

Witcham

A Vision for Witcham

Have your say on the future of Witcham

- **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 if and how Witcham should change in the future. What sort of place would you like Witcham 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 Witcham 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 18th July 2011 and respondents are encouraged to fill in the questionnaire online at 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:

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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 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 Witcham:

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

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 Witcham?

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 Witcham.

Keep the development envelope

Replace development envelopes with a policy that assesses each application on its merits

Local infrastructure and facilities

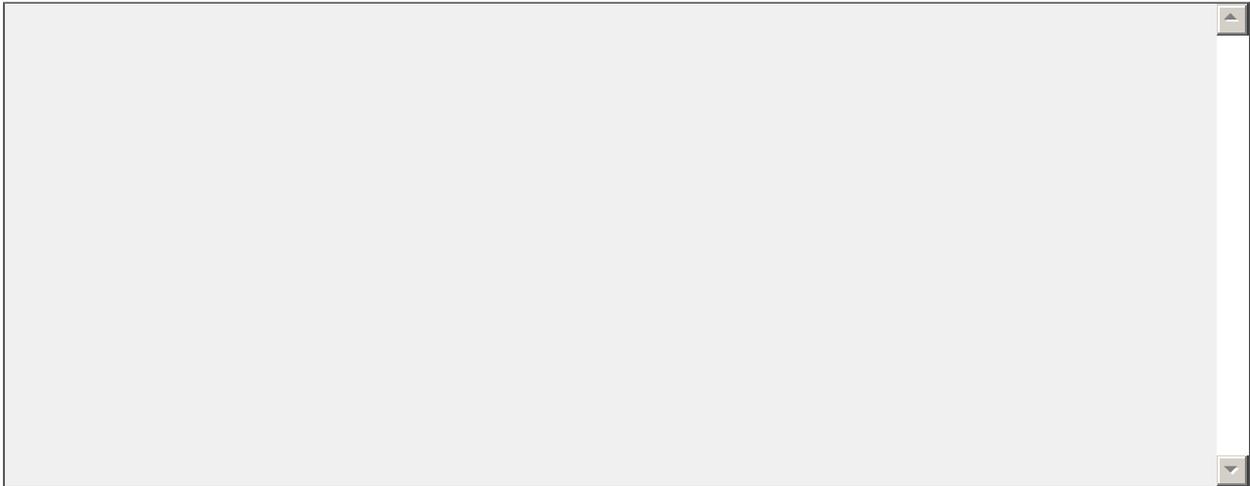
9. The District Council can secure funds from developers to spend on improving local infrastructure and facilities. If new development comes forward in the village, what benefits would you like to see? Please select your top 3 priorities from the list:

	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. 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

- Employee Unemployed Student
 Self-employed Homemaker Retired

14. Age

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

15. 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

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?

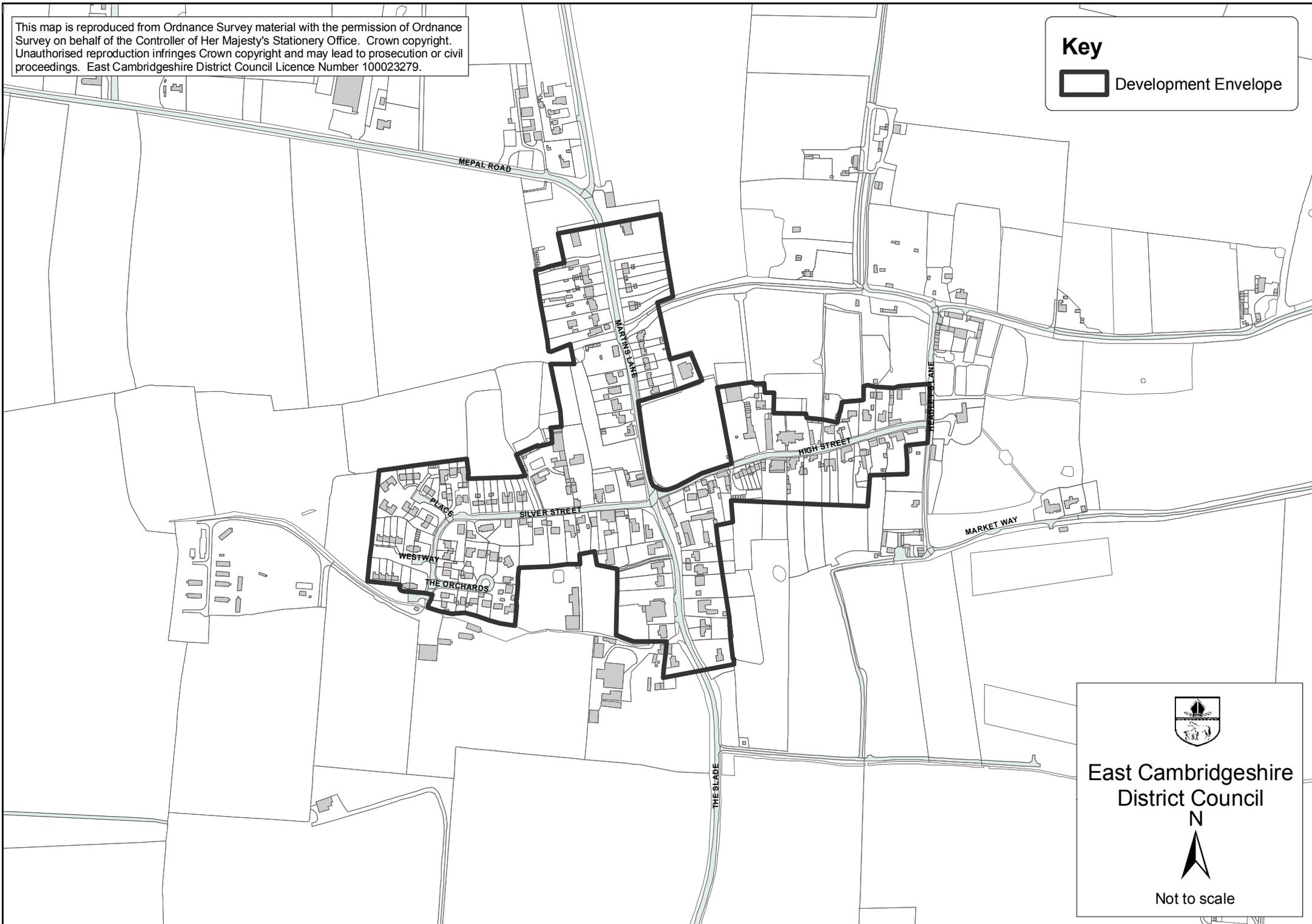
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Key

 Development Envelope



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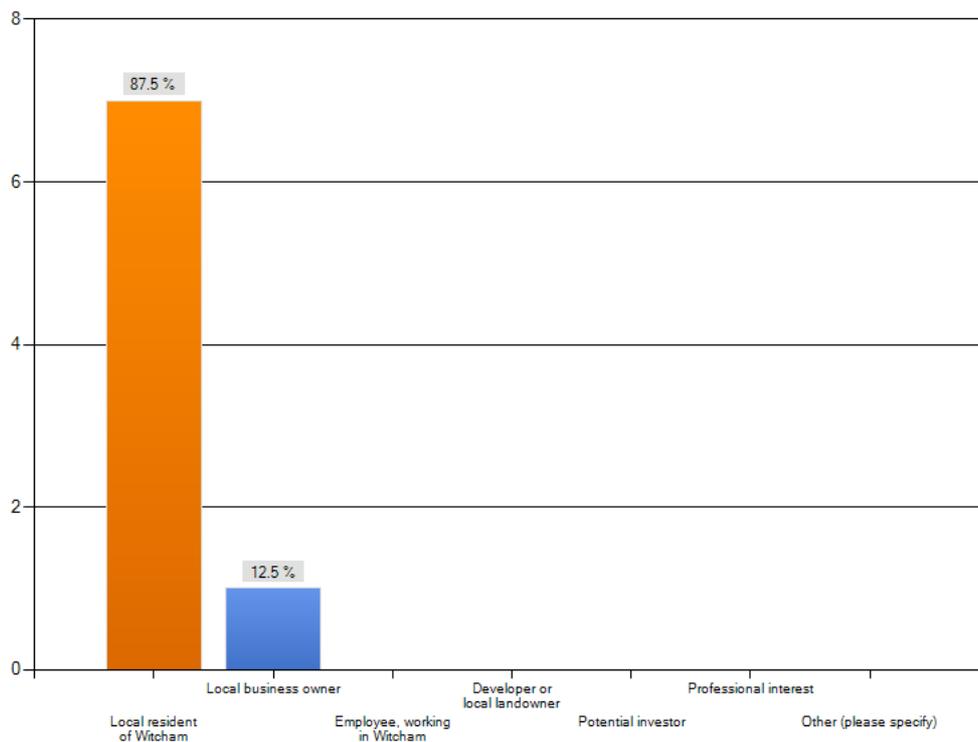
Witcham Village Vision Questionnaire Results

Key facts:

Consultation period:	27 th June – 18 th July 2011
Total responses:	8
Number of dwellings in the village	190
Response rate	4%

Summary of Results

Q3. Please indicate the main reason for your interest in the development of Witcham?



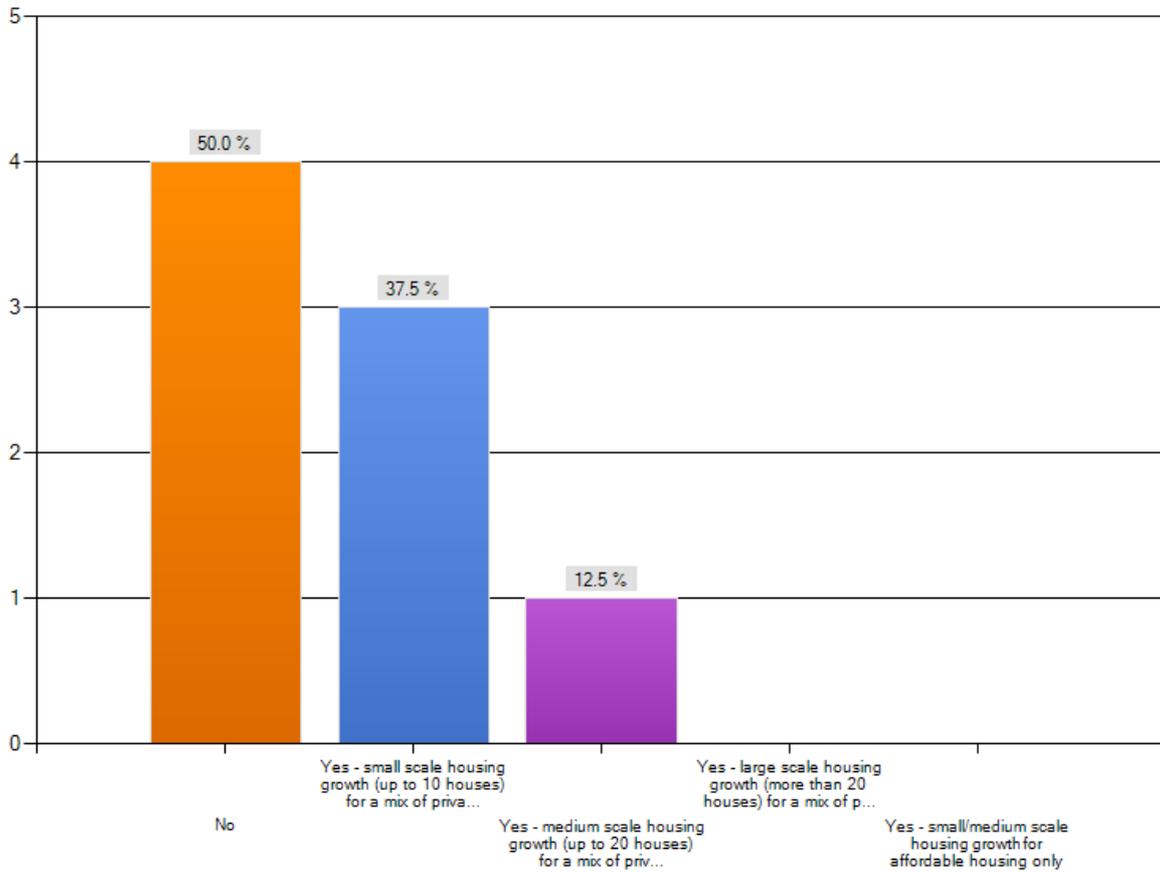
A total of 8 people responded to this question. The majority, 87.5%, of respondents stated that their main interest in the development of Witcham was as a local resident and 1 respondents interest was a local business owner.

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 15 suggestions were made on how the village could improve in the future:

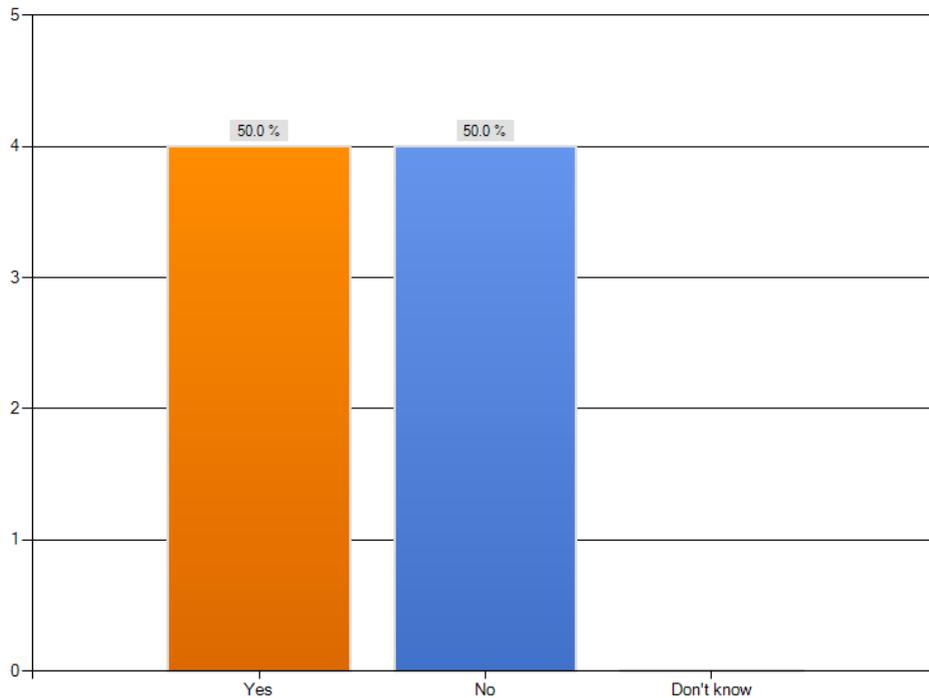
- Improve village hall (3 comments)
- Play facilities (3 comments)
- Improve footpaths (3 comments)
- No change (2 comments)
- Cycle route to Ely (2 comments)
- Small scale housing (1 comment)

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



A total of 8 people responded to this question. Responses were evenly split, 50% thought that housing growth should not be allowed outside the development envelope on the edge of Witcham, and 50% supported some form of growth with most of those supporting small scale growth of up to 10 dwellings for a mix of private and affordable housing.

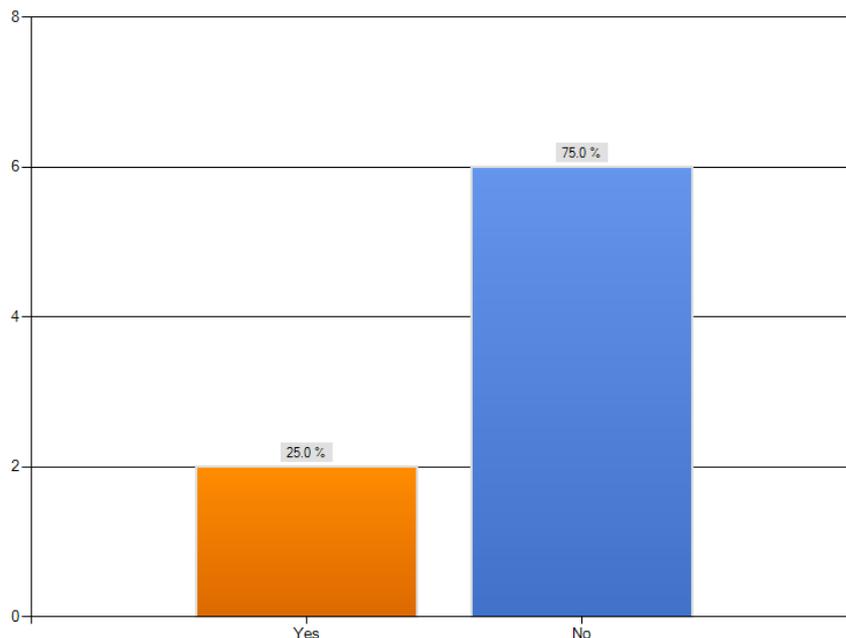
Q6. Housing development will continue to come forward on small sites within the development envelope of the village. However, schemes are currently limited to a maximum of 2 dwellings. Do you think this approach should continue?



A total of 8 people responded to this question. Responses were evenly split, 50% of respondents supported retention of the current policy to restrict housing schemes within the development envelope to a maximum of 2 dwellings and 50% of respondents disagree with the current approach.

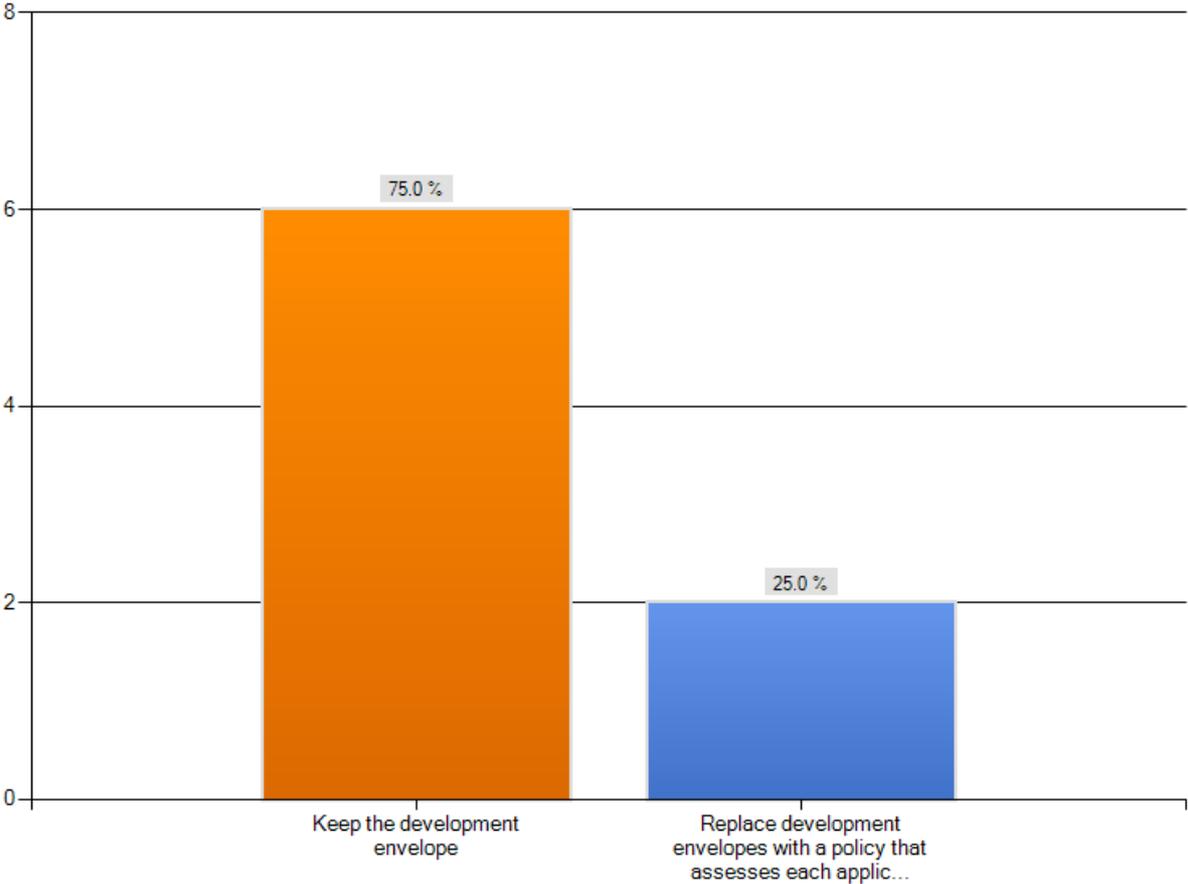
In response to asking for suggestions for alternative approaches it was suggested in one comment that any houses should be of a scale and style that is in keeping with the village.

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



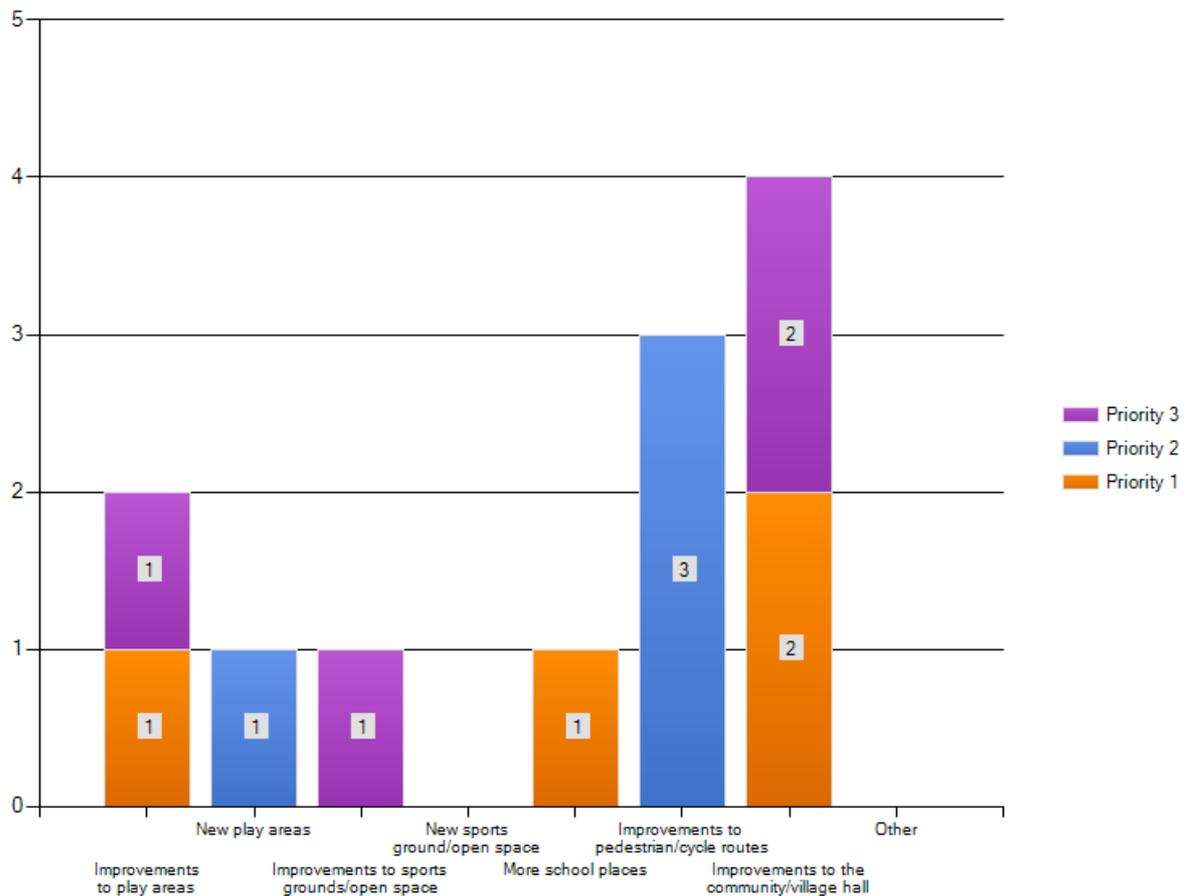
A total of 8 people responded to this question. The majority of respondents, 75% stated that they would not like to see further opportunities for small businesses in the village

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 8 people responded to this question. The majority of respondents, 75%, stated that their preferred approach would be to keep the development envelope.

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 4 people responded to this question, with 4 people choosing not to answer. Overall, the need for need for improvements to the community/village hall was selected most frequently.

When analysed in terms of priorities improvements to the community/village ranked highest as priority 1 and priority 3 and improvements to pedestrian/cycle routes ranked highest as priority 2.

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 6 people responded to this question and the following specific issues were raised:

- There is a need to protect the village bus service
- There is a need for better play facilities for children aged 5+
- There is a need for improvements to the village hall to provide changing rooms for the cricket team
- There is a need for school places at Mepal, Sutton and Witchford to deal with an increase in local need.

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

Two people responded to this question. Both responses stated that there should not be any development in the village and that the village could fundraise for any facilities it needs.



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Witcham wants to grow...

The District Council carried out a consultation with residents of Witcham from 27th June-18th July to find out their views on how the village should change in the future.

50% of those who responded called for some new housing development on the edge of the village, outside the current development envelope and the Parish Council agree with their views.

How much growth?

Do you agree that the village should grow - & if so how much? Small-scale housing growth – up to 10 dwellings for a mix of private and affordable homes – was the most popular choice. If successful this could deliver housing for local people.



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 which should take no more than 5 minutes of your time. The consultation will take place between 21/11/2011 and 12/12/2011. A copy of the questionnaire will be distributed to every dwelling in the village. Residents will also be able to complete the survey online at:

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Witcham Vision - Sites Survey

Witcham wants to grow...

The District Council is preparing a new Local Plan for East Cambridgeshire. This plan will include a long-term 'Vision' for Witcham 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 Witcham Village Vision survey carried out in summer 2011 has revealed SOME support for small-scale housing growth on the edge of the village – for up to 10 dwellings for a mix of general market and affordable housing.

We need your views

We need your views on: where this small-scale 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 12th December 2011. It would help us save resources if you are able to make your response online via <http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/local-development-framework/consultation-villagetown-visions>. 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 Spring 2012. If you have any questions please call Forward Planning on 01353 665555.

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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 outlined above (i.e. growth outside the development envelope of up to 10 houses for a mix of private and affordable dwellings)?

Yes No Don't know

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

4. Please select where you would support development for small scale housing growth of up to 10 dwellings for a mix of private and affordable housing (see attached map)?

Please rank 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
Land east of the Slade	<input type="radio"/>				
Land at Slade Farm	<input type="radio"/>				
Land south of Silver Street	<input type="radio"/>				
Land adjoining 36 High Street	<input type="radio"/>				

5. What size houses would you like to see? (Please tick all that apply)

- 1 bedroom
- 2 bedroom
- 3 bedroom
- 4+ bedroom

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

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. 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?

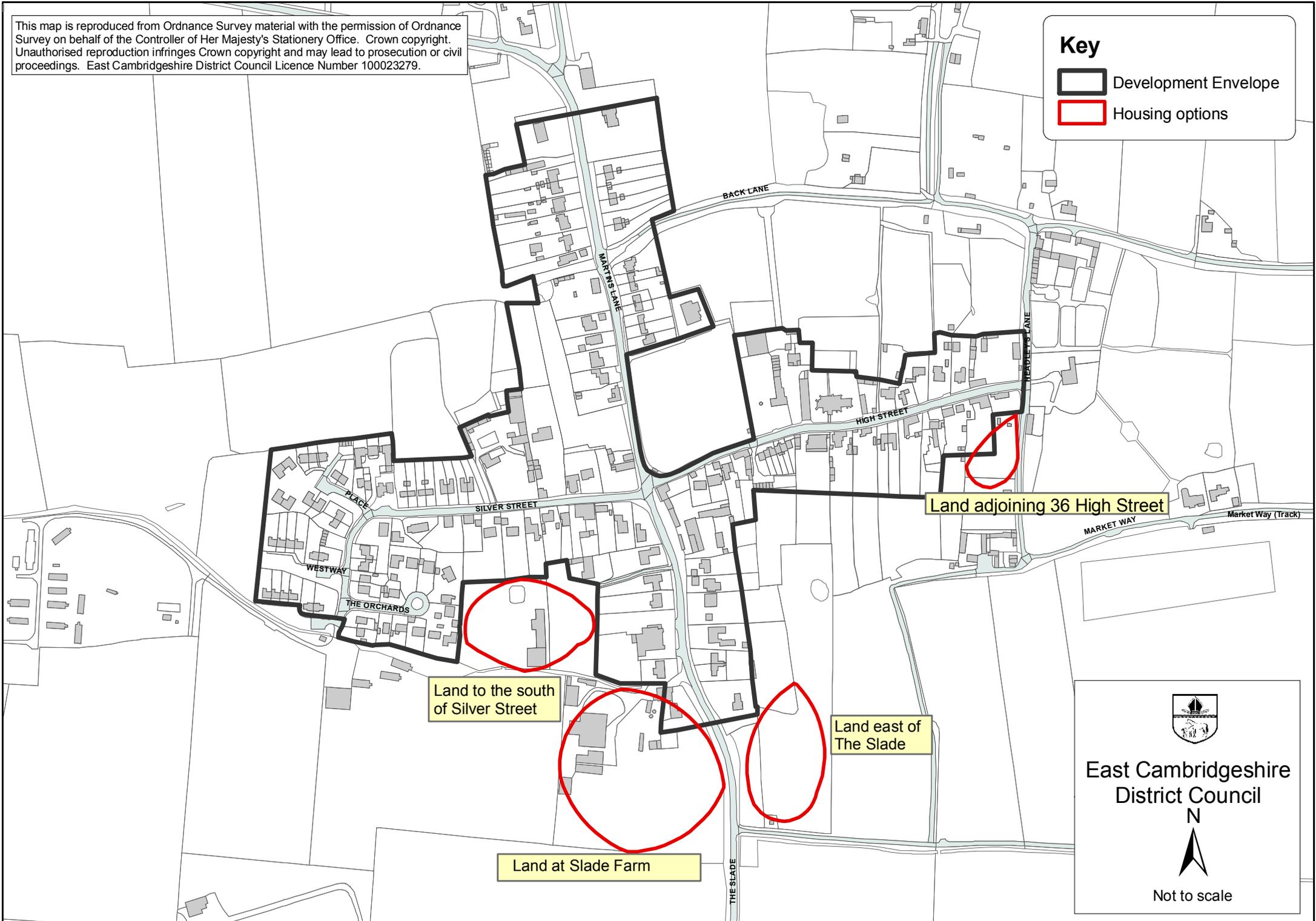
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Key

- Development Envelope
- Housing options



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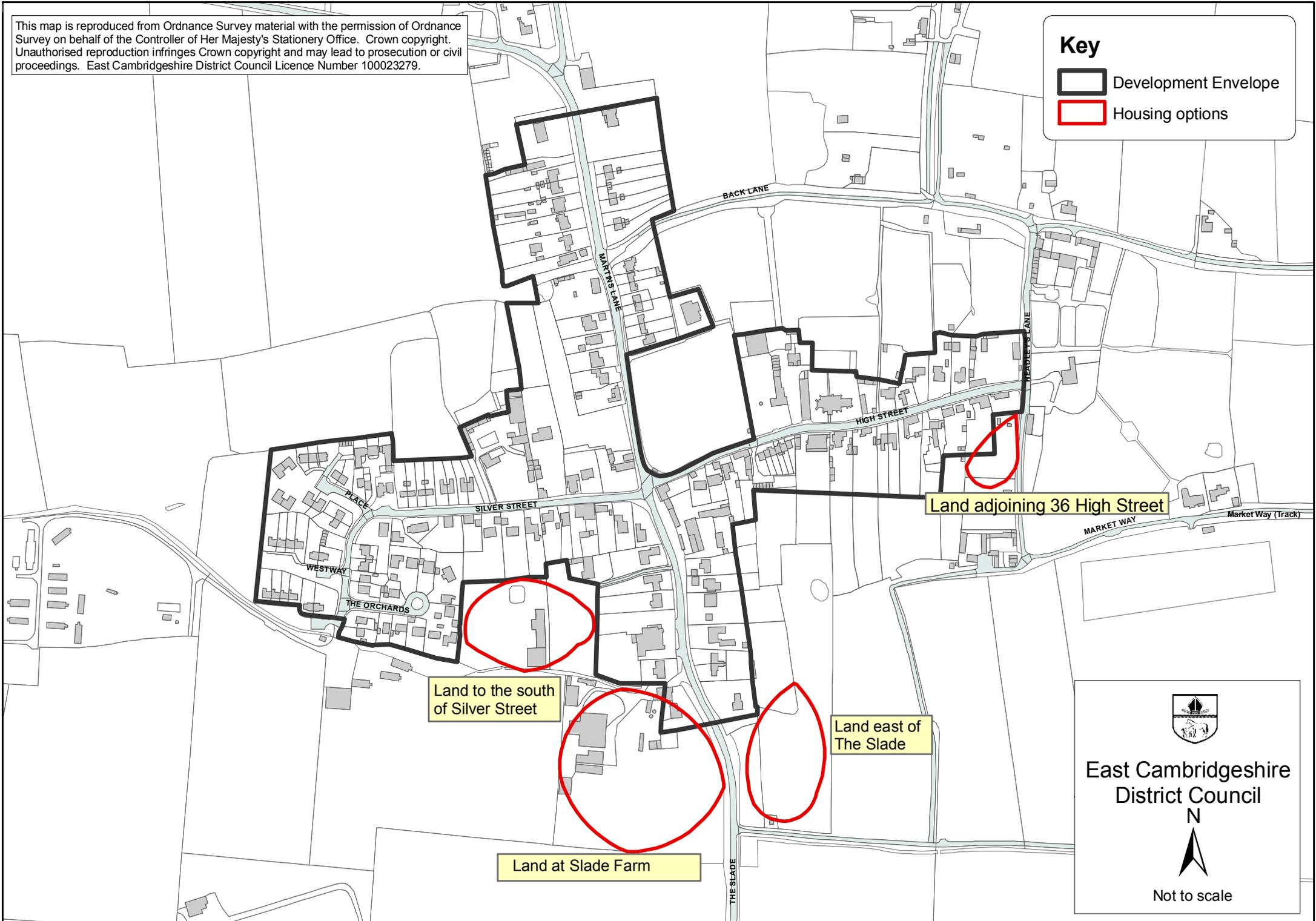
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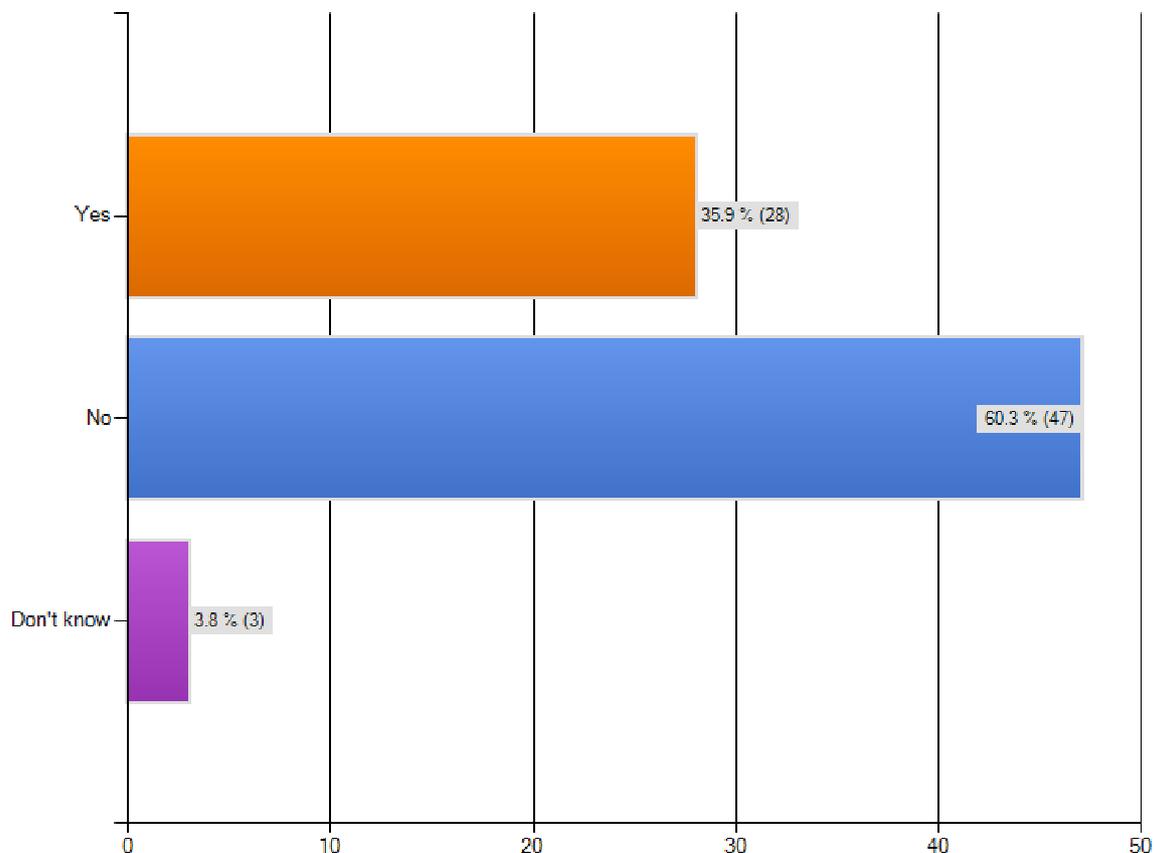
Witcham Village Vision Questionnaire Results

Key facts:

Consultation period:	21/11/2011 – 12/12/2011
Total responses:	81

Summary of Results

Q3. Do you support the approach to housing growth outlined above (i.e. growth outside the development envelope of up to 10 houses for a mix of private and affordable dwellings)?



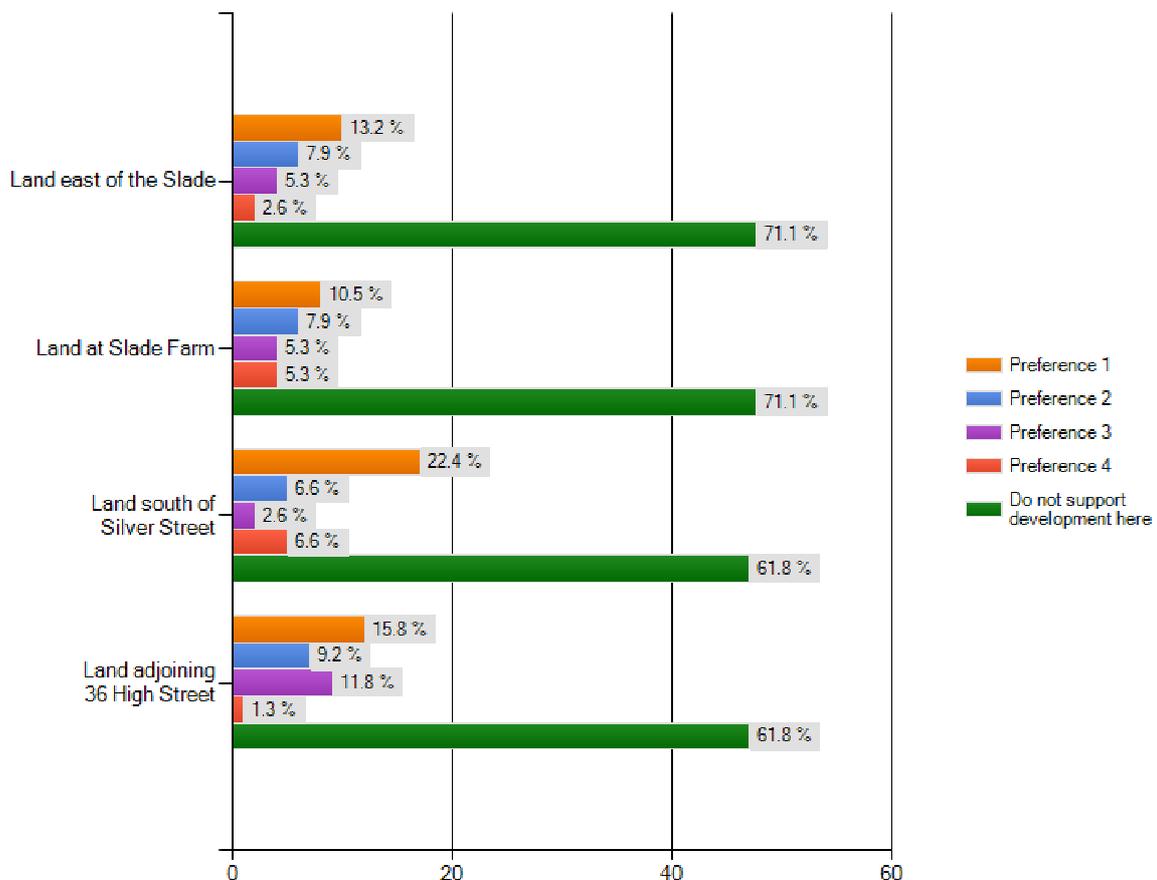
A total of 78 people responded to this question. The majority, 60.3%, did not support growth outside the development envelope of up to 10 houses for a mix of private and affordable dwellings.

Those that answered no to this question specified that their preferred approach would be:

- Infill development only (12 comments)
- Against growth outside the development envelope (5 comments)
- Against growth because of the traffic problems at Witcham Toll (3 comments)
- To keep the current development envelope (2 comments)
- Restrict housing developments to the outside of the big towns in the District
- No further growth without sufficient infrastructure

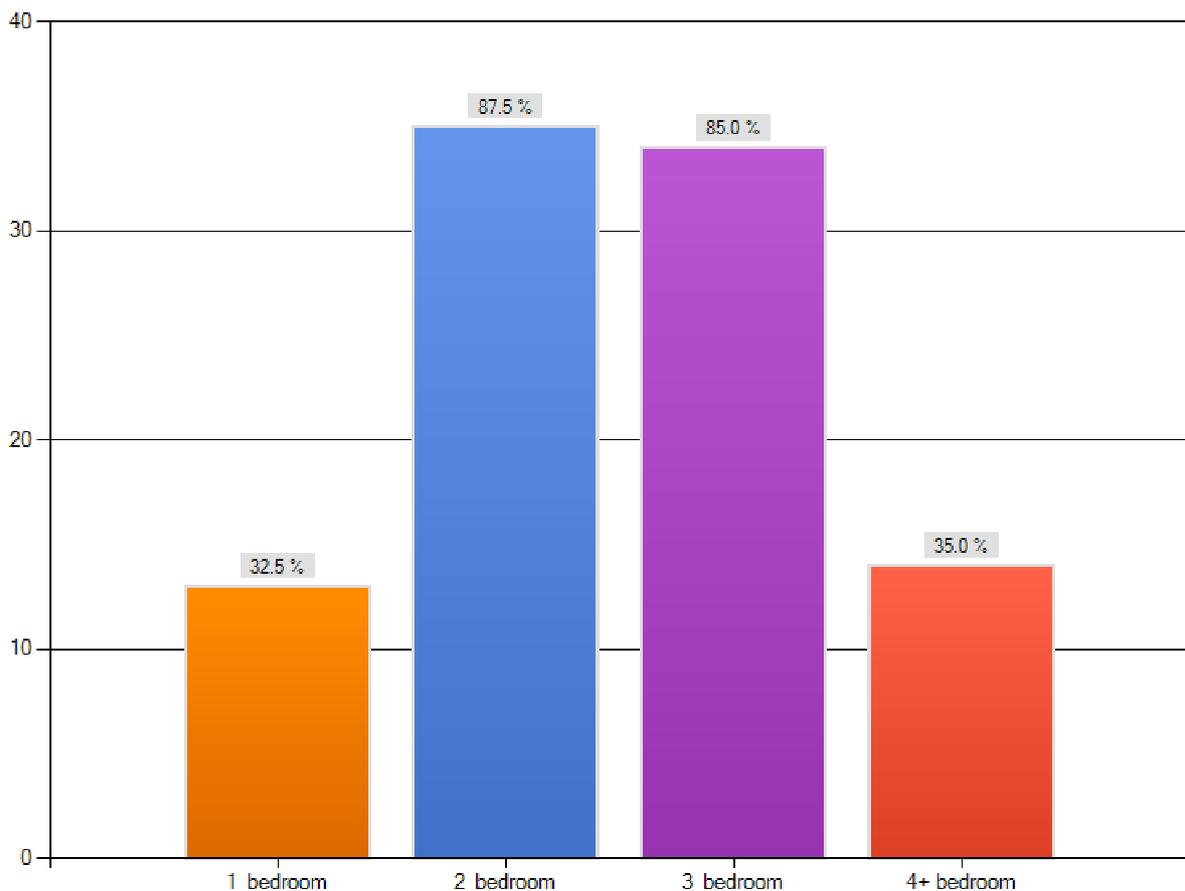
- Build more houses in Ely
- Leave the countryside as it is
- Any available land should be used for allotments and community orchards
- Need more affordable rents
- There should be no further development in Witcham

Q4. Please select where you would support development for small scale housing growth of up to 10 dwellings for a mix of private and affordable housing (a map of the potential sites can be found here) Please rank 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 78 people responded to this question. Land south of Silver Street and Land adjoining 36 High Street received the most support but the majority of respondents did not support development on any of the sites.

Q.5 What size houses would you like to see? (please tick all that apply)



40 of the 81 respondents answered this question. The majority of respondents would prefer to see 2 and 3 bedroom houses come forward as part of any new development.

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

There were 34 responses to this question. A number of respondents stated that there should be no more development on the edge on Witcham. A number of respondents suggested sites including:

- The garage site in the Slade (2 comments)
- 2 Market Way (2 comments)
- The area between the last bungalow to the west of Martins Lane and the cemetery on Mepal Road (2 comments)
- Land between Market Way and the A 142
- Land off Back Lane
- Market Way