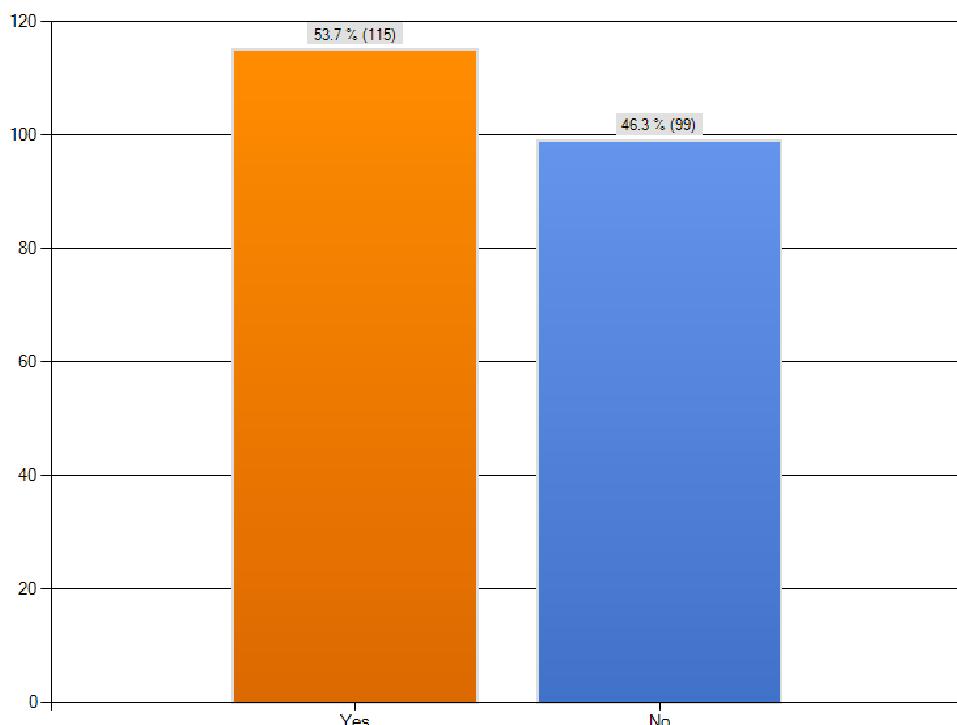
A total of 179 people responded to this question, with 49 choosing not to answer. Overall the need for more local retail facilities, the traffic Management Proposal for Ely Road, The Brook, High Street and the America, and improvements to pedestrian/cycle routes scored most highly.

Other specific infrastructure priorities that were suggested included:

- Replace the traffic calming island at the entrance to the village (4 comments)
- Provide speed camera on entry into the village off the A142 roundabout
- Library
- Make sure sports facilities are available to be used e.g. floodlighting, toilets
- Recent housing developments in the village have overburdened the drainage infrastructure – several houses affected during heavy rain. Needs to be addressed before any additional housing plans are considered
- Improvements to road maintenance as very poor on road down to Earith
- Open space parkland for all members of the village – not just children
- Traffic calming is pointless – current signs and methods don't work. If major development is to take place then a bypass to Earith from the Ely Road should be at the top of the list. With no exception.

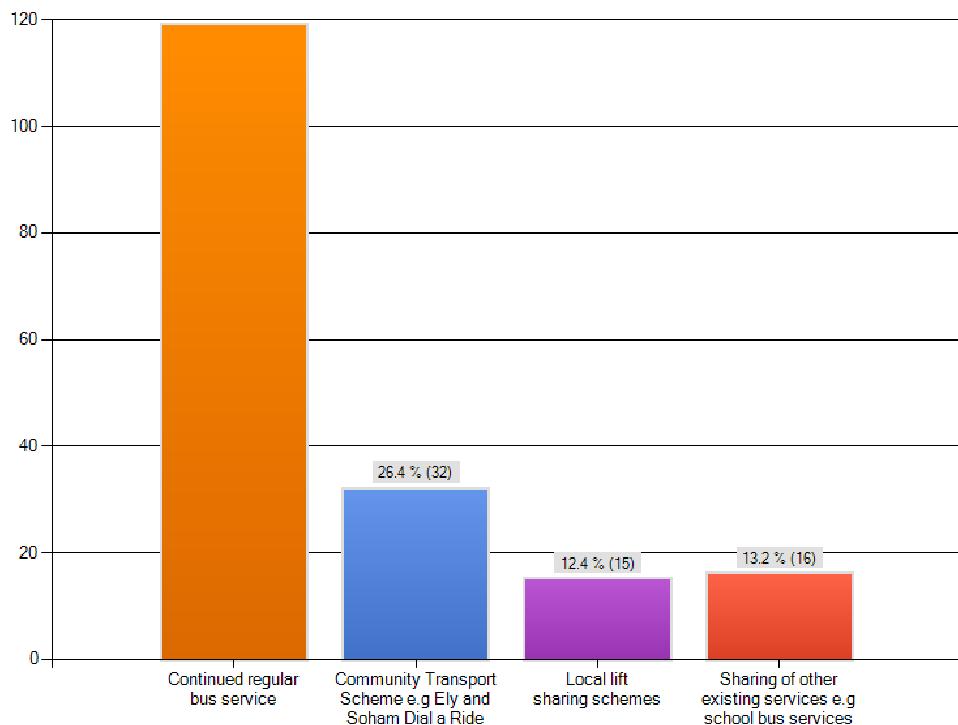
- Reduce speed (20mph) with calming measures on High Street and Church Lane
- Install Pelican crossings at the Brook by the school
- Is there a traffic management proposal? What is it? Why do I not know about it?
- Bypass from bottom of America around north side of the village to A142
- Bypass (9 comments)
- Improve public transport (2 comments)
- Extend route from Witcham garage to Wentworth crossroads
- Pavements through the village, particularly down the Americas
- Rumble strips on entering the village – also 20 mph and school sign on High Street
- A proper footpath along Bury lane (2 comments)
- Youth club for teenagers
- Re-open slip road connection between the ‘Brook House’ roundabout and Mepal Road and Ely Road – with one-way system through these routes
- Stop lorries using the village as a rat-run
- Cycle route to Witchford
- Improved Doctors Surgery capacity (2 comments)
- The water supply capacity has not kept pace with the new developments in Sutton over the last ten years, as evidenced by the decline in water pressure at peak times
- Swimming pool
- Support for more trees and wildflowers and renewed interest in existing conservation areas like the pond down Station Road
- Keep school traffic out of Bellairs
- Off street village car-park
- Improve A142 and A10 main routes to Ely, Cambridge and beyond. More housing will require upgrading of existing or additional roads to cater for additional traffic
- Need to look at facilities for children – apart from the park in Stirling way what else is there for them to do?

Q12. Do you or your family use local public transport services?



A total of 214 people responded to this question, with 6 choosing not to answer. Just over half of the respondents (53.7%) stated that they or their family use local public transport services.

Q13. If you answered yes to question 12 above, what services or initiatives would you like to see?



Of the people that use local public transport services, almost all of the respondents (98.3%) supported seeing a continued regular bus service. Of the other services and initiatives suggested, community transport schemes received the second highest level of support (26.4% of respondents), followed by sharing of existing services (13.2% of respondents) and local lift sharing schemes (12.4% of respondents).

Q14. Please use this space to outline any other issues that you would like to raise regarding the future of Sutton?

A total of 126 people responded to this question making the following comments:

- Reduction in Parish Precept is crucial
- The America doesn't have a 's' in it!
- No lorries through village (1 comments)
- Reduce the traffic from haulage lorries passing through the village (6 comments)
- Remove traffic calming at entrance to the village (3 comments)
- Worried about increase in traffic through the village, especially lorries
- Need a bypass (1 comments)
- Better control of 'on-street' vehicle parking in residential areas
- Improved footpaths – no overhanging hedges etc so people can walk on them and not on the road (2 comments)
- Improved pedestrian/cycle paths (3 comments)
- Limiting development in residential areas
- If most parishes had Council Tax frozen or restricted to 4-6% increase – why was Sutton's increase on the parish tax a massive 28%
- If building allowed at East of Brookland Farm traffic would be using Mepal Road and therefore away from the school bend/roundabout area which would be a joke

- Social housing and owner occupier do not go together well
- Improvements need to be made to the drainage infrastructure
- Surface water a significant problem now in times of heavy rain
- Character of village needs to be maintained – any new buildings should be in keeping with the surroundings.
- The planned new mature reserve should have a proper planned public access
- Roads need proper maintenance, line markings, cats eyes etc.
- Increase visibility of Community Support Police or Special Constables
- Find ways to connect with the youth so they appreciate what they have in the village
- Stop building on the larger garden plots in Sutton
- Avoid building large houses with inadequate gardens
- Clean up High Street near Chinese takeaway and other side of the road
- Clean up of properties on the main route through Sutton
- Do not lose sight of what we already have which needs to be maintained to higher standards i.e. pavement surfaces/cleanliness/lighting/enforcement of dog fouling laws
- Need to limit development to present boundaries and focus on improving pedestrian routes and environmental aspects
- We need controlled expansion to retain a critical mass of population to sustain a viable self sufficient community
- To create a village to be proud of, all projects should be considered and embraced – there is a need for residents to be more tolerant, and support those who give up their time freely in order to enhance the harmony of our village
- Improve bus service to one every two hours, or provide a double decker bus for peak hours on Thursdays and Saturdays (2 comments)
- No more housing estates – Sutton to stay a village
- Need for more shops/services (7 comments)
- Need to address vandalism
- Land north of Sutton the best location for growth – preferable to building in back gardens using every bit of small space.
- If land was bought on the north side a larger car park could also be made
- Sutton is no longer a village
- Sutton has grown with the foresight of previous councillors. It was a rural growth area and should be returned to that status to facilitate the viability of businesses, organisations and transport systems for the village. Villages die through lack of growth
- I would like to see a greater emphasis on environmental considerations and the provision of better access for pedestrians and cyclists to the surrounding countryside, particularly Sutton Gault
- I was told all property's below Garden Close should not have been built as they are below water table level also on land proposed for 20 houses cannot be built on as it is habitat of Great Crested Newt
- Concern over mix of social housing amongst owner occupied housing
- Zebra crossings across the High St by the school as this is a very busy road
- Stop County Council employees using the Brooklands car park as this is for parishioners using the centre not Surestart staff and visitors
- What happened to the proposals for an eco town on the old Mepal airfield-no details available
- Development of land east of Brooklands Farm would link up to The Orchards and Mepal Road for school children making it safer (3 comments)
- All the amenities are at the Brookland Centre which is the centre of the village
- Land east of Brooklands Farm appears to be the most obvious location for development due to ease of access from Old Mepal Road and new

- roundabout. Near to roundabout with easy access to the Sutton bypass to avoid additional traffic through village
- Village needs to be made more attractive i.e. trees, plants etc
 - More local energy production e.g. wind turbines it's windy all the time!
 - If more housing - more infrastructure, school expansion, and more recycling facilities - Pound Lane site is a disgrace
 - Traffic management of the Brook and High Street need to be improved before there is a serious accident.
 - Improvements to the area around the Brooklands Centre. There are too many facilities centred on a car park that is too small to cope with everything when there is more than one event taking place.
 - Since winning village of the year in 2002 I feel that the village has deteriorated in terms of business opportunities, community facilities for families (e.g. play areas and open fields) and general pride in our local area (more dog mess left on the streets).
 - The Parish and District Councils should actively encourage and visibly welcome community engagement across the full spectrum of village residents
 - In 2005 the village was nearly 0.7ha short of designated play space. Since then a further 250 houses have been built with absolutely zero additional playground space provided from the s106 monies that ECDC has received. If there is to be any further development within or around the village, then developer contributions have to be returned to projects within the village. Otherwise, on past experience, we can expect lots of extra houses in Sutton and a big cheque from the developer going towards an Ely Southern bypass which will bring nothing to Sutton except more heavy lorries
 - Get jobs into Elean Business Park. That's when the village will grow not because we have a big youth club or play area
 - More should be done to encourage people to shop and remain in Sutton by having more shops and amenities
 - Consider traffic when introducing more housing
 - Encourage a plan for a public house/restaurant
 - More community spirit.
 - Easier access for disabled
 - More outdoor seating
 - Footpath in Bury Lane
 - We need stop lines in Bellairs, opposite salt bin to define who has right of way.
 - Essential to provide more housing to protect the village from stagnating. I am aware that many residents have been born & brought up in the village & would prefer to stay to maintain their work/family/social activities within Sutton. These residents are of all ages.
 - Additional comment: Land north of the Brook would not involve relocation of the sports facilities - part of it could be used to EXTEND the facilities - eg to develop a new football pitch on adjacent land. I'm sure that a trade off with the landowners for adjacent housing development could fund this at no cost to the village & this should be investigated further. (I understand that the PC could be interested in this proposal).
 - The facilities around the Brooklands Centre & the school are extremely well used. For many residents this is the 'centre of the village' rather than the doctors' surgery & post office
 - Mini roundabout or traffic lights on junction of School Lane / The Row / High Street (beside Baptist Chapel). This junction is far too wide to cross safely!!
 - Parking restrictions, far too many cars parked dangerously on whole length of High Street.
 - Sutton is a vibrant village with a lot of activities going on. There should be better information given to all residents and newcomers about village services and facilities

- More consideration should be given to the older village residents. The youth of the village have over the past few years had more than their fair share of community funds
- Better coverage of the Sutton area by the Police (3 comments)
- Road system cannot cope with current traffic levels let alone increase traffic volume. Traffic calming does not decrease volume just causes congestion
- More houses would mean the school would need to expand and they are full to capacity, also the Doctors surgery is very busy, sometimes waiting a week for an appointment.
- A village of our size should have more shops especially to compete with the Onestop store
- No wheelie bins
- The village is beginning to look untidy especially the entry road and old Sutton Road looks awful
- Manage derelict properties
- Police
- Bypass!!!
- Make Sutton more desirable to live in. More trees, exercise paths and cycle routes
- Graveyard (new)
- New pub in building area
- Extra parking in building area. Most new estates become blocked with cars"
- A review of the waste disposal, rather than black bin bags - wheelie bins for both household and recyclables.
- Renovation/development of empty buildings e.g. ex-shop corner Pound Lane/High Street
- Village already too big for infrastructure. Land east of Link Lane is home to endangered species - Great Crested Newt. To build here would affect my quality of life and turn a quiet cul-de-sac into a busy through road.
- Please remove the speed restriction at the village entrance as it is in a dangerous position and causes large hold ups at times.
- The footpath (Schmidts track) to Haddenham to be extended to link up with a road in Haddenham
- Land east of Brooklands Farm - recommendations and ideas. 1. Ease of access and transport to Ely/Cambridge. 2. Reduction of traffic in village. 3. Minor agricultural impact - poor soil. 4. Minor impact to village as infrastructure could include new amenities
- Recycling facilities needs hard surface too muddy to walk on in winter - puts people off.
- Enhancement of environs on entry to village from Sutton roundabout i.e. owners of industrial site to camouflage with trees the ugly piles of black plastic cubes which are visible from the road.
- In view of the recent hiatus in the Sutton Parish Council there should be a regular Newsletter issued to all residents. The poor turn out at recent election was partly due to lack of information about the candidates, let alone what had caused the chaos!
- No more housing, Sutton is large enough already
- Dog warden for the amount of dog mess on the pavements.
- Traffic volume needs to be decreased, not increased with more houses! Traffic calming measures need to be implemented
- The village needs more shops and local services - a deli, a bakery for example, or a dentist, opticians and the Doctors surgery cannot cope with the existing village population - its a nightmare trying to get seen by a doctor so increasing the population is a bad idea!
- The doctors are overstretched currently so this needs investment and improvement!
- Another local restaurant might be nice, maybe an Italian, or Thai.
- Improved internet speeds

- Playing field should be left intact
- If further development is allowed a bypass to deal with increasing vehicular movements needed. No further social housing needed for non local people
- Remove traffic calming on road into Sutton from A142 and use traffic lights or some other measure that works better
- The existing areas of countryside outside the development areas should be preserved.
- Not sure why we are revisiting earlier schemes that were approved, then not funded/implemented at a time of financial strictures. It all seems rather pointless
- Cars outside church – now making it difficult to drive out of lanes - needs traffic calming there
- Sutton needs a butcher, bakers and a good pub to encourage people to mix and a bank
- The heart of the village is disappearing and needs to be re-established
- Sutton is already quite a large village for the facilities it has. A fresh food shop would greatly improve retail provision. If many houses were built there would be great pressure placed on the local roads. If the building plans go ahead on Mepal Airfield then there will be extra strain on the road system in the first place.
- Redesign recycling area for ease of use and visual attractiveness. This could discourage dumping.
- The village has some tourism worth looking into along with a proper link with Ely, I believe this could be an opportunity for business to gain from perhaps renting bikes; guided tours of the various sites etc.
- When the Parish Plan was discussed I raised the idea of subsidised milk delivery in order to reduce the amount of plastic bottles used.
- Could lead the way in our District by going over to fortnightly black bag collection and inserting a plastic bottle collection in-between.
- Sutton needs a good mixture of housing to avoid first time buyers having to move outside of the village
- Preserve the orchard in Red Lion Lane due to wildlife dear, owls, birds and rare apple trees of age
- Pavements from opposite the turning to Bellairs in the High Street to The America are in a dreadful condition, since they are the only ones in the village that have not received any attention in the last 10 years. The road surface on this stretch is also in a very poor condition.
- Sort out the traffic problems, too many HGVs and vans passing through. Lorries and tractors have to mount the pavement at the mini-roundabout at the school.
- Whilst I do not use public transport presently I still believe it is very important to ensure a good robust service is available for the village.
- There is a growing need for youth activities and Parish Council to provide funding to enable community groups to thrive
- More play areas needed, less heavy goods vehicles using the High Street, more zebra crossings on busy roads
- There are areas where additional street lighting would be beneficial.
- Need new recreational areas as the new basketball court near Brooklands seem to attract nothing but large amounts of litter.
- More frequent local bus service from Sutton to Ely to supplement the March Cambridge route.
- More local energy production (e.g. wind turbines)
- Maybe if the current Govt faced up to the immigration issues there would be less pressure on housing. Instead it is offering financial incentives to build more houses to district councils like East Cambs. Forgive my cynicism but I sense this questionnaire is aimed at developing greenbelt areas around the village and satisfying Govt policy.
- Do not spend anymore money on the Glebe

- Bus service must be improved to at least once an hour.
- It lacks any heart and soul as it doesn't feel very community spirited
- Sutton is a village not a future town
- Road/communication infrastructure must support any housing or business development. Do not waste funds on petty quick fix traffic management. Awareness of Ely rail bridge consultation and possible impact on Sutton. Housing must not become packed in and ghetto style with no private open space
- People have forgotten how to look after and behave in a village to protect the old and vulnerable. It's time that this was worked on as a priority and that children learnt to respect the elderly and the elderly gave the youngsters a chance to communicate with them and give mutual support and respect.
- Restrict social housing and improve policing
- East Cambs stifles development when it charges S106 almost 100% greater than neighbouring councils.
- I would like to see the residents more involved in choosing the initiatives. There is very little community spirit in Sutton and people need to become more involved."
- I am fully in favour of the proposed Ouse Washes flood management scheme and would like to see it implemented
- Sutton does not need any further development, as the current infrastructure cannot cope with the existing developments as they are.
- Every effort should be made to secure funding for a village bypass. The ever - increasing volume of commuter and commercial traffic is a blight on our village and has to be resisted. Any concession should be made from a position of zero tolerance.
- There needs to be much better communication with the local residents in the village. I am frustrated that I never get any information. I didn't even receive a copy of this survey though my door I only found out about it from a neighbour.
- If growth in population is to be continued there must be extra resources allocated to School and Medical facilities
- Suttons road system is not suitable for the increased heavy goods traffic.
- These vehicles have a tendency to speed through existing traffic calming systems at great risk to pedestrians, particularly, around the school area."
- The site at East of Brookland Farm would minimise impact on traffic in the centre of the village (access via an old 'A' road capable of dispersing traffic. Could provide easy access to the school via cycle/footpath. Easy access to village centre via through existing housing. Allow expansion of current sports pitches at the pavilion. Perhaps provide a good mix of low cost housing (much needed) as many young individuals are forced to move away from the village together with luxury housing to entice new families to the area.
- Community/social initiatives to bring the people of Sutton together. The pub would be a good meeting place, however it is not welcoming to non-regulars.
- Stop inappropriate infilling particularly along the Row
- A bypass is urgently required - far too much traffic passes through Sutton. Concerned as lots of children and older people have difficulty crossing roads as traffic (especially lorries) thunders through the village.
- If the housing increases then investment must be made in infrastructure, school, youth policy management (youth club) and social well being for residents and control of housing policy.
- The key concern is traffic management, particularly haulage. There is also a need to support local shops as the current offering of only the one stop encourages people to leave the village and is challenging for the elderly population with such a poor bus service available
- Any additional housing must bring with it a guarantee of school & pre-school places
- Children's play areas must be kept up to date

- Land to the north of Sutton should be considered more highly than that of the land east of Link Lane.
- The village contribution to policing doesn't appear to be value for money
- Stop wasting money on Village Halls, Pavilions and play areas.
- Bypass for Earith traffic over the airfield onto the A142, with roundabout at Mepal junction
- Bypass from A10 to Haddenham/Sutton to help workers/students into Cambridge and beyond more quickly
- Concerned that my two young children will not have anything to do at weekends or evenings, given the difficulty of getting to other villages/Ely. Some children recently come round with a petition for a skate park, they themselves said that the village is boring and there is nothing to do.
- Need to look into why shops are closing - losing the butchers is a real shame.