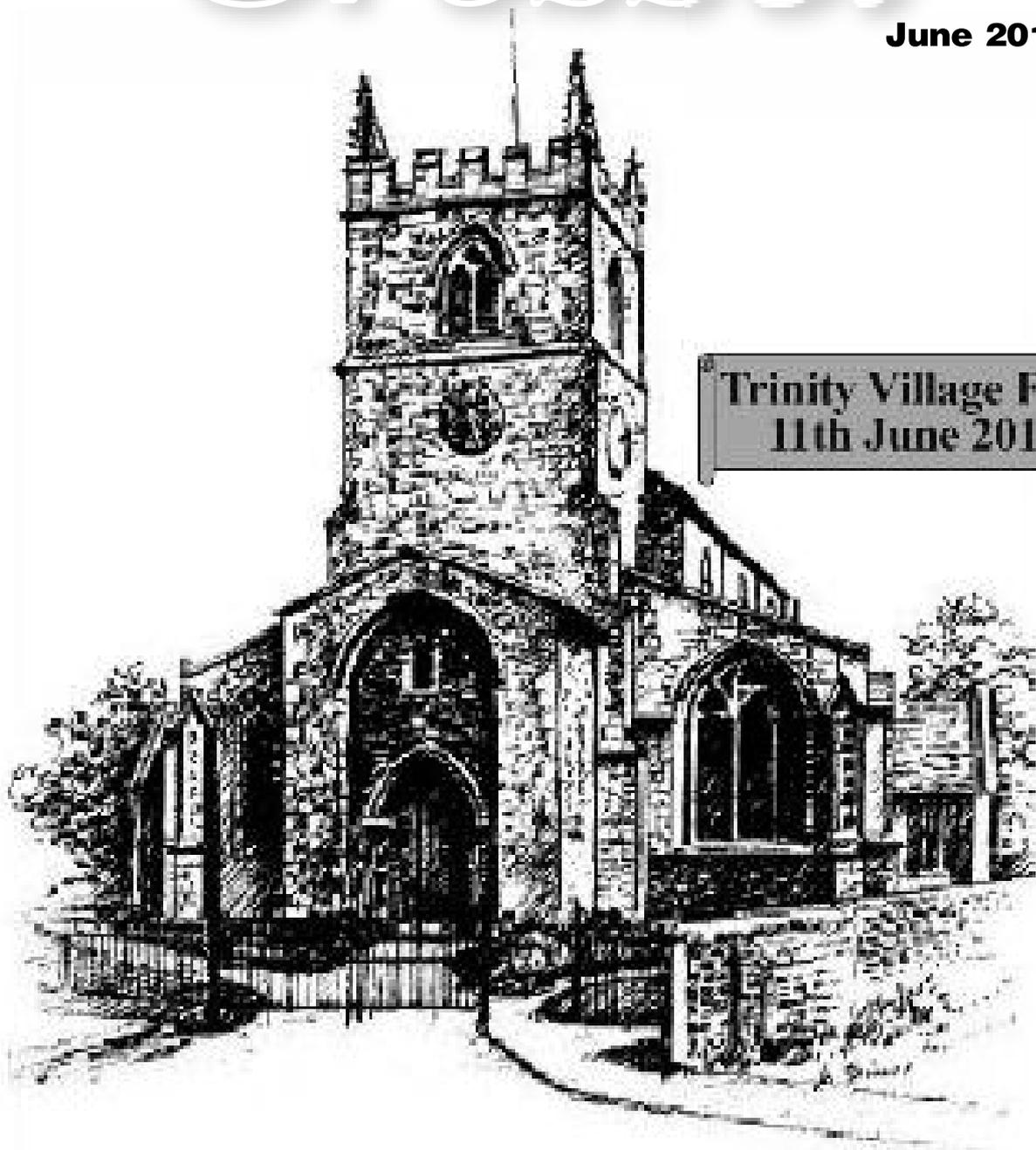


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Have your say on the future of Bottisham

Help to produce a 'Vision' for your village

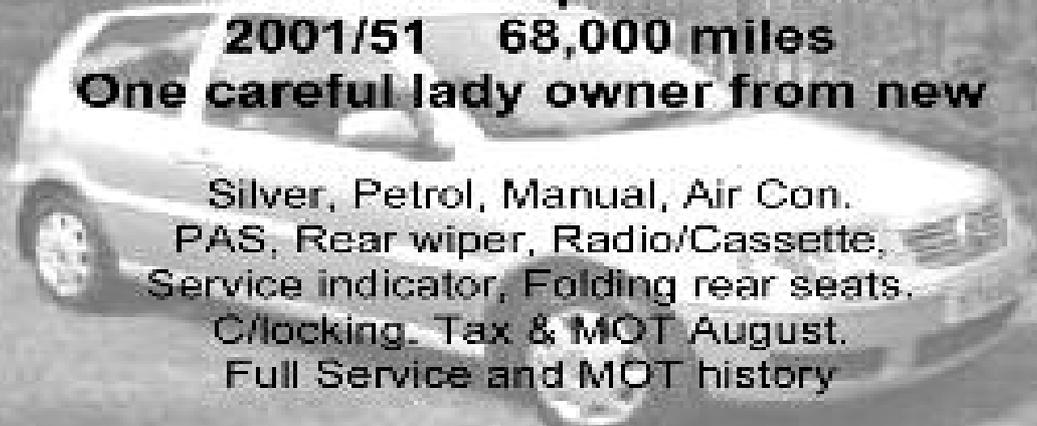
East Cambridgeshire District Council is looking for your views on how your village/parish should change or improve in the future. What sort of place would you like Bottisham to be? What are your priorities for the village and the wider parish? For example, do you want more school places, better local facilities, new homes or more employment opportunities? Do you feel the village has developed enough?

The District Council wants to work in partnership with local people and the Parish Council to draw up a long-term Vision for Bottisham. The Vision will set out how Bottisham should develop/improve over the next 20 years. It will look at issues such as:

- Local housing needs
- Employment opportunities
- Sites for development
- The quality of the local environment
- Infrastructure and facilities – whether to protect and/or improve

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 retained and enhanced. The Vision will be included in the statutory development plan for the East Cambridgeshire - known as the 'Core Strategy'.

The District Council is keen to get your views, and would like as many people to get involved as possible. Your comments will help to shape a draft Vision for Bottisham. The draft Vision will be published early next year, when there will be a further opportunity to make comments. The final Vision should be published in late 2012, and should hopefully reflect the needs and priorities of the local community. Watch out for details of this questionnaire in the coming weeks.



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A Vision for Bottisham

Have your say on the future of Bottisham

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

What do you think? We want your views on how Bottisham should change in the future. What sort of place would you like Bottisham 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 Bottisham 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 can be made from **27 June-25 July 2011** and should be posted to: Forward Planning, East Cambridgeshire District Council, The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely, CB7 4EE. Our website contains background documents, and questionnaires on other settlements (which you are welcome to fill out): www.eastcambs.gov.uk/local-development-framework/consultation-villagetown-visions. There will be a further opportunity to make comments on the draft Vision, which we hope to publish in early 2012. If you have any questions please call the Forward Planning team on 01353 665555.

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

1. Please provide your details:

Name:	<input type="text"/>
Company:	<input type="text"/>
Address 1:	<input type="text"/>
Address 2:	<input type="text"/>
Town/City:	<input type="text"/>
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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 in production:

- Yes No

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

- Local resident of Bottisham Developer or local landowner
 Local business owner Potential investor
 Employee, working in Bottisham 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

Limit on short-term growth: We know that there is limited capacity at the Bottisham Sewage Treatment Works. Therefore a solution is required to accommodate any growth in Bottisham. One option would be for developers to fund a transfer of wastewater flow to Cambridge - or fund new wastewater treatment facilities on-site. We do not yet know if developers would be prepared to deliver these solutions, however, we would still like your views on growth (below).

5. Assuming that the sewage issues can be resolved, do you think there should be more housing growth on the edge of Bottisham within the next 20 years? Please choose one of the following options:

- No
- Yes - small scale housing growth (up to 20 houses)
- Yes - medium scale housing growth (up to 50 houses)
- Yes - large scale housing growth (more than 50 houses)
- Yes - small scale housing growth (up to 20 houses) but affordable housing only
- Other? (please give details)

6. If there is support for housing growth on the edge of Bottisham, where should this take place? A map of the village and potential locations can be viewed at the end of this questionnaire along with an appraisal of each option.

Please select whether you would support development in the following locations:

	Yes	No
Land east of St Peter's Field (proposed in current local plan)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Land north of Beechwood Avenue	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Land north of Thomas Christian Way	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other location: please provide details

7. The current plan allows housing developments of any size to come forward within Bottisham, provided that there are no adverse effects on the character of the area and that all other planning requirements are met. 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

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

9. If there is support for small business development, would you support development in the following location?

	Yes	No
Land adjacent to Tunbridge Court Business Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other location: please provide details

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

Local infrastructure and facilities

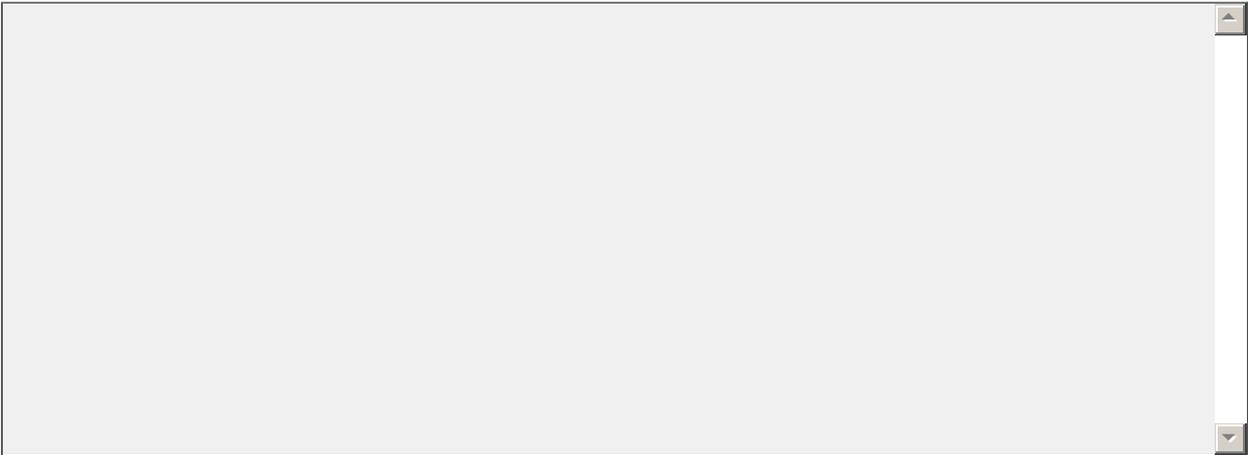
11. What local infrastructure and facilities would you like to see in the village? Please select your top 3 priorities from the list:

	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3
New allotments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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 pitches/open space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
New sports pitches/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 local road network	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improvements to the Sewage Treatment Works	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
New community/village hall	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other: please provide details

12. For the priorities that you have selected in Question 11 above, can you provide more detail on what these improvements should be, and where they should be located?

13. Please use this space to outline any other issues that you would like us to consider in the future development of Bottisham?



Monitoring Information (Optional)

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

14. Sex

- Male Female

15. Status

- Employee Unemployed Student
 Self-employed Homeworker Retired

16. Age

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

17. 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

18. Disability

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

- Yes No

Thank you for your help.

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Sewage Treatment Works

Land north of Thomas Christian Way

Key

-  Development Envelope
-  Housing options
-  Employment options
-  Broad location for housing (Core Strategy 2009)
-  Broad location for employment (Core Strategy 2009)

Land east of Tunbridge Court

Land north of Beechwood

Visually sensitive

WOODHARD DRIVE

Visually sensitive

Land east of St Peter's Field



East Cambridgeshire District Council



Not to scale

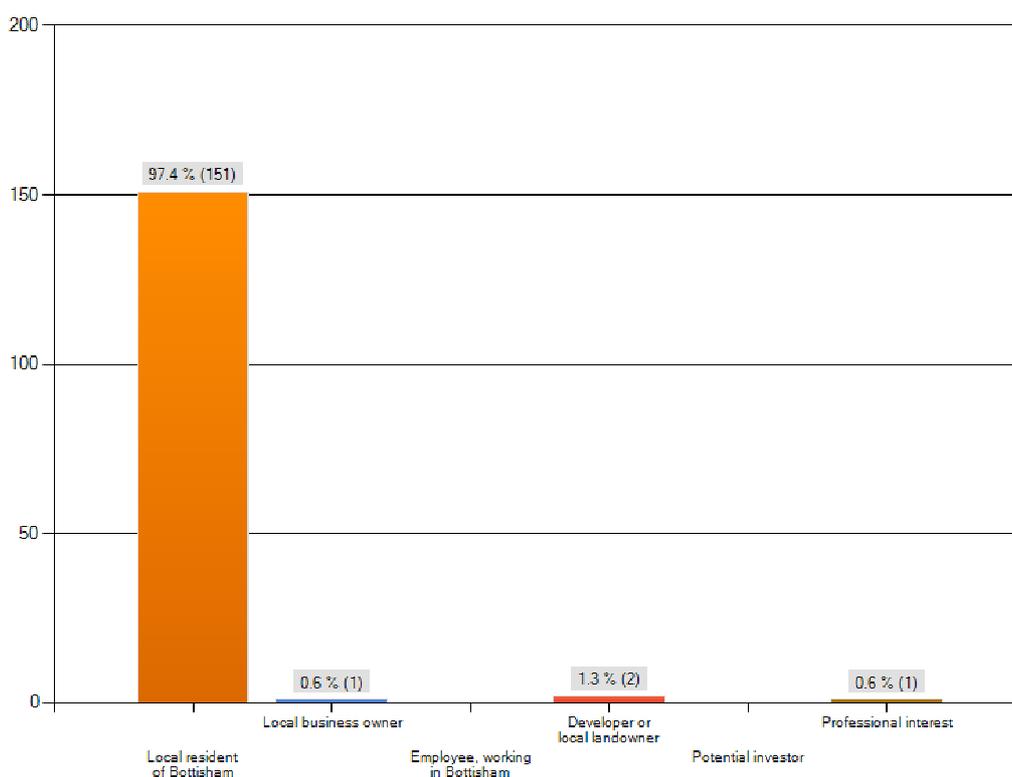
Bottisham Village Vision Questionnaire Results

Key facts:

Consultation period:	27 th June – 25 th July 2011
Total responses:	155
Number of dwellings:	840
Response rate:	19%

Summary of Results

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



A total of 155 people responded to this question with 97.4% of respondents stating that their main interest in the development of Bottisham was as a local resident.

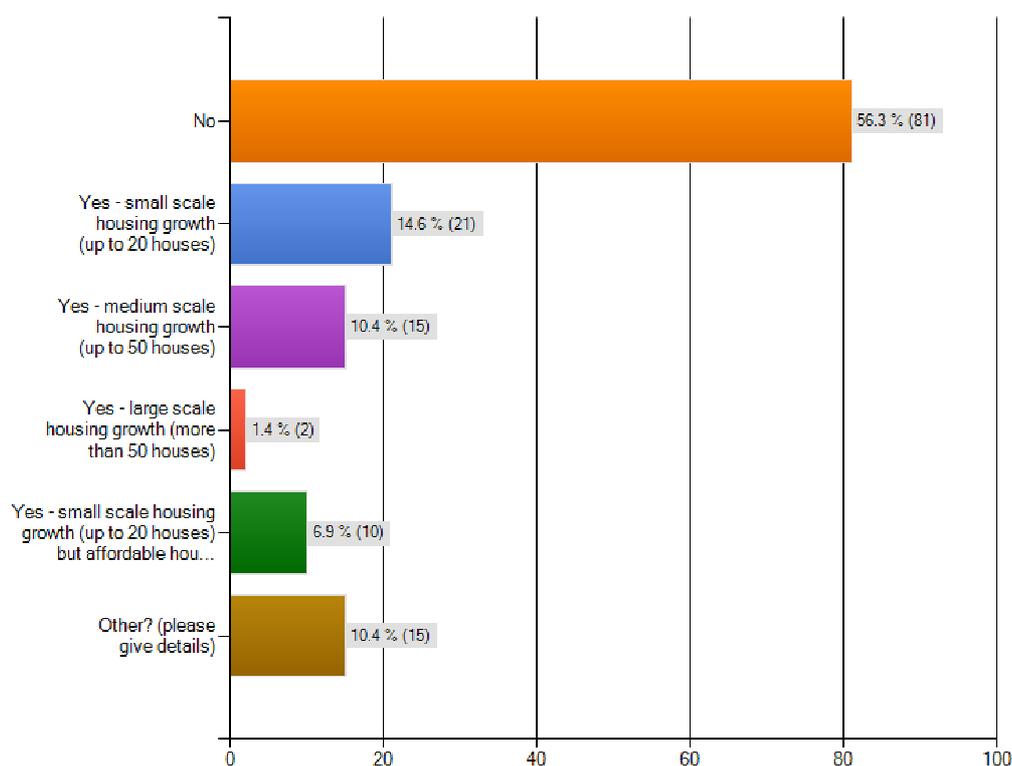
Q4. How would you like to see the village/parish change or improve in the future? Please list your top 3 priorities below:

A total of 357 suggestions were made on how the village/parish could improve in the future:

- No change/no further development (67 comments)
- Provide more facilities for children/young people (51 comments)
- Improve village community facilities (24 comments)
- Small-scale housing (22 comments)
- Traffic calming/speed reduction (20 comments)
- Improved transport links/public transport services (20 comments)
- Preserve the character of the village (18 comments)
- New village hall (14 comments)
- Allow new housing within development envelope (12 comments)
- Improve footpaths/cycleways (11 comments)

- General infrastructure improvements (9 comments)
- Better policing (9 comments)
- Develop business/employment (8 comments)
- Better planning/design decisions (8 comments)
- Improve parking/access at shops (7 comments)
- Improve recycling facilities (6 comments)
- Improve shopping facilities (6 comments)
- More school places (6 comments)
- Allotments (6 comments)
- More green infrastructure/tree planting (6 comments)
- Road improvements (6 comments)
- Improve parking/access at Village College (4 comments)
- Reduce noise from A14 (4 comments)
- Redevelop existing lower quality housing (4 comments)
- Environmental improvements (litter, street lighting etc) (3 comments)
- Improve sewerage infrastructure (2 comments)
- New pharmacy
- Move the primary school adjacent to the Village College
- More renewable energy

Q5. Assuming that the sewage issues can be resolved, do you think there should be more housing growth on the edge of Bottisham within the next 20 years? Please choose one of the following options:

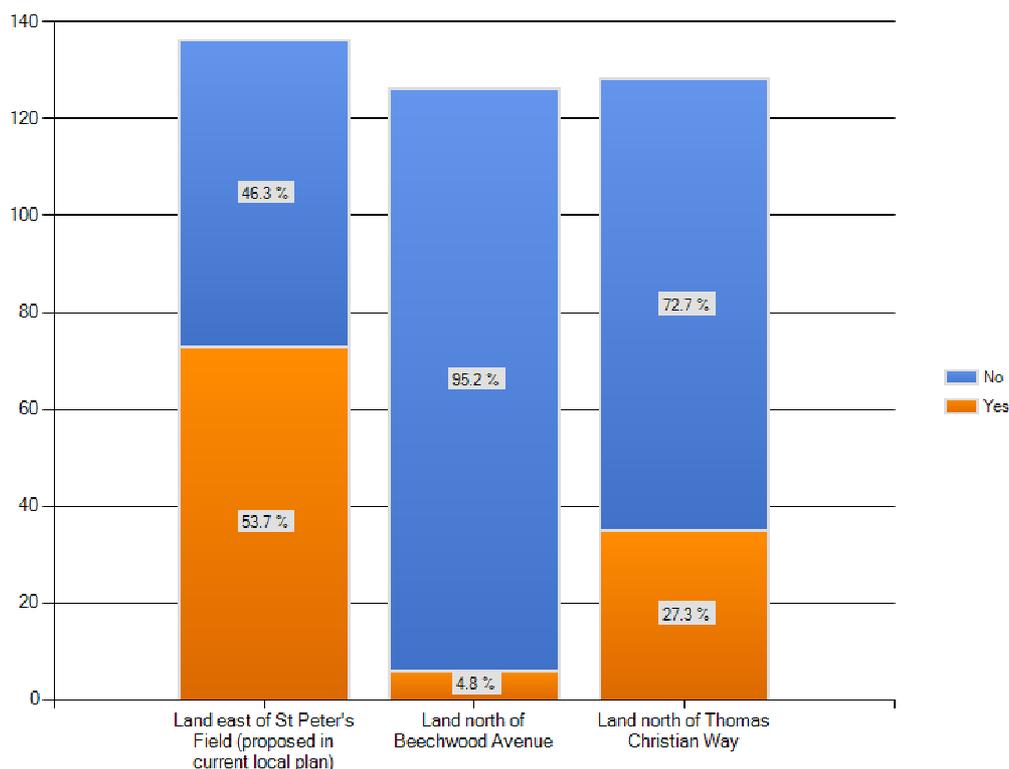


A total of 144 people responded to this question, with 11 people choosing not to answer. Of the 15 people that selected 'other' as their preferred option, 14 responses could be categorised into one of the growth options.

Taking into account these additional responses, the following results can be reported. Of the 144 respondents, a slight majority (59%) thought that housing growth should not be allowed outside the development envelope on the edge of Bottisham.

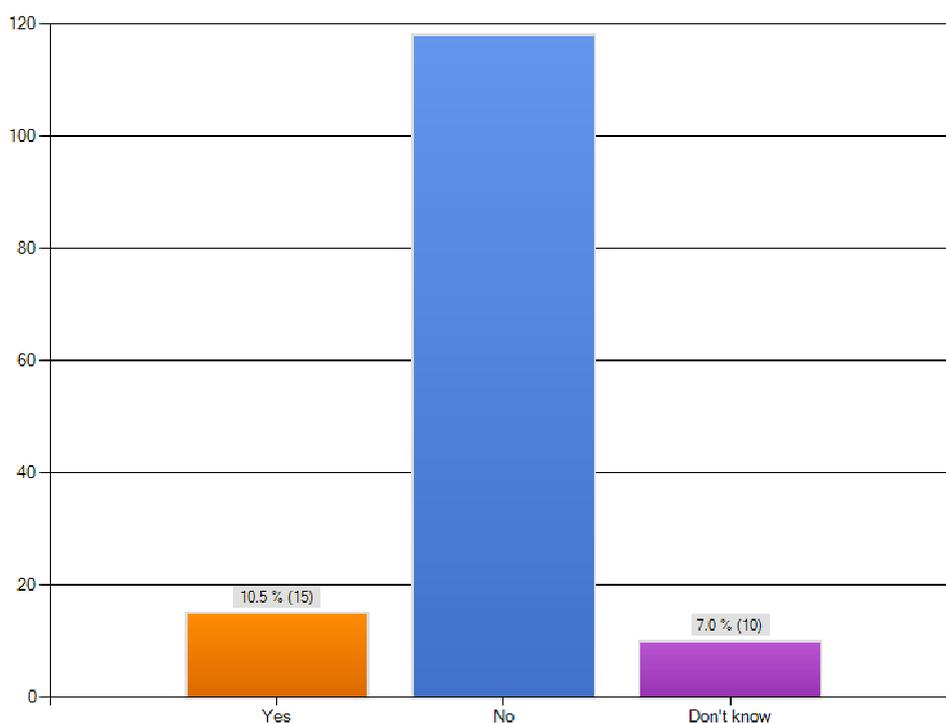
Of the people that supported growth (41%), most support was given to small-scale housing growth (17.4%) and medium-scale housing growth (12.5%). One respondent suggested a need for a retirement housing scheme.

Q6. If there is support for housing growth on the edge of Bottisham, where should this take place?



A total of 138 people responded to this question, with 17 people choosing not to answer. Land east of St Peter's Field received the highest level of support (53.7% of respondents). There was less support for development at land north of Thomas Christian Way (27.3%) and land north of Beechwood Avenue (4.8%).

Q7. The current plan allows housing developments of any size to come forward within the village development envelope, provided that there are no adverse effects on the character of the area and that all other planning requirements are met. Do you think this approach should continue?

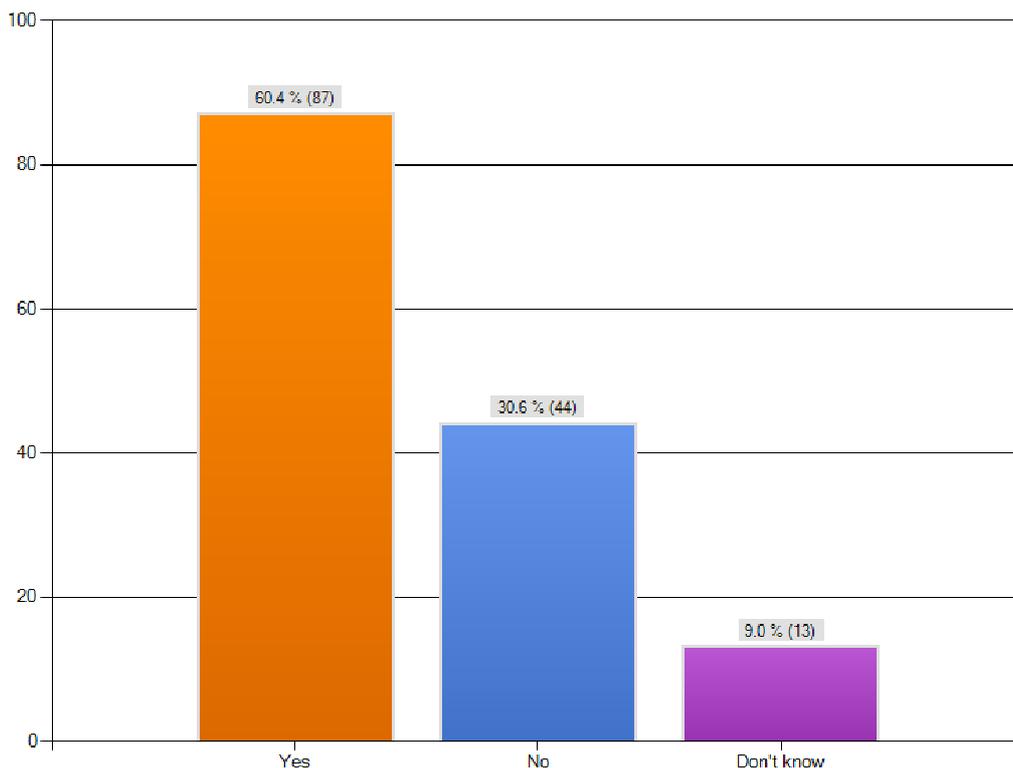


A total of 143 people responded to this question, with 12 people choosing not to answer. Of the 143 respondents, only 10.5% supported retention of the current policy to allow housing developments of any size to come forward within the village development envelope. The majority of respondents (82.5%) disagreed with the current approach, whilst 7% did not know.

The following alternative policy approaches were suggested:

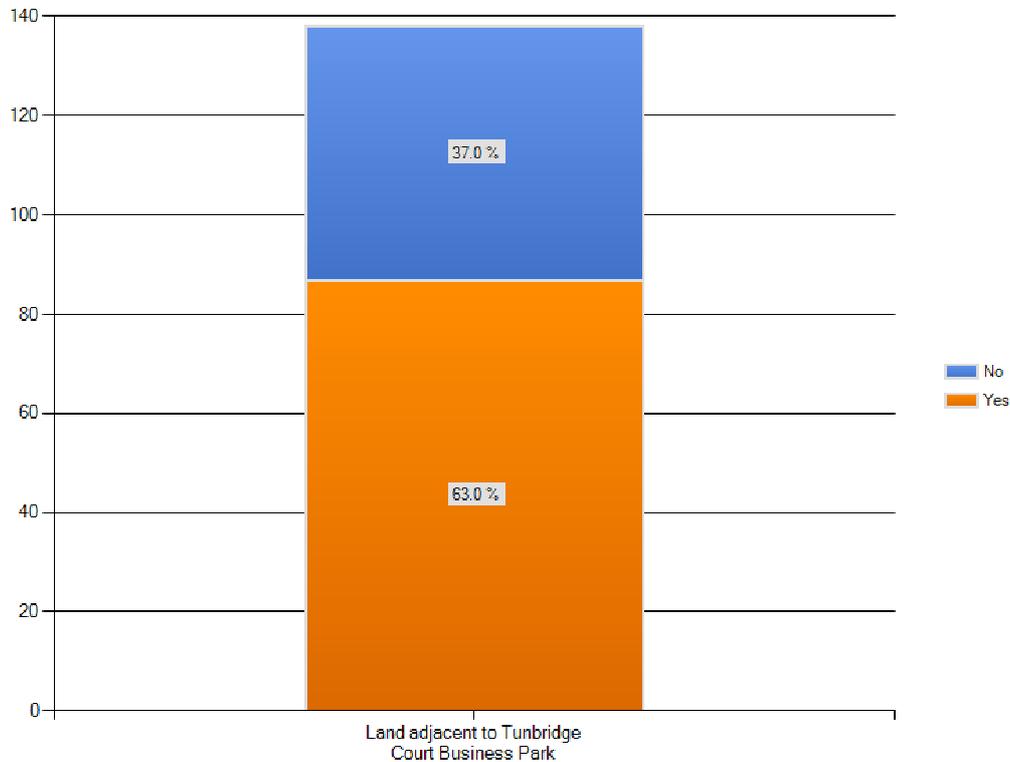
- Restrict developments to 50 dwellings
- Restrict developments to 20-25 dwellings
- Restrict developments to 10 dwellings
- Restrict developments to 5 dwellings
- Residents to have more power in decisions of schemes over 10 units
- Limit to 50 dwellings with no further medium scale developments for 10 years
- Moratorium on housing development until further notice
- Moratorium on housing development for 20 years
- Develop a new village
- Allow only very small developments – 1 or 2 dwellings
- No infill – develop east of St Peter's Field only
- Small scale housing for local people
- Reuse of brownfield sites
- Low density developments to preserve the village character
- Ensure adequate parking i.e. 2 parking spaces per dwelling
- Greater involvement of parish council in planning decisions
- Allow housing development on Crystal Structures site
- Stronger focus on quality of life for residents
- Other villages to allow housing growth e.g. Lode, Swaffham Bulbeck and Swaffham Prior
- Allow limited growth once infrastructure upgraded
- Develop bungalows and houses with larger gardens
- Greater control over infill development

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



A total of 144 people responded to this question, with 11 people choosing not to answer. The majority of respondents (60.4%) agreed that they would like to see further opportunities for small businesses in the village/parish whilst 30.6% of respondents disagreed with this suggestion and 9.0% did not know.

Q9. If there is support for small business development, would you support development in the following location?

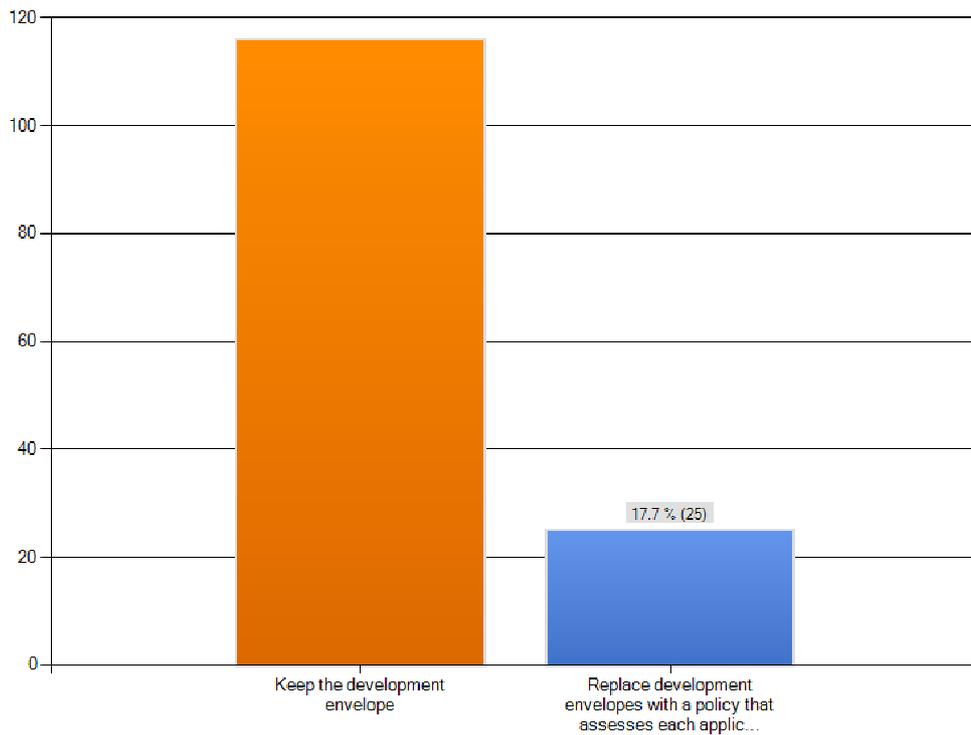


A total of 138 people responded to this question, with 17 people choosing not to answer. The majority of respondents (63%) would support small business development on land adjacent to Tunbridge Court Business Park.

An additional 34 comments were received, suggesting the following alternative locations for small business development:

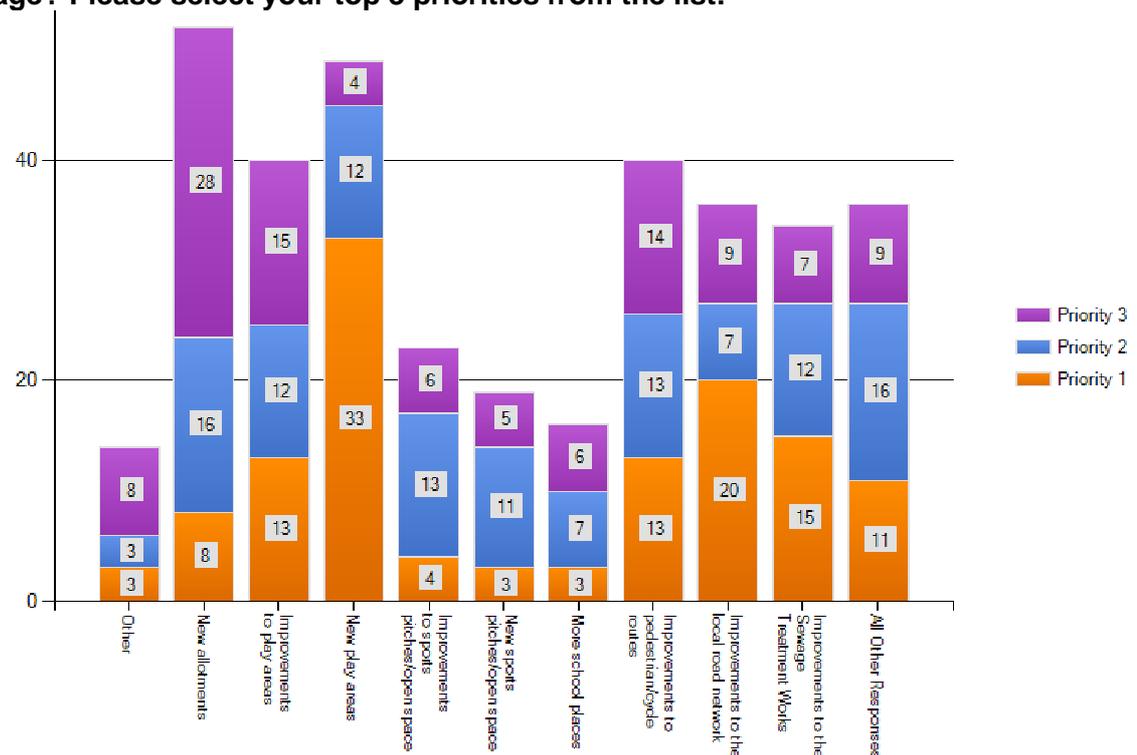
- Crystal Structures site
- Land next to the Doctor's Surgery
- East of Tunbridge Lane, south of Doctor's Surgery – former Bottisham Airfield
- Land near former Swan and Hilton Park
- Off Newmarket Road – opposite end of Bell Road
- South of St Peter's Field with easy access from A1303
- Land north of Thomas Christian Way
- Existing employment locations
- Vacant units on the High Street
- Enlarge existing business area on A1303 Bell Road
- Southeast end of village where High Street joins A1303
- Land between A14 and A1303

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 141 people responded to this question, with 14 people choosing not to answer. The majority of respondents (82.3%) stated their preferred approach would be to keep the development envelope, whilst 17.7% thought that the development envelope should be replaced with a policy that assesses each application on its merits.

Q11. What local infrastructure and facilities would you like to see in the village? Please select your top 3 priorities from the list:



A total of 126 people responded to this question, with 29 choosing not to answer. Overall, the need for allotments (52 people), new play areas (49 people), improvements to existing play areas (40 people) and improvements to pedestrian/cycle routes (40 people) scored most highly. However, in terms of ranking, the need for new play areas (33 people), followed by improvements to the road network (20 people) were ranked as the top priority by the highest number of people.

Q12. For the priorities you have selected in Question 11 above, can you provide more detail on what these improvements should be and where they should be located?

A total of 86 people responded to this question, which raised infrastructure issues at the following locations:

- Speeding in the Bell Road/High Street area – suggest traffic calming on the road from Swaffham Bulbeck and Bell Road
- Traffic calming at points of entry into the village
- Tunbridge Lane needs footpaths on both sides of the road
- Improve parking and the environment near the shops
- Allotments off Rowan Close play areas – St Peter's Field
- Improvements to the existing sewage treatment works
- New play area on the dirt hills by the primary school
- Allotments on the edge of the village
- Improve access to the A14 via Quy
- Develop land behind the shops for parking or community recreation
- New open space provision including sports pitches and allotments could be accommodated on land east of St Peter's Field
- New pedestrian/cycle route between Quy and Lode
- New footpath between Beechwood Avenue and GP surgery
- New footpath to Bottisham surgery via Mulberry Close
- Land near Hilton Care centre for allotments
- Footpath improvements in Beechwood Avenue area
- Replacement of the community centre at the village church with a new community centre
- Redevelop Crystal Structures site as public open space

The following non site-specific comments were also received: better public transport and improved cycle network, need for a children's play area and sports facilities, apply speed restrictions throughout the village, need for community facilities controlled by the Parish Council or village, need for an improved central recycling point, explore possibility of local subsidy towards maintaining public transport.

Q13. Please use this space to outline any other issues that you would like us to consider in the future development of Bottisham?

A total of 88 people provided a response to this question raising the following additional issues: opposed to further growth of the village, need for mixed size housing, restore free use of Village College or a new village hall, need bungalows/smaller properties to allow downsizing, question need for additional takeaways, Bottisham should remain as a village, plant a forest, primary school at capacity and Bottisham Village College oversubscribed, new proposals need careful assessment, green belt should be retained, noise pollution A14, public transport services are poor.

Bottisham Village Vision – Other Results

An additional 7 submissions were received by email and post and are summarised below:

- Carter Jonas LLP would like to promote land at Lode Road, Bottisham on behalf of a client. In addition, Carter Jonas confirmed that the owner of land north of Thomas Christian Way supports the delivery of housing here in the short term, for the full extent of the red-line, and that appropriate technical studies will be undertaken at the relevant time.
- Pegagus Planning Group submitted additional information on behalf of a client who objects to the allocation of land adjacent to Tunbridge Court business park for employment use and suggests that there are existing employment sites within the development envelope which would be suitable for employment if a need was identified.
- Januarys Consultant Surveyors submitted additional information on behalf of a client. The representation calls for more than one site to be developed and proposes an additional site – land north of the High Street, to the west of Cedar Walk and Maple Close.
- Bidwells submitted additional information on behalf of a client, in support of development of land to the east of Bell Road (including Land East of St Peter's Field), Bottisham known as Bendyshe Farm. The allocation of this site for approximately 75 dwellings is proposed.
- A resident submitted additional information relating to an objection to development of land north of Beechwood Avenue, citing highway safety issues in Beechwood Avenue.
- Bottisham Parish Council objects to additional housing growth, considering that it will further adversely affect the character of, and quality of life in the village. Furthermore, the Parish Council states that the existing village infrastructure is unable to cope with additional growth. The Parish Council support the retention of the existing development envelope and request a 15 year moratorium on growth in the village.
- Cambridgeshire County Council is generally supportive of concentrating new development in the larger villages including Bottisham as this would reduce the need for new trips by car.
 - Primary and secondary education – Bottisham Primary School is expected to have some capacity over the next 5 years and so could accommodate a small amount of new development. However, it may be necessary to look at expansion options for this school when housing figures are available for Bottisham. All of the proposed housing sites are within convenient reach of Bottisham primary school. Swaffham Bulbeck Primary School is the closest alternative primary school to the north east of Bottisham. However, this school is already operating over capacity and this is forecast to continue over the next 5 years. Therefore, it is unlikely that this school could take any children resulting from new housing development proposed at Bottisham. Bottisham Village College shows spare capacity of slightly under 1 Form of Entry (FE) over the next 5 years. Therefore, it is likely that this school could cope with some new housing development at Bottisham.
 - Land north of Thomas Christian Way - This site is within a Waste Water Treatment Works (WWTW) Safeguarding Area (although the exact extent is subject to independent examination). Within these safeguarding areas there is a presumption against allowing any new development which involves odour sensitive development (which would include housing). The site is located to the north of the historic core of the village and has potential for archaeological remains. This site is situated in close proximity to Bottisham Park County Wildlife Site (within 100 metres). Dust and air pollution and any other impacts on CWS need to be considered at the planning application stage.

- Land north of Beechwood - The site is located on the eastern side of the village close to an area of known Roman settlement to the north west therefore archaeological field evaluation would be appropriate in advance of any planning application for development.
- Land east of St Peter's Field - The site is adjacent to, and encroaches on the nationally important medieval moated site of Bendyshe farm. The County would object to the allocation of this site due to the impact on nationally important archaeological remains.
- Land east of Tunbridge Court - This site is within a Waste Water Treatment Works (WWTW) Safeguarding Area (although the exact extent is subject to independent examination). Within these safeguarding areas there is a presumption against allowing any new development which involves odour sensitive development (which would include housing). This site is situated in close proximity to Bottisham Park County Wildlife Site (within 200 metres). Dust and air pollution and any other impacts on CWS need to be considered at the planning application stage. The site is located in an area of known Roman settlement therefore archaeological field evaluation of this area would be appropriate in advance of any planning application for development.