

## **Swaffham Bulbeck**

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

Due to a clerical error the return address was omitted from the 'Village Vision' questionnaires that have been delivered in Swaffham Bulbeck. As a result East Cambridgeshire District Council has extended the deadline for the receipt of questionnaires.

The consultation period now runs until the **22<sup>nd</sup> August**.

Completed questionnaires can be returned to:

- **Forward Planning, East Cambridgeshire District Council, The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely, CB7 4EE**

Thank you for your time.



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## A Vision for Swaffham Bulbeck

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- **What do you want to change or improve?**
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**What do you think?** We want your views on how Swaffham Bulbeck should change in the future. What sort of place would you like Swaffham Bulbeck 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 Swaffham Bulbeck 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?

Comments should be made by 8th August 2011 and respondents are encouraged to fill in the questionnaire online at [www.eastcambs.gov.uk/local-development-framework/core-strategy-review](http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/local-development-framework/core-strategy-review). Paper copies of the questionnaire should be returned to the Forward Planning Team, East Cambridgeshire 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 early 2012. If you have any questions please contact the Forward Planning Team on 01353 665555.

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

#### 1. Please provide your details:

<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>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 Swaffham Bulbeck:**

- Local resident of Swaffham Bulbeck
- Developer or local landowner
- Local business owner
- Potential investor
- Employee, working in Swaffham Bulbeck
- 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 Swaffham Bulbeck? (see map)**

**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 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?

## 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 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? Please [click here](#) to download a map of the development envelope for Swaffham Bulbeck.**

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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="radio"/>
Improvements to pedestrian/cycle routes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provision of a community/village hall	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If you selected other, please provide details

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

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

**Monitoring Information (Optional)**

You do not have to answer this section, however, it would be useful if you could please provide the following information about yourself:

**12. Sex**

- Male  Female

**13. Status**

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

**14. Age**

- |                                  |                             |                             |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <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 |                             |

**15. Ethnic origin**

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <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                |  |

**16. 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

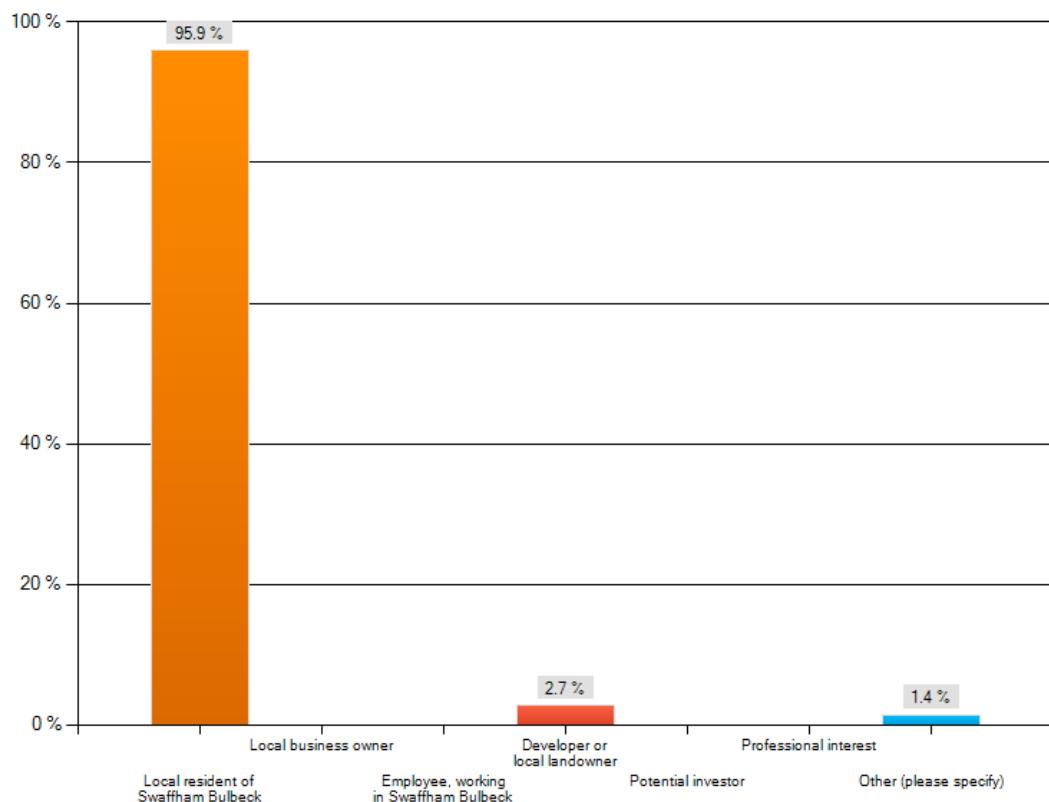
# Swaffham Bulbeck Village Vision Questionnaire Results

## Key facts:

Consultation period:	27 <sup>th</sup> June – 22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2011
Total responses:	74
Number of dwellings in the village	400
Response rate	19%

## Summary of Results

### Q3. Please indicate the main reason for your interest in the development of Swaffham Bulbeck?



A total of 74 people responded to this question. The majority, 75.9%, of respondents stated that their main interest in the development of Swaffham Bulbeck was as a local resident. Of the others, 2 respondents (2.7%) said that their interest was as a local developer or landowner and 1 respondent (1.4%) choose the other category stating that their interest was in amenities and open space.

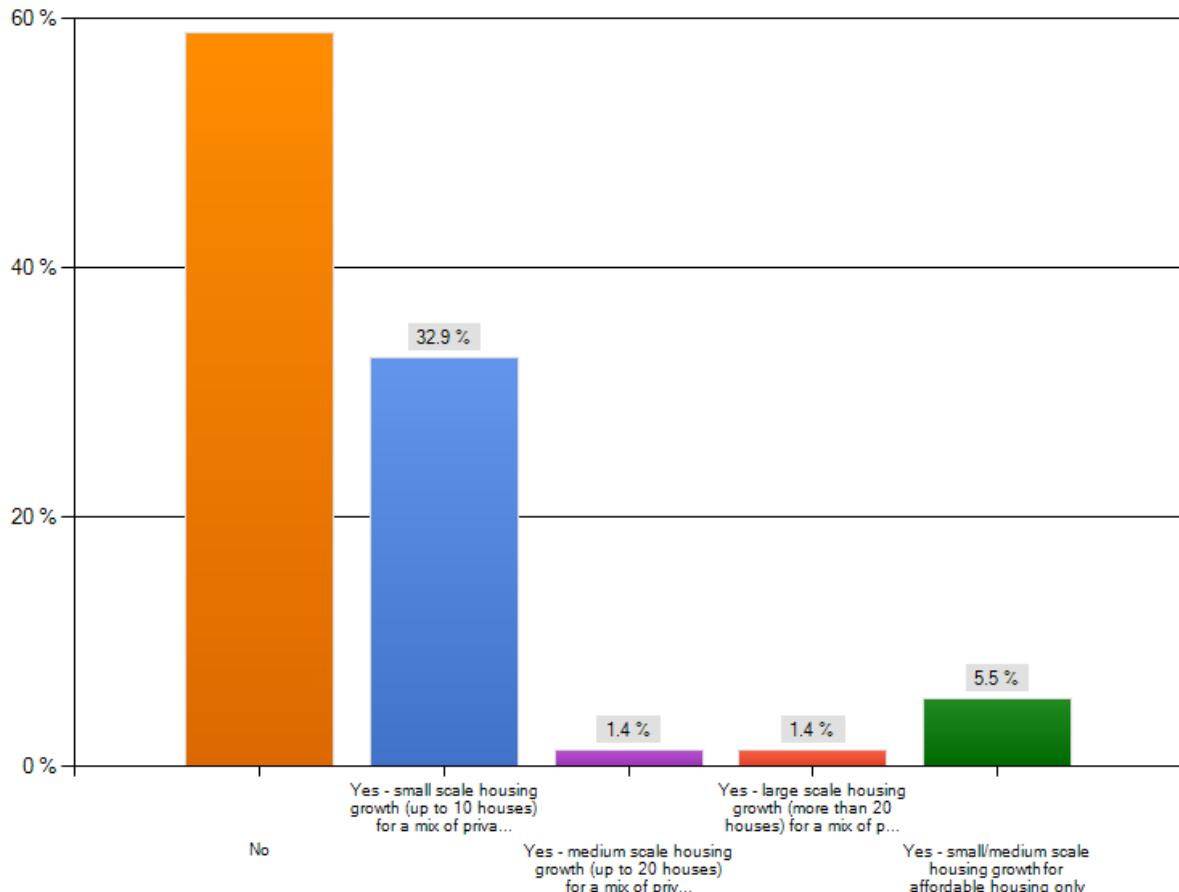
### Q4. How would you like to see the village change or improve in the future? Please list your top 3 priorities below:

A total of 142 suggestions were made on how the village could improve in the future. The most common themes were:

- No change (19 comments)
- Traffic calming (15 comments)
- Improved public transport/bus service (12 comments)
- New village hall (11 comments)
- Improvements to cycle routes/footpaths (9 comments)

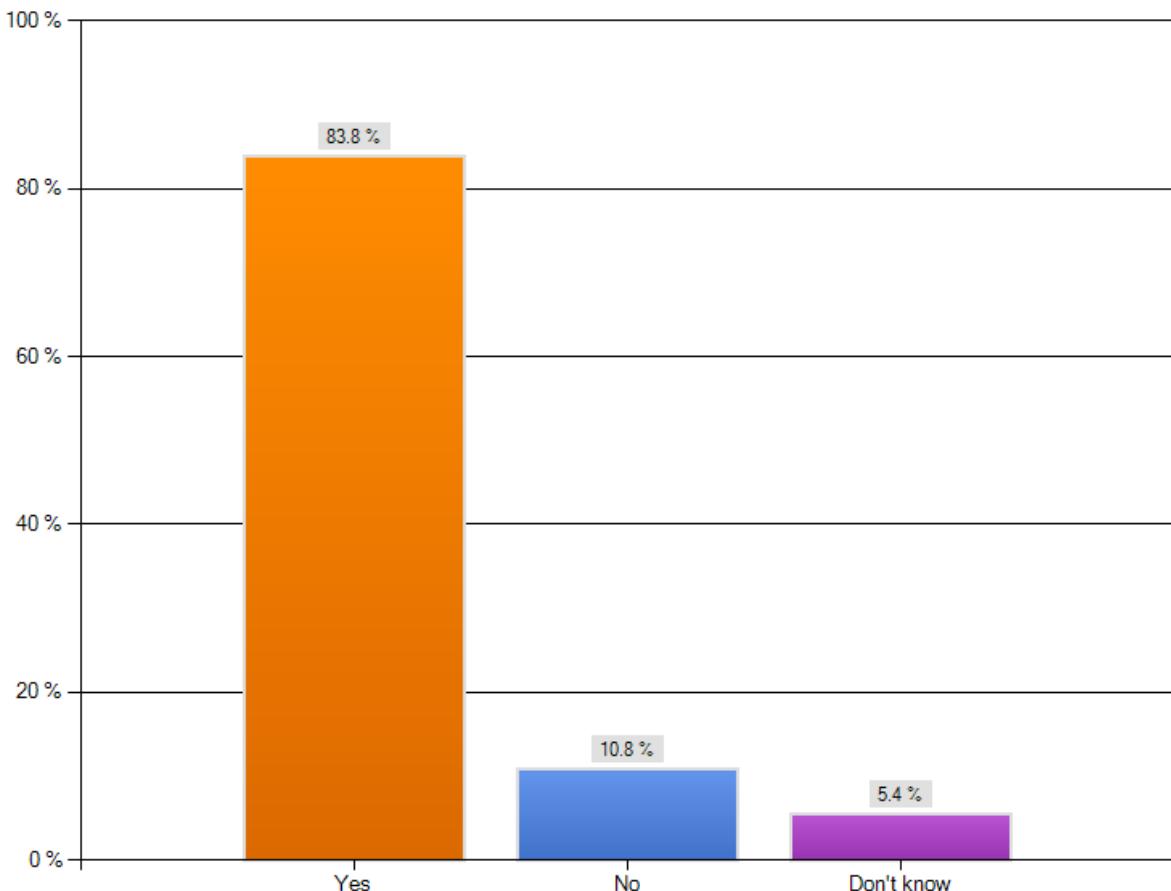
- Small scale housing growth (9 comments)
- Improved community facilities (8 comments)
- More affordable housing (8 comments)
- Retain village character (4 comments)
- More shops/takeaways/services (4 comments)

**Q5. Do you think there should be housing growth on the edge of Swaffham Bulbeck? Please choose one of the following options:**



Of the 73 respondents to this question, the majority, 57.4%, thought that housing growth should not be allowed outside the development envelope on the edge of Swaffham Bulbeck. The other 41.1% opted for some form of growth, with most preferring small scale housing development of up to 10 houses for a mix of private and affordable housing.

**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?**

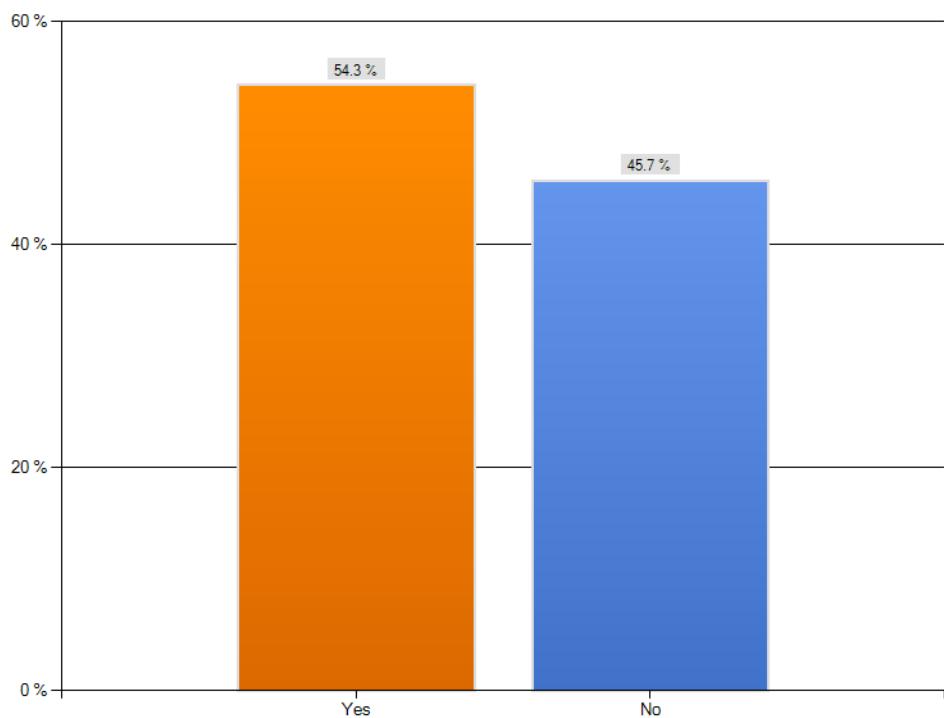


Of the 74 people that responded to this question, 83.8% agreed that the current approach to in-fill development should continue, with 10.8% against. Four respondents (5.4%) were unsure.

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

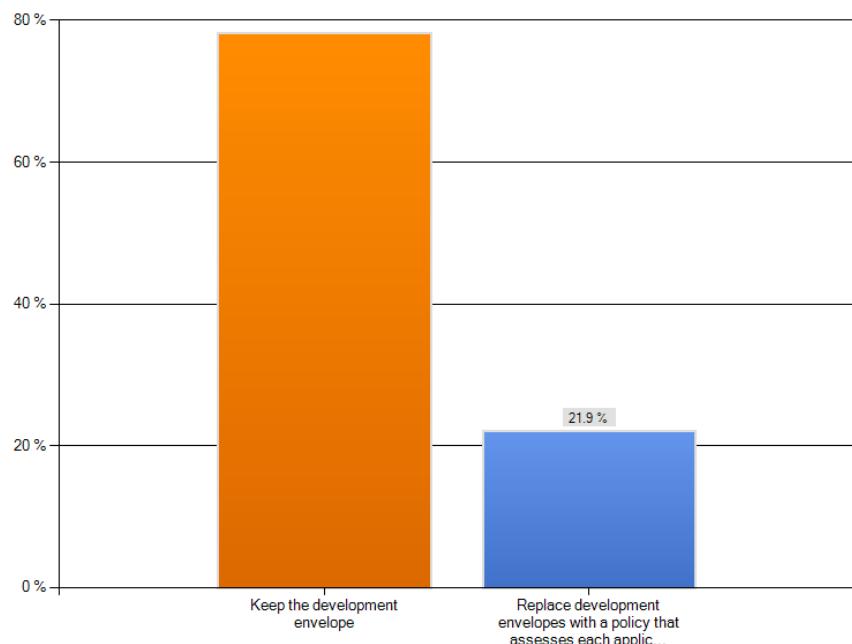
- Development can happen within the development envelope
- Where appropriate more than 2 dwellings could be considered
- Utilities should be upgraded prior to development
- Plenty of infill opportunities towards the back of the cemetery
- No new developments

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



A total of 70 people responded to this question of which the majority (54.3%) supported further opportunities for small businesses in the village and parish. Approximately 46% of respondents were against the proposal.

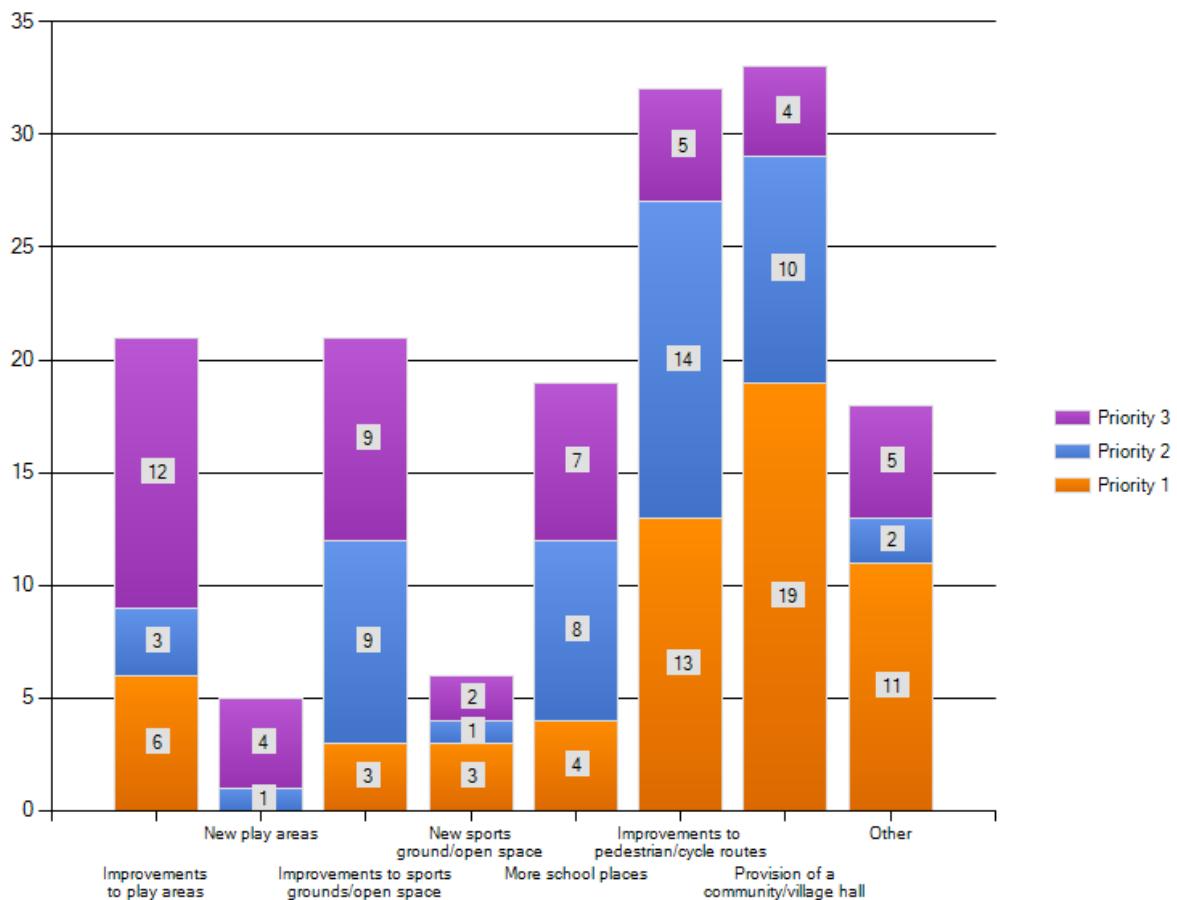
**Q8. The development envelope marks the built up area of the village where development is normally allowed to take place. The area outside the development envelope is protected as open countryside. Which of the following approaches would you prefer?**



A total of 73 people responded to this question. The majority of respondents, 78%, stated their preferred approach would be to keep the development envelope, whilst 21.9%

thought that the development envelope should be replaced with a policy that assesses each application on its merits.

**Q9. 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 62 people responded to this question, with 12 people choosing not to answer. Overall, the provision of a community/village hall was selected most frequently followed by improvements to pedestrian/cycle routes.

When analysed in terms of priorities, the provision of a community/village hall ranked most highly as priority 1 (19 people), improvements to pedestrian/cycle routes was ranked most highly as priority 2 (13 People) with the category other ranked most frequently as priority 3 (11 people).

Of the respondents who selected 'other' the following improvements were suggested:

- Creation of a quiet lane on Abbey Road and Cowbridge Lane
- More parking for playground area
- Bypass
- New sewage system for Commercial End
- More footpaths across countryside
- Sustainable power supply
- Road rerouting to reduce traffic on Station Road and High Street

- Provision of a community/village hall
- Pedestrian crossings by the school and by The Denny (2 comments)
- Public toilets
- School parking
- Improve bus service
- Improve village post office and shop

**Q10. 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?**

A total of 51 people responded to this question raising the following issues:

- Improve cycle facilities:
  - Cycle facilities around the triple bends in the central village (2 comments)
  - From Cemetery Corner to Heath Road/Commercial End crossroads (3 comments)
  - Cycle route needed from Commercial End
  - Proper surfaced cycle links to the Wicken Fen/Lode Way cycle route
  - Direct cycle links to Newmarket and to the Lodes Way. New pedestrian/cycle crossing over the River Cam to Waterbeach, linking us directly with the station there and the fast riverside path to Cambridge City centre.
  - Improve cycle path to Bottisham
  - The cycle route from Swaffham Bulbeck to Cambridge should be made more direct.
  - Improvement to cycle route along High Street from the church to Stonebridge
- Public realm
  - Pavements need improving (wider, smoother). More drop kerbs and marked crossings (6 comments)
  - A pedestrian crossing would be very helpful/safe way to cross from the Denny to the High Street
  - Provide a pedestrian crossing across B1103 between Station Road and Pound Way
  - Re-establish footpath from Park End to Bottisham
  - Pedestrian crossings (zebra plus lights) on High Street by school and on main road across to the play area/Denny.
  - Footpaths to the north and east of the village.
- Village Hall
  - New village hall (6 comments)
  - Provide village Hall at the pavilion (5 comments)
  - Build village hall at site of free church
- School
  - More school places (4 comments)
  - First floor extension to school
  - A community centre at the school
  - Improve school parking
- Sports
  - Additional sports facilities (3 comments)
  - tennis courts on rough / level ground beyond 34 Quarry Lane
- Fen Lane could be turned into a Green Lane
- Reclaim derelict commercial or farmland and turn into public open space
- Traffic calming

- More parking at Play Area (4 comments)
- Demolish Maryland Avenue area and develop it as a brown field site into parkland and wild flower meadow
- Provide wind and solar power
- Improve bus service to Ely and Cambridge
- Provide public toilets at St. Marys Curch
- Maintain existing facilities (3 comments)

**Q11. Please use this space to make any other comments:**

A total of 41 people provided a response to this question. The following is a summary of their comments:

- No further development (6 comments)
- Protect village character (4 comments)
- Improve bus service (4 comments)
- Traffic
  - Traffic calming (2 comments)
  - Traffic too fast on Cowbridge/Abbey Lane (1 comment)
  - The cross roads at the junction of Commercial End, Heath Road, and Greenbank Road is an accident black spot because there is no sign to warn drivers heading out of the village on the main road that there is a road junction ahead.
  - New traffic lights at Cemetery Bends to deal with HGV's mounting footpaths
- Small scale development
  - Small development would be acceptable
  - Small scale development that preserves the village character
  - Sensitive and small scale, architect designed additions outside envelope where appropriate.
  - Infill areas between the 3 separate built areas
- There should have been an option to keep the development envelope but review the boundary.
- Need traffic calming measures, especially on B1102. Need bus shelters opposite shop. Need pedestrian crossing(s) - because of the volume of traffic on B1102
- It is important to maintain the 'green lines of sight' through the village and not intrude on them in any way.
- Cut down on street lighting, it is far too bright
- It is imperative that the three separate areas of development and the open space between them be protected from development. Potential areas for development remain - east of High Street, south of Quarry Lane and between Pound Way and Mitchell Hall, otherwise infill only.
- The bowling green and 'meadow' where horses are kept in Quarry Lane are a valuable amenity and should be retained.
- The provision of a safe parking area for The Denny.
- Commercial End, and Mill Lane in particular, has an inadequate sewage system.
- Provide sustainable power systems.
- The main features of the Village Plan should be kept
- It is important to keep the two Swaffhams as small villages
- Need cycle links to Ely and Soham
- New employment opportunities should be linked to existing residents
- Need some affordable housing