

# Acton Neighbourhood Plan

## Data Profile

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# 1 Demographics

Where this Section refers to data from the 2021 Census, this refers to the Profile Preview which is the set of 2021 Census data available at Parish level at the time of writing (June 2023).<sup>1</sup>

The 2021 Census data was accessed at <https://www.ons.gov.uk/visualisations/customprofiles/build/#E04009064> on 10 June 2023.

## 1.1 Population

**1.1.1** The usual resident population of Acton was 1900 in the 2021 Census.<sup>2</sup>

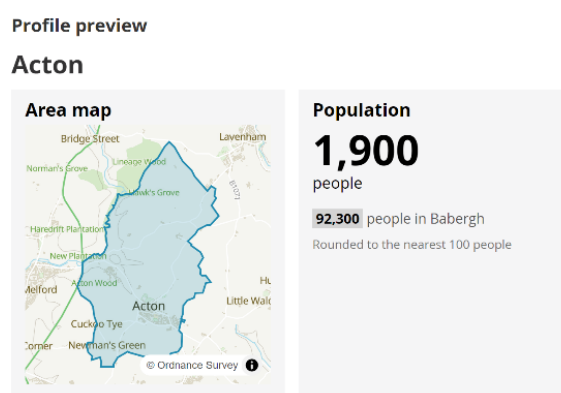


Fig 1: Resident population of Acton

**1.1.2** The population of Acton in the 2021 Census was 51.0 % female and 49.0% male<sup>3</sup>.

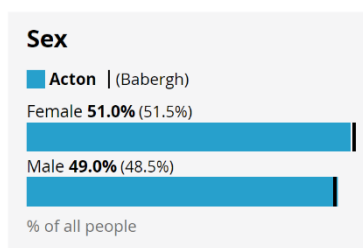


Fig 2: population of Acton

**1.1.3** The density of the population is 1.6 persons per hectare, with the area of the parish at 1162.52 hectares<sup>4</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> The Profile Preview allows comparison of only two areas (e.g. Acton and Babergh) so where Acton is compared below to Babergh and Suffolk, this has been done by combining the data from a Profile Preview showing Acton and Babergh data, with that from a Profile Preview showing Acton and Suffolk data.

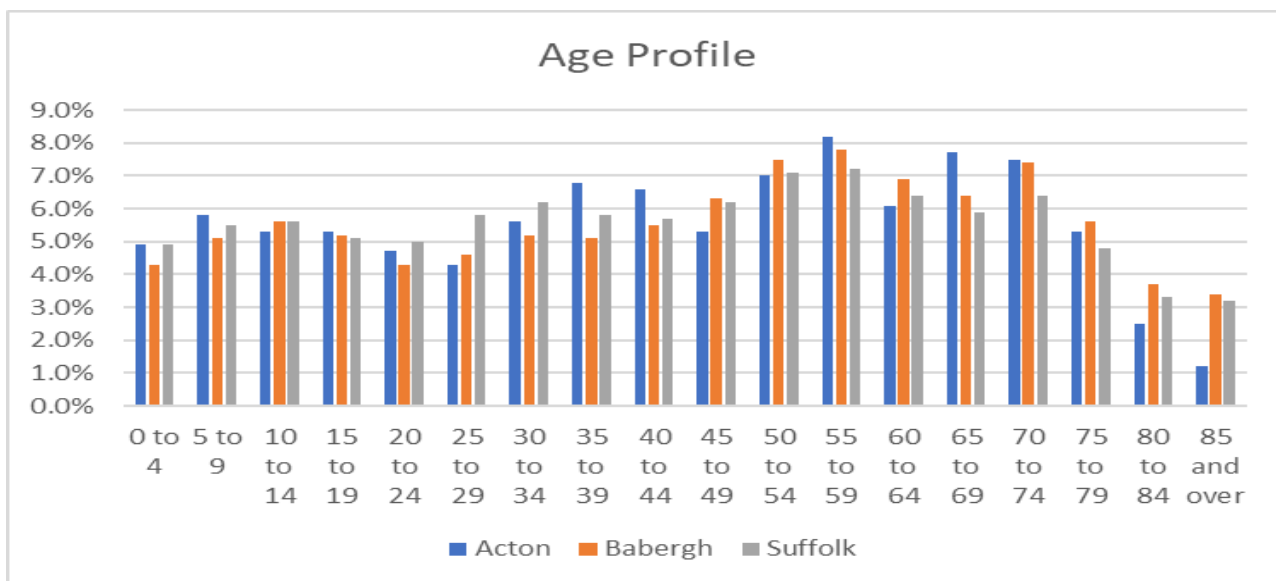
<sup>2</sup> <https://www.ons.gov.uk/visualisations/customprofiles/build/#E04009064> accessed 10/06/2023. This data point can be viewed by selecting the relevant criterion on the Profile Preview page. Subsequent references to 2021 Census data were accessed in the same way unless otherwise stated

<sup>3</sup> Data visible on "Profile Preview" with relevant criterion selected

<sup>4</sup> Basis: population figure from 2021 Census data; area of the parish not yet available in 2021 census data and presumed unchanged since 2011 census.



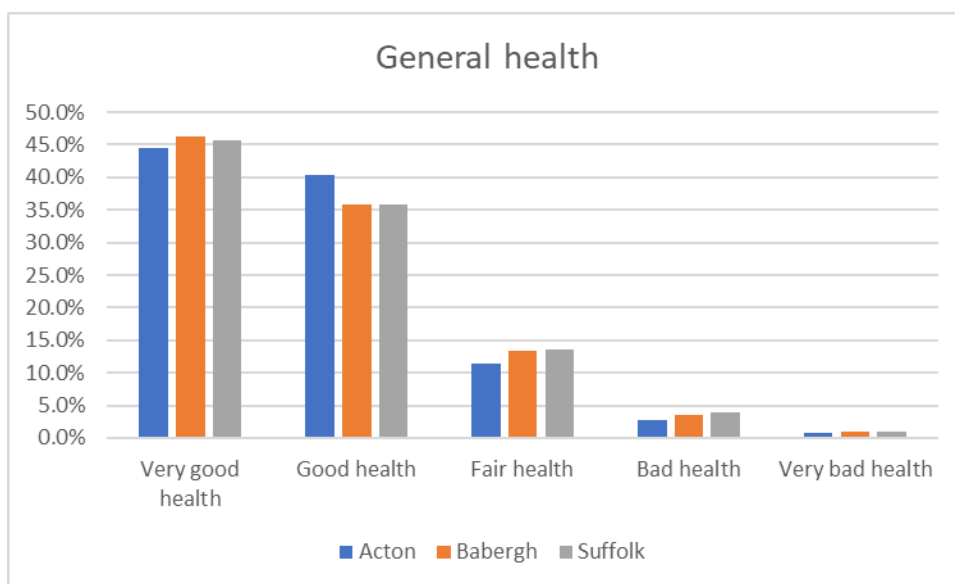
**1.1.4** Figure 3 shows the age profiles of Acton, Babergh and Suffolk compared by reference to the age categories used in the Census. In common with the rest of Babergh and Suffolk, Acton does have a population bulge in older adults from 50 to 79. However, it also has a smaller proportion of over 80s and a substantially larger proportion of 30-44 year olds than Babergh.



**Figure 3: Age profile of the population of Acton, Babergh and Suffolk**

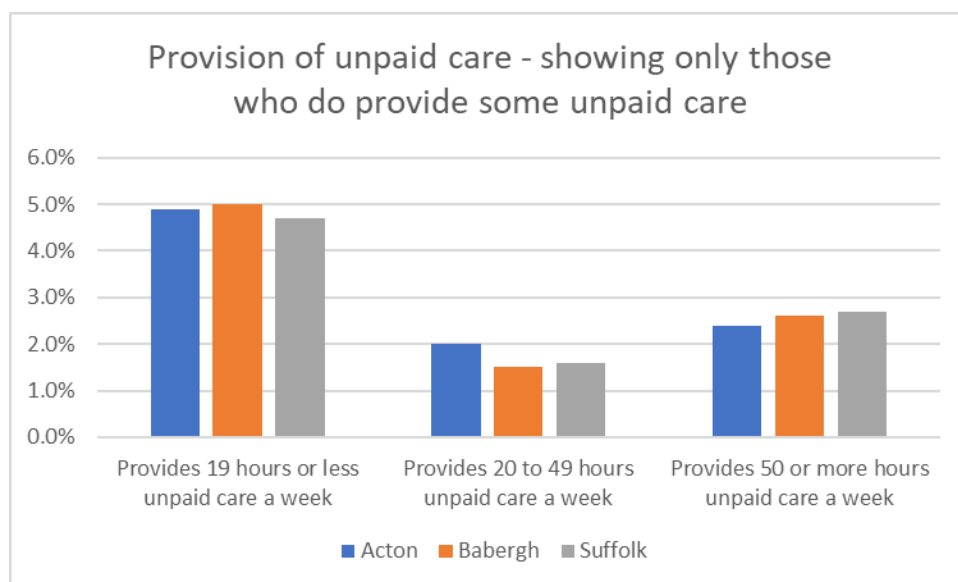
## 1.2 Health and Wellbeing

**1.2.1** Figure 4 shows how residents reported their health in the 2021 Census (KS310EW). A higher percentage of residents of Acton reported Good health compared to residents on average across Babergh and Suffolk, although the percentage reporting Very Good health was slightly lower than for Babergh and Suffolk. The percentage of residents in Acton who reported Bad or Very Bad health was broadly comparable to Babergh and Suffolk.



**Figure 4: How residents of Acton, Babergh and Suffolk reported their health in the 2021 Census.**

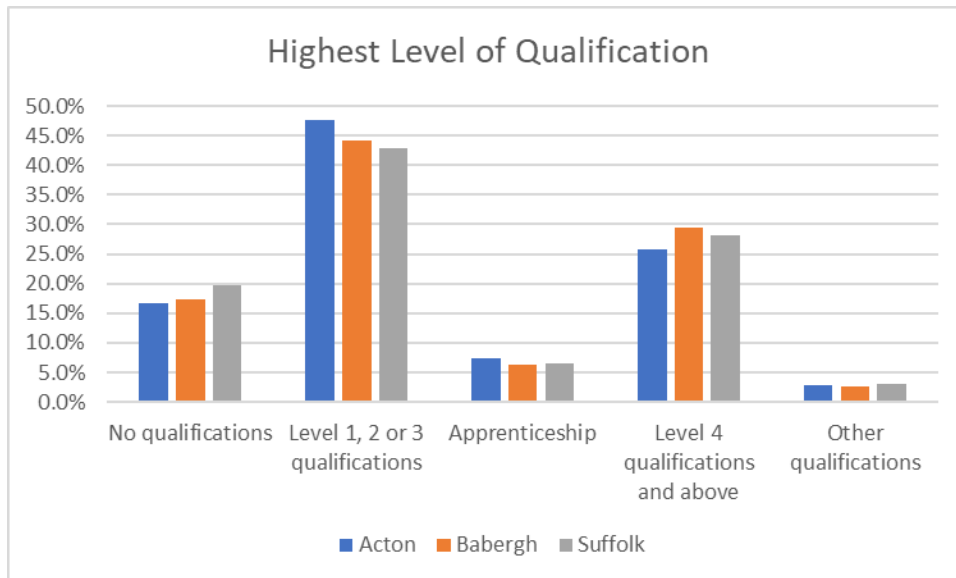
**1.2.3** Figure 5 shows how many unpaid hours of care a week are provided by residents over the age of 5 in the 2021 Census. The figures for Acton are broadly comparable to those for Babergh and Suffolk. In Acton, 90.7% of residents provide no unpaid care. The equivalent figures for Babergh and Suffolk are 90.9% and 91.0% respectively. As these figures are so similar to each other, and so different from the other category figures, they are not shown on the chart, the scale of which would otherwise be so large as to compromise the ability to discern the differentials between the smaller groups.



**Figure 5: How many hours of unpaid care a week are provided by residents.**

## 1.3 Qualifications

**1.3.1** Data from the 2021 Census shows that 16.7% of the residents of Acton have no qualifications. This compares to 17.4% for Babergh and 19.7% for Suffolk. Figure 6 shows the details.

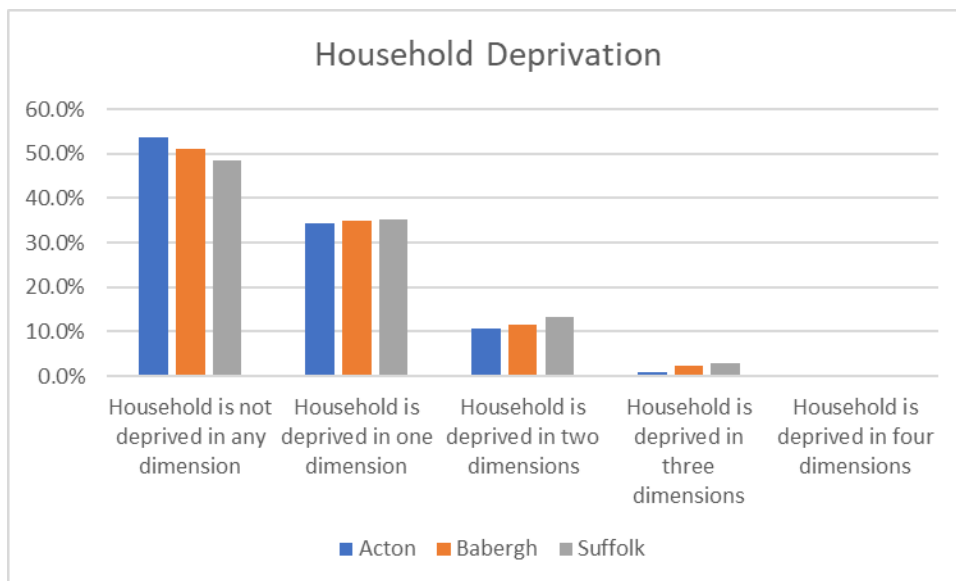


**Figure 6: Qualification levels in Acton, Babergh and Suffolk**

## 1.4 Deprivation

### 1.4.1

In the 2021 Census, household deprivation levels were lower than Babergh and Suffolk, as shown in Figure 7.



**Figure 7: Household deprivation levels in Acton, Babergh and Suffolk**

## 2 Community Infrastructure

### 2.1 Services, Utilities and Facilities

**2.1.1** Acton Parish has a village hall with an adjacent recreational field. There are two further green areas with play equipment for children.

**2.1.2** Children between the ages of 2 to 4 can attend Acton Playgroup for childcare. Acton Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School caters for Children between the ages of 4 and 11, at age 11 pupils continue secondary school outside of the village, this is often at St Thomas Gainsborough School in Great Conard or Ormiston Sudbury Academy in Sudbury Town. Suffolk County Council confirmed in August 2022 that the school has a capacity of 210 pupils, with 166 pupils registered for 2021-2022. However, recent comment from SCC (May 2023) reports that Ormiston Sudbury Academy has closed its sixth form to new students from September 2023 which will impact on available places.

**2.1.3** There is no medical practice or other Health Care provision located in the Parish. Medical and Health Care practices which serve Acton are located in Lavenham and Long Melford (and Sudbury/Chilton). The nearest accident and emergency facility is in Bury St Edmunds, approximately 15 miles north of Acton by road.

**2.1.4** Mains gas is not available to all households in Acton. Most of the dwellings have mains gas, with the exception of some located in Clay Hall Place as well as other more rural households in the parish who are reliant on oil.

**2.1.5** The village also has All Saints Church and The Crown public House. There is a small convenience store called Costcutter which also offers some Post Office services which are limited both in terms of availability (Post Office services not available all the time the shop is open) and of services provided (not all Post Office services available). To the north of the village there is a nature reserve and allotments.

**2.1.6** An O2 mast is situated north of the allotments. Some areas of the parish have fast broadband available although not everywhere and it is not always reliable.

**2.1.7** There are recycling facilities located in the Village Hall car park, for paper, card, glass, and clothing.

**2.1.8** There are no public Electric Vehicle charging points in Acton.

### 2.2 Social and Cultural

**2.2.1** There are a wide range of active clubs and groups in Acton. Such groups and clubs held at the village hall include, Baby Ballet, Jo Jingles, Karate, Zumba, Yoga, The Acton Crafters, Dog Training, Games Club, Cubs, Beavers and Ballroom Dancing.

**2.2.2** There are other clubs and groups in Acton including: The Acton Amblers, Community Speed Watch, Nature Reserve Volunteers and The Litter Pickers.

**2.2.3** There are services held at All Saints Church as well as activities and events such as an annual book sale and an annual art exhibition. Acton has a cricket team that plays its home matches on the recreation ground next to the village hall. The green has both a cricket pitch as well as a bowling/batting practice net. The village hall has changing room facilities for home and away teams as well as a small changing area for referees. There are no 11 a-side football pitches in the village, 2 small goals are located in the playing field next to the school, but these do not form a pitch and are not marked out accordingly.

**2.2.4** Acton has no Library, the nearest in in Long Melford, having been recently closed.. However, a weekly mobile library service exists, which parks near to the shop, and there is a book swap and a puzzle library.

## 3 Land Use and Planning

### 3.1 Land Use

- 3.1 The majority of landscape in the parish of Acton is classified as Ancient Rolling Farmland with some Rolling Estate Farmlands to the north west of the village of Acton.<sup>5</sup>
- 3.2 The main use of the land in the parish is for farming and the land comprises a combination of grade 2 and grade 3 agricultural land plus a sliver of non-agricultural land in Lineage Wood to the far North West of the parish area<sup>6</sup> as shown in Figure 8 below.

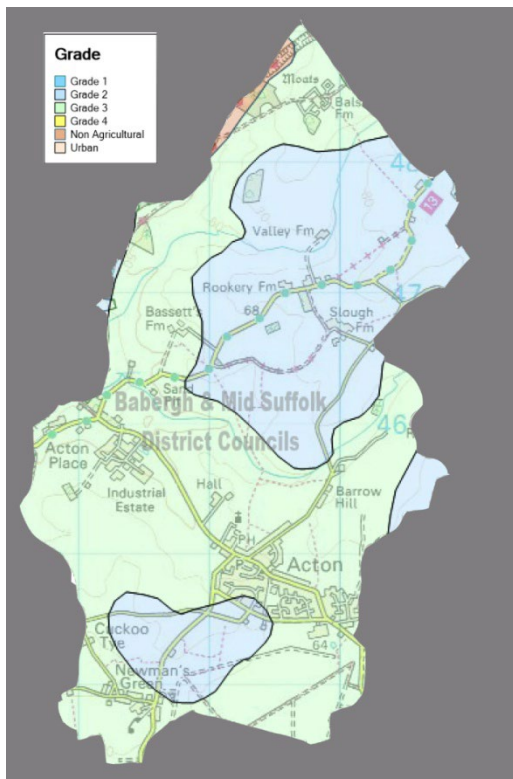


Figure 8. Agricultural land grading

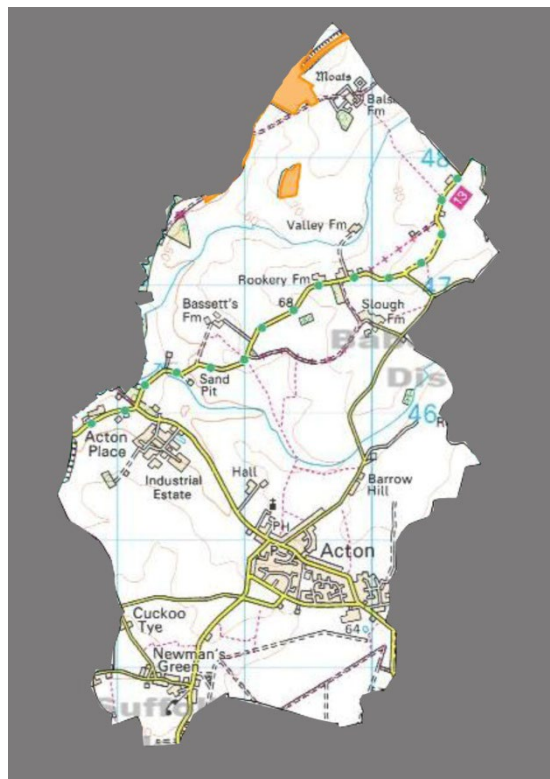


Figure 9. SSSI areas in orange

- 3.3 There is one Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) known as Lineage Wood, which runs along the parish border in the north-west<sup>7</sup>. This and associated patches of ancient woodland are detailed in the environment section and shown in Figure 9 above.
- 3.4 There is a closed landfill site, previously a quarry, on the north side of the Melford Road opposite the westernmost entrance to the Bull Lane industrial estates.
- 3.5 Topography – The lowest point in the parish is 40m above sea level rising to 80m.

### Agricultural Land Prices

<sup>5</sup> Babergh DC "Place Maps and Policies" – Pre-submission JLP Nov 2020 available on BMSDC website

<sup>6</sup> BMSDC online mapping

<sup>7</sup> BMSDC online mapping

3.6 Agricultural land prices vary widely but the average price of arable land in Great Britain was reported by Strutt and Parker in April 2023 to be £10,800/acre<sup>8</sup>. This is 15% higher than a year ago. They calculate pastureland to have sold at £8,500/acre on average.

3.7 In the East of England in the year to the end of September 2022, prime arable land had risen by an average of 14.1% to an average of £10,099 an acre over the previous year. This made it the second highest value region in the UK and the East also saw more land marketed than any other region in that period<sup>9</sup>.

## Building Land Prices

3.8 Prices for land with planning permission vary not only by size but also by condition, location and situation/views, so averages have limited application. However, land values in January 2021 for residential development land were quoted by Landsite.co.uk as between £1M to £1.2M+ per acre in and around the Home Counties falling to as little as £400,000 to £500,000 per acre in what they referred to as 'poorer' provinces<sup>10</sup>. The latest government figures are from 2019 and quote £2,330,000 per hectare (£943k per acre) for residential building land in Babergh.<sup>11</sup>

3.9 By way of a local snapshot, building plots with planning within a 5 mile radius of Acton were advertised at the following average prices in early April 2022 (see Appendix 1 for details):

3.9.1 Plot prices range from £110k to £400k, with an average of £201k.

3.9.2 Where land area is shown on these details, prices per acre range from £800k to £2,551k, with an average of £1.3M.

3.9.3 These prices have not been revisited and up-dated for 2023 because no housing has been allocated.

## House Prices

3.10 Properties in Acton had an overall average price of £321,367 over the year to June 2023<sup>12</sup>.

3.11 The majority of sales in Acton during the year to June 2023 were semi-detached properties, selling for an average price of £282,600. Terraced properties sold for an average of £266,875, with detached properties fetching £605,000. Overall, sold prices in Acton over the last year were 11% down on the previous year and 14% down on the 2020 peak of £373,872.

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<sup>8</sup> <https://rural.struttandparker.com/article/english-estates-farmland-market-review-spring-2023/>

<sup>9</sup> [https://www.businessweekly.co.uk/news/agriculture/east-england-farmland-prices-soar#:~:text=The%20value%20of%20prime%20arable,an%20acre\)%20topping%20the%20list.](https://www.businessweekly.co.uk/news/agriculture/east-england-farmland-prices-soar#:~:text=The%20value%20of%20prime%20arable,an%20acre)%20topping%20the%20list.)

<sup>10</sup> Landsite.co.uk. Residential Land Values – 29 April 2021

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/land-value-estimates-for-policy-appraisal-2019>

<sup>12</sup> Rightmove at 13 June 2023

**Land ownership:**

- 3.12 There are a number of major landowners in the parish primarily owning farmland.
- 3.13 Major farm holdings include those of Acorn Farms Limited (associated with Acton Hall Farm), Cuckoo Tye Farm and (Babergh) Heath Farm. There are tenant farmers working much of the land owned by the Suffolk County Council in the parish but landholdings of other farms such as Balsdon Hall Farm, Bassett’s Farm and Slough Farm are uncertain due to limited accessibility of public records.
- 3.14 Just over 20% of units on the industrial estates were owned by the occupants in Q1 of 2022. Others have various lease and freeholder arrangements<sup>13</sup>.
- 3.15 Suffolk County Council owns much of the land in the south of the parish including that associated with New Farm, (Acton) Green Farm and a large part of what was once the Great Woldingfield Airfield. We understand that some of this land has been sold to the developers as part of the strategic Chilton Woods development plans
- 3.16 In addition SCC owns the following assets in Acton Parish:
- Acton CEVCP Primary School
  - Acton Bears Pit – Closed Landfill Site North of Melford Road
  - (Acton) Green Farm – was let to a third party but in 2023 its status is unknown to the NPSG. .

Although SCC also owns the land in the south of the parish associated with New Farm, the Farm buildings are beyond the parish boundary.

- 3.17 Babergh District Council owns a number of homes and other areas in the parish as detailed in Figure 10 below.



<sup>13</sup> See report on Employment in Acton.

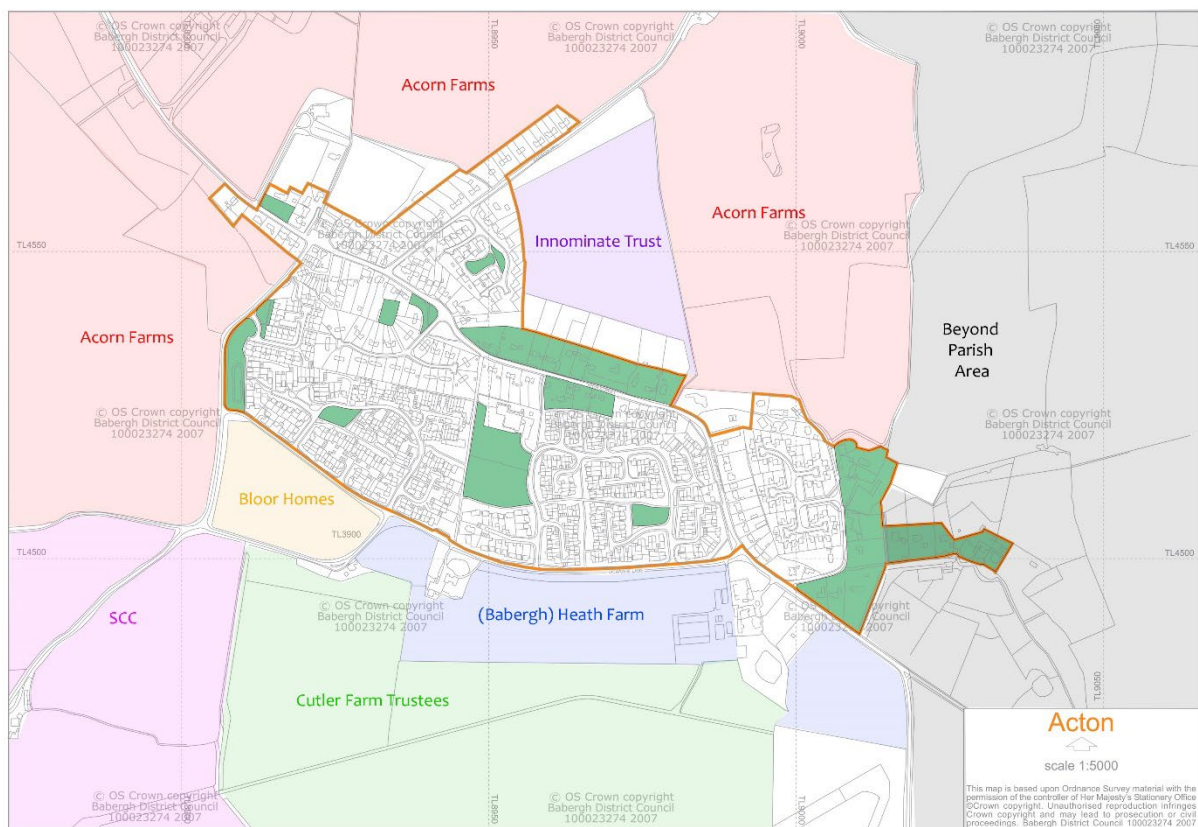


**Figure 10 BMSDC owned property in Acton Parish shaded in burgundy.**

3.18 Landowners of undeveloped land within Acton parish and adjacent to Acton village development boundary are:

- Mr Cobbald of Acorn Farms Ltd
- Mr Smith of (Babergh) Heath Farm
- Messrs Cutler and Ms Cutler
- Suffolk County Council
- The Innominate Trust
- Bloor Homes (site now developed)(

On the eastern side the village development boundary is aligned with the parish boundary but part of the village lies beyond it. See Figure 11 below.



**Figure 11. Land ownership adjacent to Acton Village development boundary overlaid on Babergh's adopted boundary map.**

### Strategic Planning Framework

3.19 Acton Parish is located within the administrative boundary of Babergh District Council. The current development plan for Babergh consists of the Babergh Core Strategy 2011-2031 (2014) and the saved policies of the Local Plan 2006. A new Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan is being developed to replace those strategic plans which will address 2018 to 2037.

- 3.20 The new Joint Local Plan adoption schedule was delayed at its inspection phase. At the time of writing, Babergh and Mid-Suffolk District Councils (BMSDC) have agreed to present a revised plan in two parts: Part 1 was published for inspection in Spring 2023: and Part 2, which will include a revised settlement hierarchy, spatial distribution and housing site selection, has yet to be firmly scheduled. However, locally active Neighbourhood Plan consultants were advised by the strategic planning department at BMSDC that this is not expected before 2024 and it looks likely to be 2025 now, with Part 1 being published later than expected.
- 3.21 At the time of writing, in June 2023, the earlier Core Strategy addressing the period from 2011-2031 still provides the high-level, strategic plan for Babergh, and its policies prevail.
- 3.22 Under the Babergh Core Strategy, settlements are categorised and grouped into functional clusters around those classified as Core Villages which are intended to act as a focus for development within their functional cluster<sup>14</sup>.

### **Acton Parish Settlements**

- 3.23 Acton Village is situated approximately 6km from the town centre of Sudbury by road, lying some 3.5km north of its northern bypass. It is identified as a Hinterland Village in the Babergh Core Strategy. Policy CS2 specifies that Hinterland Villages “will accommodate some development to help meet the needs within them”<sup>15</sup>. Regarding housing provision in Hinterland Villages, policy CS11 provides additional assessment criteria for planning applications – see Appendix 2<sup>16</sup>.
- 3.24 Acton Village is included within two wider ‘functional clusters’ of settlements, one centred on Long Melford to the west and the other on ‘Sudbury and Great Cornard’ to the south.
- 3.25 Acton Parish also includes the hamlet of Newman’s Green, situated approximately 1km south of Acton village. According to policy CS2, development in the countryside beyond Towns, Core and Hinterland Villages “will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances subject to a proven justifiable need”.
- 3.26 Acton Parish further includes an area known as the Bull Lane Industrial Estate . This is located approximately 1.7km from Acton Village in the direction of Long Melford and the A134. This has been classified as a strategic employment site.

### **Allocated housing**

- 3.27 The Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Preferred Options (July 2019) document contained an allocation for 100 dwellings in Acton on a site south of Tamage Road which achieved planning approval on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020. Although housing site selection for the district is now again under fresh review, construction on this site would not be affected as it has progressed in the interim.

The details are as follows:

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<sup>14</sup>Settlement Pattern Policy CS2 on Page 29 of <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Strategic-Planning/Babergh-Core-Strategy/CORE-STRATEGY-AND-POLICIES-FINAL-Feb-2014.pdf>

<sup>15</sup> See Settlement Pattern Policy CS2 at link in note 8 above.

<sup>16</sup> Excerpt from Supplementary Planning Document on CS11: <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/adopted-documents/babergh-district-council/supplementary-planning-documents/>

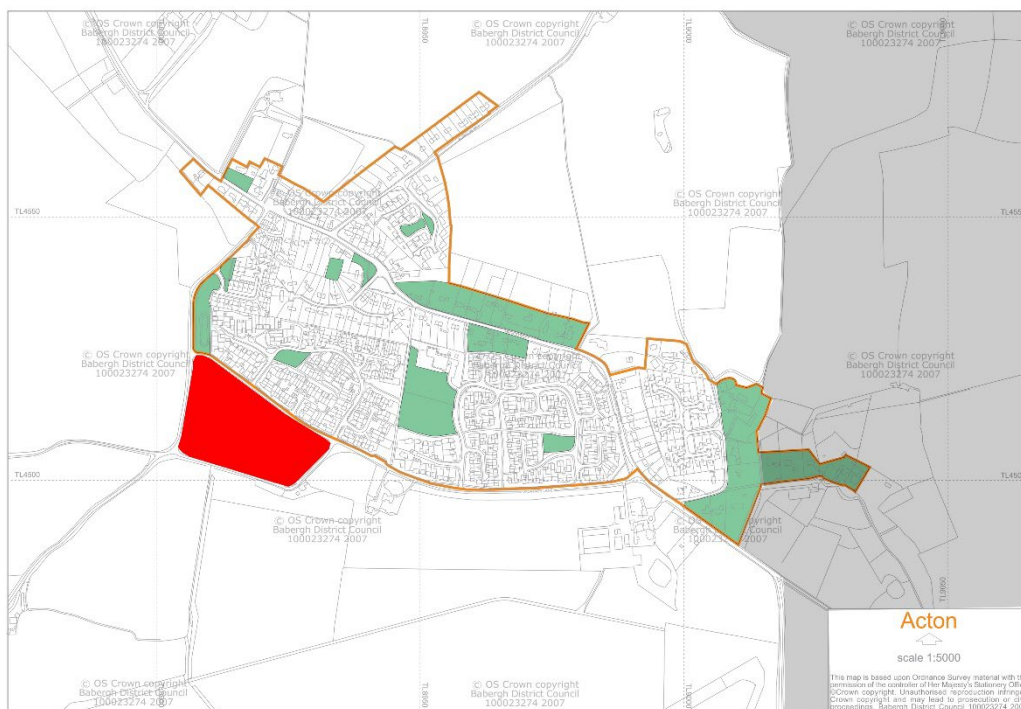
## LA045 – Land South of Tamage Road, Acton, Suffolk

Size of site – 3.5ha

No of dwellings – Approximately 100 (with associated infrastructure)

The development shall be expected to comply with the following:

- I. The relevant policies set out in the Plan;
- II. Development is designed to conserve and where appropriate enhance The Old Vicarage (Grade II) and its setting
- III. An archaeological assessment and measures for managing impacts on archaeological remains are provided;
- IV. An ecological assessment and any necessary mitigation measures are provided;
- V. Site layout should be designed to take into account existing water mains in Anglian Water's ownership within the boundary of the site;
- VI. Nearby Rights of Way should be protected and enhanced to enable access to the countryside and enable active transport. In particular footpath 15 should be enhanced;
- VII. A new footway to be provided along the site frontage which links to existing footway network;
- VIII. Contributions to the satisfaction of the LPA, towards secondary school provision;
- IX. Contributions to the satisfaction of the LPA, towards additional Household Waste Recycling provision; and
- X. Contributions to the satisfaction of the LPA, towards healthcare provision.



**Figure 12. Land South of Tamage Road overlaid on inset map**

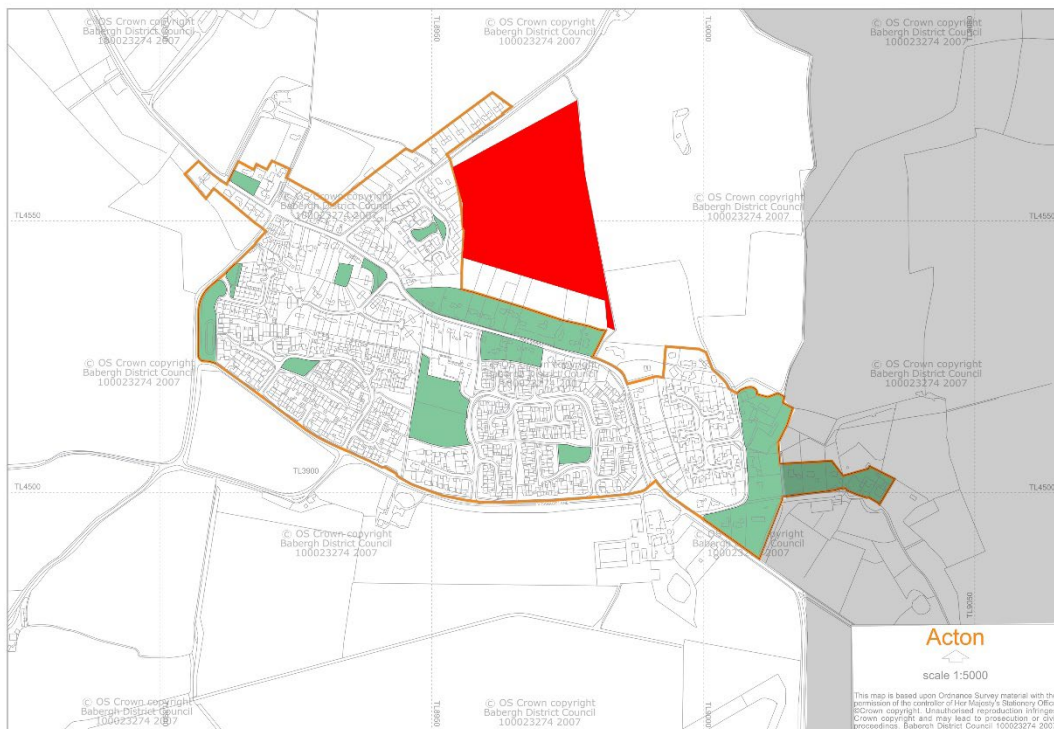
3.28 There is no other allocated housing in Acton Parish, but the parish does include an area of land which is within the proposed Chilton Woods development and into which one of the residential parcels of land impinges – see section below.

## Other Planning Permissions – Land South East of Barrow Hill

3.29 There is another large windfall site (6.3 hectares/15.6 acres) which had extant outline planning permission<sup>17</sup> at the time of the District Council preparing the first draft of the forthcoming Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan submitted for examination. That permission was originally granted in 2017. This site, “Land South-East of Barrow Hill”, is known locally as The Barn Owl Field:

3.29.1 Outline planning for 100 homes on this site was in place from early 2017 but no reserved matters were submitted before the effective expiry of the extended outline permission on 1 December 2022.

3.29.2 It is situated on land adjoining the village, but outside the village development boundary as defined in the Core Strategy. It was removed from the list of sites considered deliverable within 5 years by Babergh DC earlier in 2022 so has consequently not counted as contributing towards the housing target which the LPA is required to meet for some time. Although the 5 Year Housing Land Supply document reported the applicant advising of a revised scheme coming forward, the Parish Council are now aware that the landowner no longer seeks to develop the site.



**Figure 13. Land South East of Barrow Hill (Barn Owl Field) which previously had outline planning permission, overlaid on inset map**

3.30 At the point of initially preparing the Acton Parish Neighbourhood Plan, the construction of **219** new dwellings had been **approved in Acton** Parish since April 2018 (or had extant permission from before that date). See Appendix 3. This has since been reduced by 100 with the expiry of the outline permission on the Land South East of Barrow Hill.

3.31 Since 2018, there have also been applications for 45 new-build homes in Acton parish which have been refused for a range of reasons. Notably these include a site of 30 proposed homes

<sup>17</sup> DC/17/02751 & DC/20/05361



on land west of Sudbury Road and a site for 5 homes on land NW of Barrow Hill – both outside the village development boundary.

- 3.32 On the non-residential side, there have been at least 4 successful applications for change of use of agricultural buildings to commercial/industrial use and one new storage building approved on the industrial estates in recent years.

### Other Planning Permissions - Chilton Woods Development

- 3.33 This proposed development includes 1,150 new homes (288, or 25%, of which will be ‘affordable’) and although the majority of the site lies in the parishes of Chilton, Sudbury and Long Melford, there is a small part located in Acton parish – see figures 4.33 & 4.34 below. The proximity of the site will also impact on Acton parish, being approximately 1.5km south of Acton Village and around 250m of housing in Newman’s Green.



Figure 14. Chilton Woods showing Acton Parish boundary

- 3.34 The Chilton Woods development was granted outline planning permission by Babergh District Council’s Planning Committee on 29 March 2018 (B/15/01718).

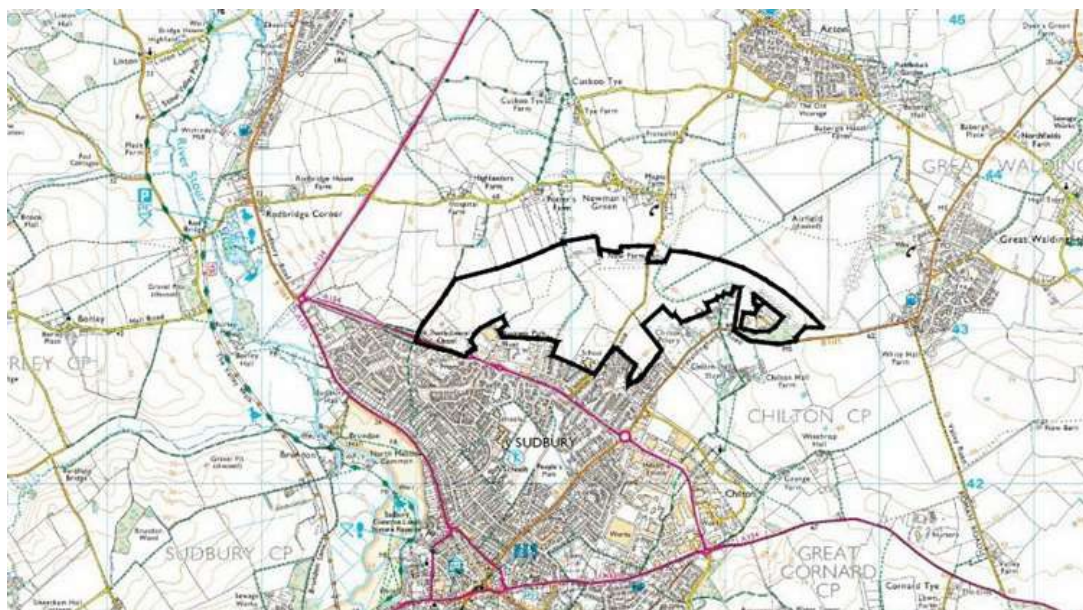
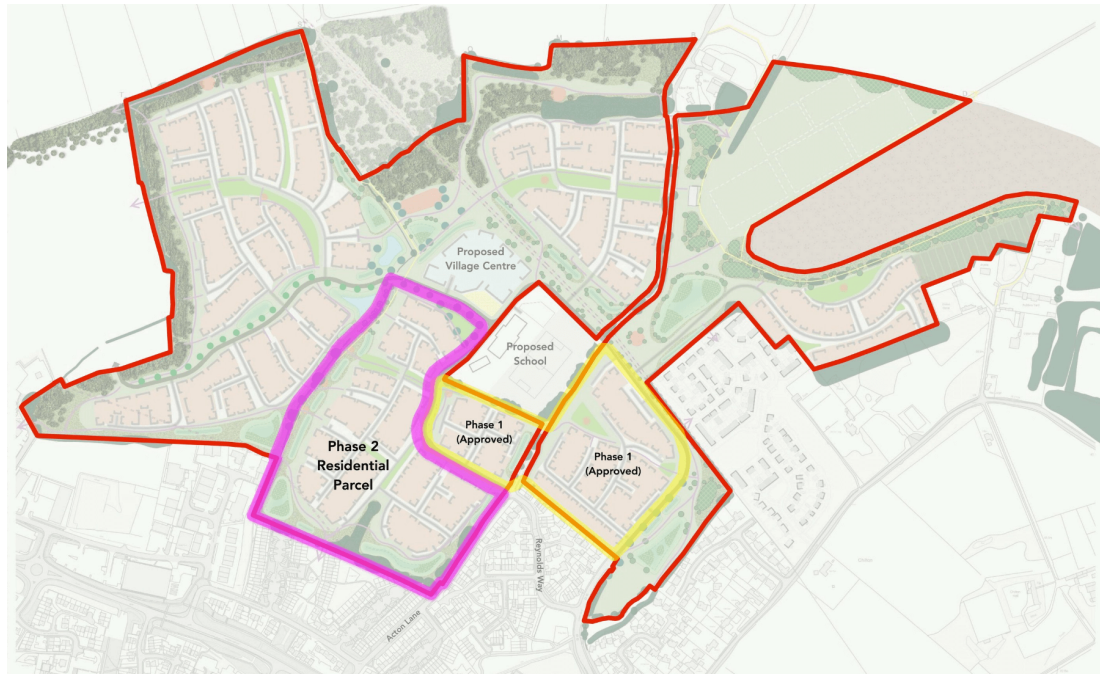


Figure 15. Location of Chilton Woods Development

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Full planning permission for the first phase of 200 new homes, known as Maidenfields was granted in March 2021, with the first homes going on sale in September 2021. Phase Two, including “Westland Heath” was approved on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022 (DC/22/02336). Work on the first two phases is well underway and an application for Phase Three (DC/22/05231) was submitted on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022 and as at 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023, this was still pending.



**Figure 16. Chilton Woods showing first two phases**

3.36 Chilton Woods is allocated for development in Babergh District Council’s Core Strategy (2014). The scheme is promoted by Babergh to support the delivery of new homes, economic growth, add value to the area and to be sustainable. As well as housing, the site is planned to provide 37 acres of employment land, which was predicted to deliver approximately 1,900 new jobs.

3.37 The planned development includes a new primary school, village hall, community woodland, a pub, shops, sports pitches and walking/cycling routes, presented as having wider benefits for the area.

3.38 Also planned are associated improvements to key highway junctions, with approval of detailed plans for a new roundabout and a road to open access to a significant area of employment land to the west of the site to be sought. Investment has been promised for public transport, walking and cycling improvements and a new household waste recycling centre is also included in the plans.





**Figure 17. Aerial mock-up of Chilton Woods buildings and roads**

- 3.39 Acton Lane, the most direct route to Sudbury town from Acton village is planned to be closed to cars at a point somewhat north of the Reynolds way junction with traffic diverted on roads to the east and/or west through the development. The permission requires two new junctions on Springlands Way (roundabout for the western access and a signal-controlled junction at the junction with Acton Lane).
- 3.40 There is a possibility of resultant increased traffic flow up Acton Lane from the residents of Chilton Woods wishing to travel north, especially before the proposed new western access route is created, but SCC have noted these concerns and hope that mitigations put in place will avoid problems<sup>18</sup>.
- 3.41 Suffolk County Council owned a large part of the land covered by the Chilton Woods planning permission with the remainder in private ownership. The SCC owned phases have progressed first.
- 3.42 Acton Parish Council objected to the vagueness of the build and surface materials proposed in the initial application and also to the proposed divergence of those materials from the required Design Code (see application DC/21/06644). It also commented on Phase Two with respect to (lack of) adherence to the Design Code, a PRow crossing a children's play area and nuisance dust. No further comments were made on the Phase Three application.

### **Minimum Housing Requirement**

- 3.43 Each Neighbourhood area is given a minimum new housing requirement when embarking on a Neighbourhood Plan. This is set by the Local Planning Authority to ensure alignment with their overall strategy. Acton Parish NPSG was not issued with an official minimum owing to the Joint Local Plan having recently been submitted for examination and therefore unchangeable at that point. However, information requested by the JLP inspectors produced a figure of 213 new homes for Acton in the spatial distribution documentation and this was presumed and later confirmed to be indicative

<sup>18</sup> <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/planning-waste-and-environment/proposed-development-of-chilton-woods/chilton-woods-development-faqs>

of the minimum requirement for delivery of new housing for Acton parish from April 2018 to March 2037.

3.44 This figure is indicative rather than firm because it was derived from work which is being revisited under the Joint Local Plan revision and so is subject to possible change. It was also set when proposals included a change to the classification of Acton village to a Core Village.

3.45 This minimum of 213 was based on extant planning permissions, of which there were 213 at the time of Joint Local Plan preparation. It is unclear whether this figure was a result of planning or merely a reflection of the permissions position.

3.46 From the LPA's published figures we can see there were 779 dwellings<sup>19</sup> in Acton at the beginning of April 2018, so the 213 homes would have therefore represented a 27% increase in number of dwellings over the planning period before any additional eligible windfalls.

3.47 A further site of 4 dwellings was approved on appeal, increasing the overall total to 218 new dwellings either completed since April 2018, under construction, or with planning permission, before the reduction of the 100 on the Land South East of Barrow Hill, the permission for which has expired. See Appendix 3 for list of sites.

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<sup>19</sup> Document H31 in the JLP Core Document Library shows 992 dwellings in total including permissions. Their table distributes the figures differently because a review was undertaken at 1/4/21 and some planned homes were already completed by that point, so they fall into different categories, but the total dwellings planned or completed are 992 (737+53+202), and the minimum target of 213 is stated as equivalent to extant planning permissions at 1/4/18. The total of 992 minus the 213 permissions at 1/4/18 therefore gives the existing dwellings as 779 at that point. Note that households are not the same as dwellings.



## 4 Historic Environment

### 4.1 Development in Acton Parish from 1950

4.1.1 The information in this section was gathered in May 2022 by speaking with Acton residents and reviewing relevant information on the Babergh District Council online planning portal. As a result, the possibility of minor factual errors cannot be excluded. It is intended to provide an indicative general profile of housing growth over the years from 1950.

4.1.2 **Queensway (40)** originally all council houses built by Melford Rural District Council to house some of the many homeless people who were squatting in the former army huts at Acton Place. Believed locally to have been completed in 1954 - not long after the coronation, hence the name Queensway.

4.1.3 **Barrow Hill (23)** and **Vicarage Road (6)** built around 1953 by Melford RDC .

4.1.4 **Coblers Way (29)** - council housing built by Melford RDC in 1967 - 1968. The first houses were on the perimeter with a large open space left in front of them. In 1970 **4** bungalows were built and then a further **7** bungalows in 1972/73. The bungalows were intended for elderly people to move into in order to free up the larger council houses many of which were by then underoccupied.

4.1.5 **Gotsfield Close (25)** started in 1966 and finished in 1967. Built by J Enness & Co.

4.1.6 **Clay Hall Place (37)** built between 1973 and 1981 by Truegate Builders Ltd.

4.1.7 **Lime Tree Park Estate (350)** was built in six phases over about 10 years starting on Waldingfield Road in 1973 and ending at Marsh Walk. The general design concept is vehicle parking and garages at the rear of the dwellings. Jennens Way, Lime Walk and Cedar Walk provide pleasant pedestrian routes to link the developments. The developments were built on two fields either side of an avenue of trees (now called Jennens Way). The avenue belonged to the Vicarage (now The Old Vicarage) and when the diocese built a new vicarage and put the house and avenue up for sale around 1974, Alan Reason Homes Ltd, the estate developers, bought both the house and the drive. They then sold the house away and kept the drive, in order to make life easier for themselves. The last vicar to live in the old vicarage, who was also a district and parish councillor, put a Tree Preservation Order on the lime trees which saved them from being felled. The Parish Council subsequently bought the avenue, at minimal cost, from Alan Reason Homes at the same time as they bought Lime Tree Green Park.

4.1.8 **Waldingfield Rd (2) new houses (1980)** built on the site of former cottages which was destroyed by fire - 22 and 24 Waldingfield Road

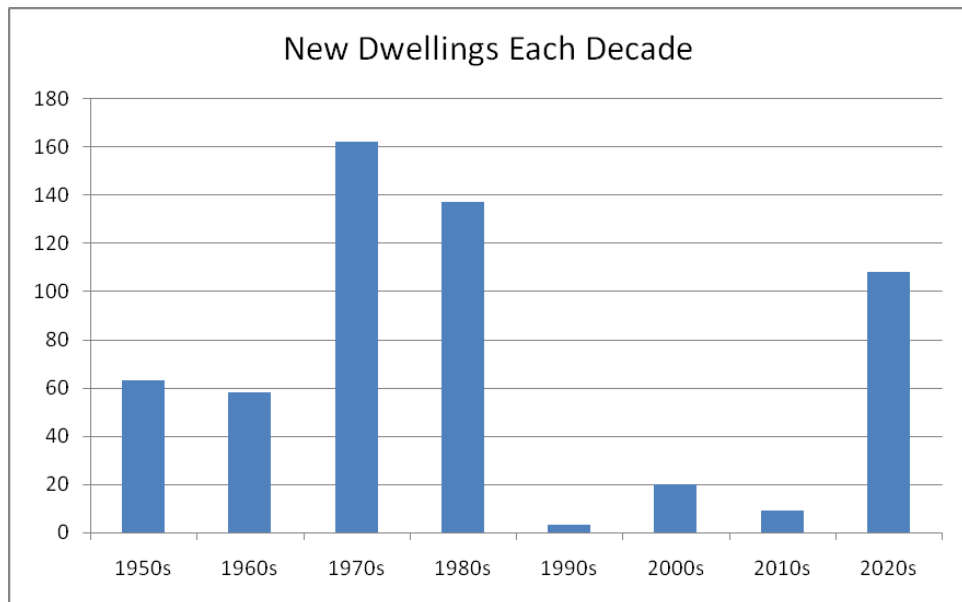
4.1.9 **Former School High Street** conversion to dwelling **(1)** (1985) plus **(4)** new dwellings, **2** detached and **(2)** semi-detached dwellings - Old School Room and Old School X 3 and Commodore

4.1.10 **Magna Farm Barn Newmans Green (1)** conversion of barn to new dwelling (1987)

- 4.1.11 **Bus Garage site (4)** built around 1987. **4** houses built on the site of the bus garage adjacent to the Crown PH and **(1)** opposite the Crown, built on the site of the bus company booking office 1991 - 1-4 Walnut Close + Crown House
- 4.1.12 **High Street, (1)** new chalet design dwelling 1996 (B/96/00989) – specific property address unclear
- 4.1.13 **Conversion of barn at Puddledock Farm (1)** new dwelling (1991) Puddledock Barn
- 4.1.14 **Conversion of barn at Puddledock Farm (1)** (1991) – Lascelles Barn
- 4.1.15 **Land at Clay Hall Cottage (House) (5)** new dwellings phased in circa 2000
- 4.1.16 **Land Adjacent to the Laurels Waldingfield Road (1)** new dwelling 2001 – Rectory House
- 4.1.17 **2 High Street (1)** new semi-detached dwelling 2005 – 2A High Street
- 4.1.18 **Land at 12 Vicarage Lane (1)** new dwelling 2004/5
- 4.1.19 **Land at Barrow Hill (8)** new dwellings – Tots Gardens
- 4.1.20 **Land east of West Cottage Melford Road (2)** Linear row of dwellings, built 2008.
- 4.1.21 **Land at Babergh Lodge Waldingfield Rd (2)** new dwellings 2009 - Hidden Maple & Tifuca
- 4.1.22 **Land at Puddledock Gardens Clay Hall Lane (1)** new dwelling - Genesis Corner - 2012
- 4.1.23 **Land east of West Cottage Melford Road (3)** Linear row of dwellings built 2018
- 4.1.24 **Land West of Byway 29 Waldingfield Rd (1)** new dwelling 2019 – Secret Garden.
- 4.1.25 **Land at Tola Waldingfield Road (2)** new dwellings 2019 - Harvey House & Holly House
- 4.1.26 **Babergh Heath Farm Waldingfield Rd (1)** new dwelling 2019 – Sunset House
- 4.1.27 **Land at 60 Vicarage Lane (1)** new dwelling 2020– 58 Vicarage Lane
- 4.1.28 **Land South of Tamage Rd (100)** new dwellings 2020/22

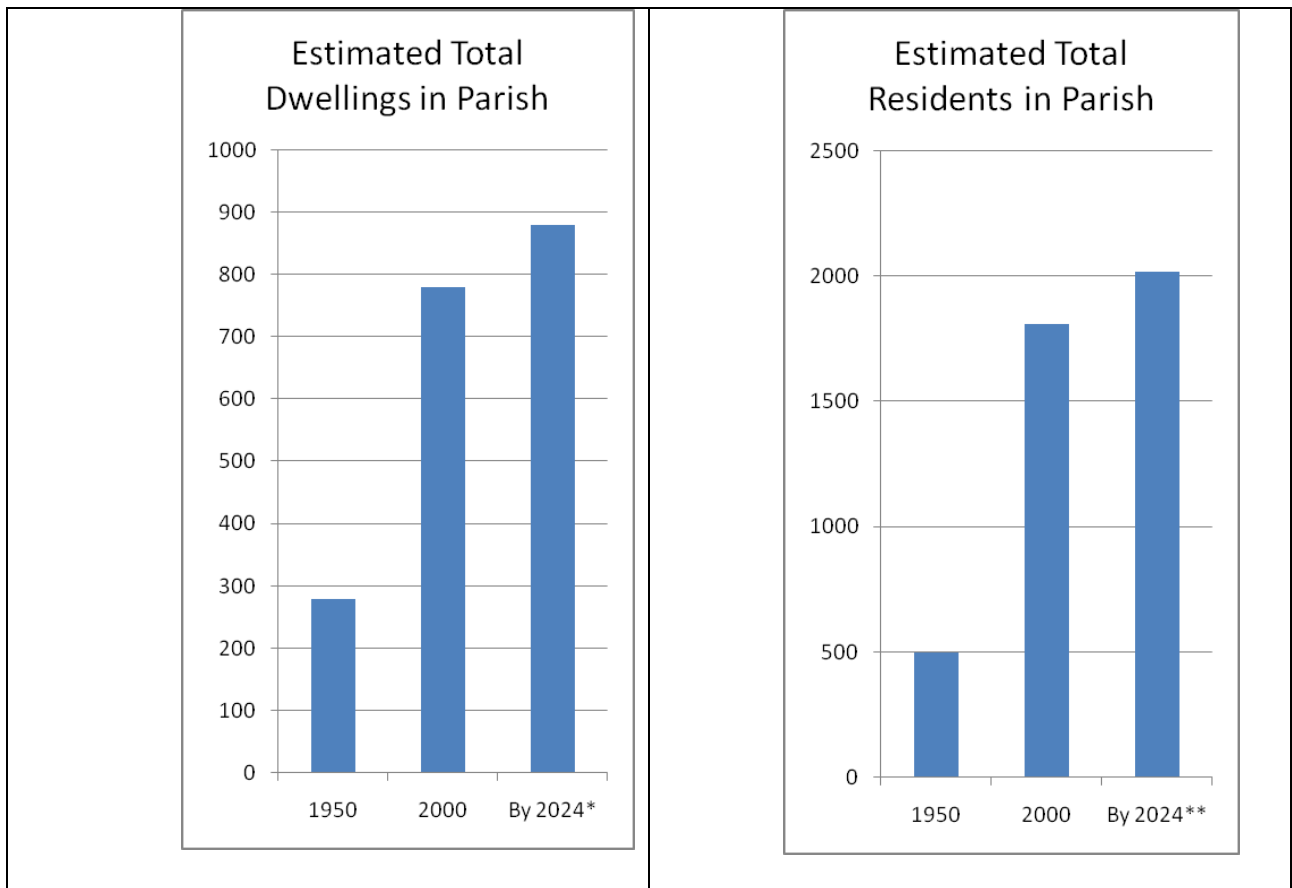
## 4.2 Permissions granted not complete

- 4.2.1 **Land at rear of Cherry Trees Waldingfield Road** permission for **(1)** new dwelling 2021
- 4.2.2 **Land East of Appleshaw Newmans Green (2)** permission granted/under construction
- 4.2.3 **Land South East of Barrow Hill (Barn Owl Field) (100)** outline permission granted/under construction for 100 dwellings (since expired).
- 4.2.4 **Land adjacent to Lascelles Barn, Clay Hall Lane**, permission for **(4)** new dwellings 2022



*\*2020s includes all granted full permissions whether built or not*

**Fig 18 New Dwellings each Decade from 1950**



*\*\* Occupied dwelling stock at 2019 plus estimated additions (108) X 2.4 persons per dwelling.*

**Figure 19 (left): Estimated Total Dwellings in Parish;  
and Figure 20 (right): Estimated Total Residents in Parish**

## 4.3 Heritage assets

4.3.1 Appendix 4 is a map of those Heritage Assets which are Listed, with legend showing key details.

## 4.4 Heritage Assets - Unlisted

4.4.1 The village has many listed properties, but other buildings and structures exist which cannot be 'listed' but nevertheless have a significant role as Acton's Heritage Assets. This initial list was compiled from local knowledge by a resident and reviewed by the NPSG. Further additions were considered in response to Regulation 14 feedback. These are The Cottage on Barrow Hill, and Clay Hall House.

### 4.4.2 South

1] Outbuildings/stables at the Old Vicarage. Brick/tile.

2] Higher Ground, Vicarage Lane. Timber frame and rendered lath. Originally Glebe Cottage, built sometime in the 1700s, opposite Acton's glebe fields. Has been used as servants quarters for the Old Vicarage. Sold by the Church Commissioners in the 1950s, subsequently much rebuilt/extended. The garden incorporates a former brickworks, which became a village rubbish dump & is now an orchard.

3] Cuckoo Tye Farm Cottage (dated 1842), granary and cart-shed - flint built, early Victorian. Cart shed recently converted to housing.

4] Cuckoo Tye Barn – possibly late 1700s, 1980s conversion to a dwelling.

5] Foundations of the farm house and buildings, removed in 1943 by the construction of the airfield are said to exist at their original location in the middle of the farmland.

### 4.4.3 West/East

1] WW II buildings at Acton Place, off Melford Road – various Nissen huts still in use e.g. Wally's Café, vehicle repairs.

2] Bassetts Farm, off Lavenham Road – timbered with lath and plaster, of great age (possibly 1400s) but modified pre-WWII with a large extension. Adjacent Victorian brick farm buildings, one of which is converted to a dwelling.

3] Acton Hall, off Melford Road – Victorian with adjacent brick farm buildings. Incorporates remains of a moat indicating far older foundations.

4] Cottages, corner of High Street/Barrow Hill – brick/slate. Late Victorian.

5] Pair of old, renovated cottages, possible now one house –adjacent to 'Mondice' off High Street.

6] Former village school and teacher's house, High Street built in flint. Both (and adjacent more modern buildings) converted to housing.

7] Old brick/flint wall – opposite the old school.

8] Various ponds on north side of High Street/Waldingfield Road – form part of the drainage (and wildlife) system.

### 4.4.4 North

- 1) Barrow Hill Farm – rendered farmhouse and adjacent flint farm building and wall – pre 1885<sup>20</sup> and all much altered.
- 2) Valley Farm House and Barn – both good examples of centuries-old timber frame construction.
- 3) Redbraes, Barrow Hill – formerly ‘the old Stamp Collectors House’, probably 19thC timber frame with lath and plaster but extensively rebuilt and extended at least 25 years ago.
- 4) Primrose Lane Cottage - timber frame with lath and plaster but completely rebuilt and extended over last 30 years. At least 150 years old.

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<sup>20</sup> Source: [View map: Suffolk LXXII.8 \(Acton; Great Waldingfield; Long Melford\) - Ordnance Survey 25 inch England and Wales, 1841-1952 \(nls.uk\)](#) accessed 25/10/2022

## 5 Housing

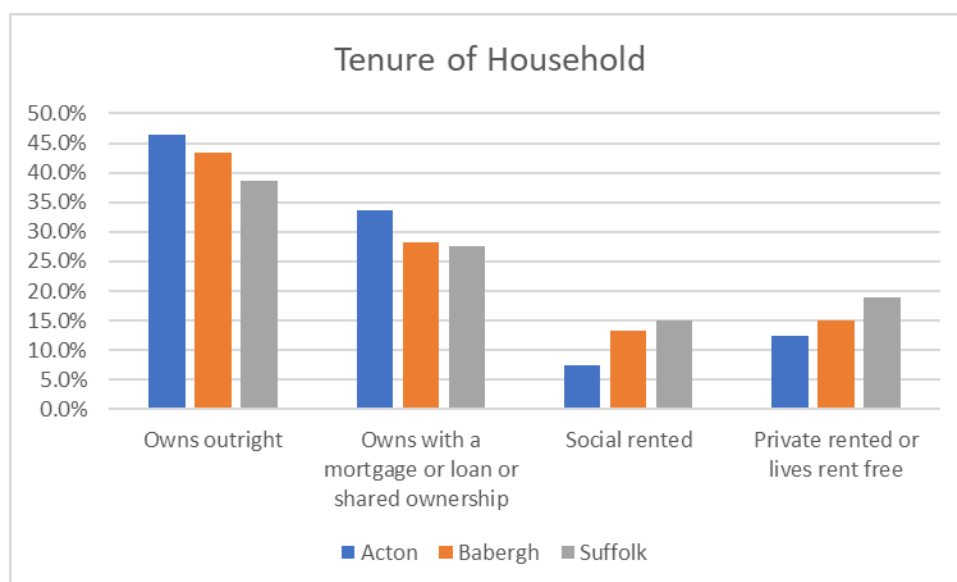
At the time of update (June 2023) the data from the 2021 Census was only partially available. As a result in some aspects, data from the Census 2011 has been used and where applicable this is indicated accordingly..

### 5.1 Number of dwellings

5.1.1 Data from the 2011 Census (KS402EW) showed that in total there were 755 dwellings in Acton. 22 (2.8%) of those dwellings were unoccupied.

### 5.2 Ownership of dwellings

5.2.1 In the Census 2021 Acton has a higher percentage of dwellings that are owned by residents compared to the percentages for Babergh and Suffolk where figures for renting properties are higher than in Acton. The Census information is shown in Figure [6.2] below.

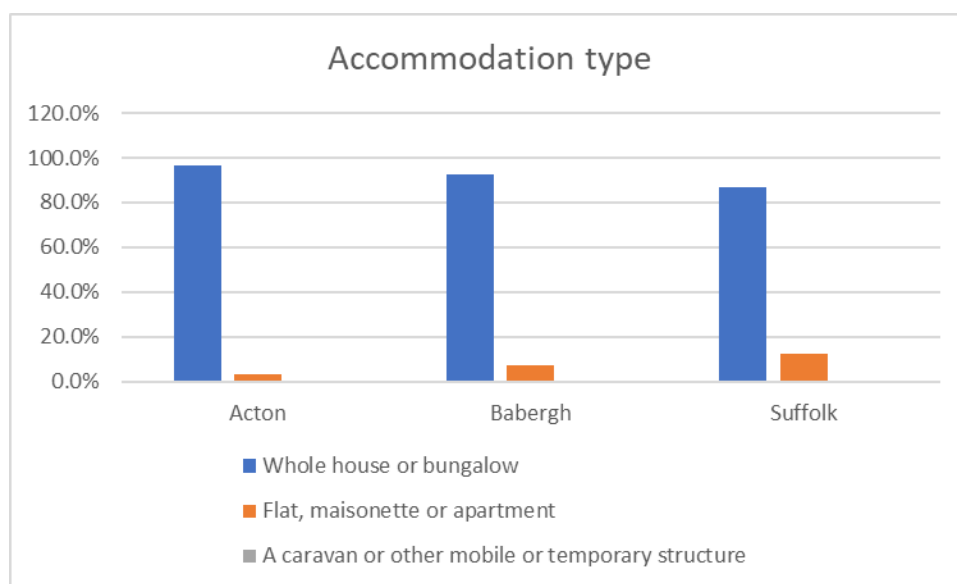


**Figure 21: Tenure of household in Acton, Babergh and Suffolk, from 2021 Census data**

## 5.3 Type of accommodation

5.3.1 The information below contains data from the 2021 Census showing the type of accommodation lived in by households in Acton compared to Babergh and Suffolk. A higher percentage of residents live in houses and bungalows in Acton compared to the percentages for Babergh and Suffolk.

- The 2021 Census defines a household as one person living alone, or a group of people (not necessarily related) living at the same address who share cooking facilities and share a living room or sitting room or dining area. A household must contain at least one person whose place of usual residence is at the address. A group of short-term residents living together is not classified as a household, and neither is a group of people at an address where only visitors are staying.
- There were 770 households in Acton parish.
- In the 2011 Census 96.6% of households in Acton lived in whole houses or bungalows and 3.4% of households lived in flats, maisonettes or apartments. This compares to 92.5% of households in Babergh living in whole houses or bungalows and 7.2% living in flats, maisonettes or apartments, and in Suffolk 87.1% living in whole houses and 12.4% living in flats, maisonettes or apartments. In Acton no households lived in caravans or other mobile or temporary structures, compared to 0.3% in Babergh and 0.5% in Suffolk. As these figures are so low they are not visible on Figure 6.3.1 below:



**Figure 22: Accommodation type in Acton, Babergh and Suffolk**

- In the 2011 Census, of the whole houses and bungalows in Acton, 39.6% were detached, 36.3% were semi-detached and 24.1% were terraced (including end-terrace). As the number of households in Acton increased by only 15 from the 2011 Census to the 2021 Census, it is likely that these proportions remain broadly similar now.

## 5.4 Housing need: district-level context

5.4.1 The 2014 Suffolk Housing Survey showed that, across Babergh district:

- 12% of all existing households contain someone looking for their own property over the next 3 years (mainly single adults without children). The types of properties they are interested in are flats / apartments, and smaller terraced or semi-detached houses. Although this is not their first preference, many accept that the private rented sector is their most realistic option.
- 25% of households think their current property will not be suitable for their needs in 10 years' time.
- 2 and 3 bed properties are most sought after by existing households wishing to move.
- Suitable housing options for more elderly people are less available within the current housing stock. 6% of all households have elderly relatives who may need to move to Suffolk within the next 3 years.

## 5.5 Acton Parish Housing and Population Data Profile (2019)

5.5.1 Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council produced parish Housing and Population Data profiles to help inform local discussion on housing need. The most recent Acton Parish profile to be issued by Babergh was last updated in October 2019 and can be seen in Appendix 5. This contains further relevant information and the steering group has updated it to reflect the 2021 Census information released as at June 2023.

## 5.6 Housing Need

5.6.1 Acton is a hinterland village<sup>21</sup>. This essentially means that the only housing need which Acton is required to meet, is that arising from within the settlement itself; and that any proposals need to be proportionate to the size of the existing settlement. The following is an extract from SPD on Rural Development & Core Strategy Policy CS11 (p5)<sup>22</sup>. Emphasis added.

*“Core Villages will normally have the ability to accommodate a higher proportion of development than hinterland villages. **Because hinterland villages are generally smaller and have fewer services and facilities it is expected that [development] proposals for consideration under this policy will be small-scale.** However as with Core Villages, Hinterland Villages vary considerably in their size, scale and nature. **Proposals for hinterland villages will need to be proportionate to the size of the existing settlement and take into account the type and number of facilities in the village, local opportunities and needs.** Some hinterland villages may be able to accommodate higher levels of development than others. **It may be that for some of the hinterland villages there is no clear focus for development and facilities and services to support development may not be present. In these circumstances proposals for development are unlikely to meet the criteria set out in CS11..”***

<sup>21</sup> Source: <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/the-council/parish-profiles/> . Accessed 02/03/2022

<sup>22</sup> Source: Document linked from <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/adopted-documents/babergh-district-council/supplementary-planning-documents/> . Accessed 02/03/2022



5.6.2 There were four Housing Need Analysis reports written in relation to Acton (prior to the current Neighbourhood Plan commissioned one) between January 2011 and June 2021, as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Written by</b>	<b>For / in relation to</b>
February 2011	Suffolk ACRE – Louise Wilby	Commissioned by Acton Parish Council <sup>23</sup>
January 2020	HDH Planning & Development Ltd	Bloor Homes Ltd – relevant to subsequent development at Land South of Tamage Road
November 2020	CNB Housing Insights	Land South East of Barrow Hill (aka “Barn Owl Field”)
June 2021	Lichfields	Acorn Farms – in the context of proposed development for up to 30 dwellings at Land at Sudbury Road (aka “Sheep Field”).

**Figure 22: Housing Needs Analysis reports completed between January 2011 and June 2021**

5.6.3 It is noted that the most recent three were written in the context of proposed developments, so were not fully independent.

5.6.4 The policy and timing context of these reports is significant. The most recent three were written at a time when Acton was classified as a Core Village in the Babergh Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan. The key consequence of that classification in this context was that Acton could potentially be required to accommodate development to meet housing need generated in the relevant Functional Clusters as opposed to just that generated within Acton. The village sits in both the Long Melford Functional Cluster and the Sudbury-Great Cornard Functional Cluster.

5.6.5 The two most recent reports in particular were robustly challenged by residents<sup>24</sup>. In any event now that Acton has been classified as a hinterland village, discussion of accommodating housing need arising outside the settlement is not relevant.

5.6.6 In Summer 2022, the Steering Group commissioned consultants AECOM to produce a Housing Needs Assessment for the parish. This work was concluded in November 2022. The AECOM study sought to provide evidence for Neighbourhood Planning policies relating to future housing mix specifically size, type and tenure. In addition the HNA looked at the Local Housing Requirement figure (the Babergh indicative figure of 213 which was based on commitments) and to determine whether further allocations should be made over the Neighbourhood Plan period. The final HNA is a supporting document to the Neighbourhood Plan.

<sup>23</sup> Source: Report, p5

<sup>24</sup> See for example document dated Mar 2021 at <https://planning.baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=QKD0LGSHMPZ00> and objection documents at <https://planning.baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=R0X8GSSHFV00> as well as objections provided in person at the Planning Committee Meeting, a recording of which is here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KJcVVVy8DZA&ab\\_channel=BaberghMidSuffolkDistrictCouncils](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KJcVVVy8DZA&ab_channel=BaberghMidSuffolkDistrictCouncils) Objections presented by an Acton Parish Councillor start at 03:15:20; those presented by two Acton residents start at 03:20:50; and those presented by a District Councillor start at 03:37:18

## 6 Transport

### 6.1 General

6.1.1 This section provides information on transport in the Parish of Acton and naturally includes some subjective observations. It will also relate to new housing developments. It may be necessary at a future date to encourage new roads, bus routes and other links to key development sites to support Acton development. Traffic management falls outside of the scope of planning and as such this section does not comment on traffic management of existing networks unless such management would be necessary to allow development to be approved or for safety purposes. The current transport infrastructure in the Parish of Acton is shown. The only known current traffic management project to affect Acton relates to the impact of the Chilton Woods housing development on Sudbury Road/Acton Lane to the south of the settlement. As at October 2022 precise proposals were unable to be located.

6.1.2 The settlement of Acton is situated in the southeast of the Parish of Acton. The largest part of the Parish is to the north of Acton. This area is rural farmland. All the roads within the Parish of Acton are C class or smaller that service a farm-based community.

6.1.3 Acton is a small rural village on the outskirts of the larger town of Sudbury to the south. Using a route avoiding country lanes where possible<sup>25</sup>, Sudbury is 5 miles (8km) from Acton by road. The largest main road in the area is the A134 that briefly skirts the western edge of the parish boundary in a North South direction. The main highway through Acton is a C class road that runs in an East - West direction. This road is for the most part wide enough for two lorries to pass side by side. This road has a large amount of commercial goods lorries that transit the settlement. Some of these lorries feed the industrial estate in Bull Lane and the various farm estates in the area. There is also a small amount of heavy farm machinery traffic that transits through the village centre to the various farms that surround the settlement. The farm machinery traffic is mostly seasonal, limited to planting and harvesting. In recent years Acton appears to have become a rat-run for traffic on the A134 transiting between Colchester through to Bury St Edmunds and traffic in the return direction, which may be because going via Acton instead of round Sudbury avoids five relatively small roundabouts and is therefore attractive to larger vehicles. This has created an increase in traffic on what is a small C class road. This increase in traffic was a safety concern to residents interviewed. A traffic survey was conducted for Melford Road and Sudbury Lane at various times and days of the week to discover the type of traffic transiting the settlement. Also included in this section is the traffic data collected from the speed monitor device at the western entrance to Acton on Melford Road. The results which cover a 10 week period during 2021 are given below.

6.1.4 Suffolk Highways Department have completed a review of Lorry delivery transport route through the county, details of which can be found at <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/lorry-management/lorry-route-plan-review-in-suffolk> . Acton is not on any Lorry Route Network.

6.1.5 The Suffolk Lorry Route network Map can be found at <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/lorry-management/lorry-route-plan-review-in-suffolk/recommended-lorry-route->

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<sup>25</sup> From Acton, westwards along Melford Road, southwards along the A134 then on to the A131 and into Sudbury

6.1.6 There are numerous mentions of accidents in the Babergh & Mid Suffolk Council records in the Acton area especially along Melford Road and at the junction of Melford Road and the A134 by-pass. Comment was sought from the Police liaison officer for Acton regarding road accidents and safety, but no reply has been received. In July 2017 a 4-car collision occurred at the Melford Road junction across the A134 by-pass with at least one fire engine present. In February 2020 a serious accident between 2 cars again at the Melford Road/A134 junction. Between 2018 and 2021 there was one accident on Sudbury Road, six accidents on Melford Road and three accidents on Ten Tree Road to the east of Acton. In three of these accidents, the car rolled several times. In all accidents, the cars involved required extraction from the ditch. The emergency services were called to each incident. As there were no serious injuries or fatalities these accidents are not recorded. There were two fatalities in recent years just outside the parish boundary, one on Bull Lane close to the Melford Road/A134 junction and one on the A134 just north of the Melford Road/A134 junction. Although these fatalities happened outside the Parish boundary, the very close proximity of the crash sites to the Parish boundary warranted inclusion in this report.

6.1.7 Within the confines of the settlement there is a 30mph speed limit. There is an active Speed Watch team who regularly monitor five locations in the village. Consultations with the local Speed Watch Team has confirmed that Acton has a speeding problem with motorists regularly exceeding 50mph. The highest speed readings (70mph) that have been recorded are to the west of Acton along Melford Road that is a 30mph limited C-class road. The subject of road safety was a common topic of discussion among residents interviewed. It was announced at the Acton Parish Council Meeting on 23 February 2022 that Automatic Number Plate Recognition Cameras (ANPR) would be installed at various locations in Acton. Data from these cameras of speeding motorists to be forwarded to Suffolk Highways Dept for evaluation and possible fines. See Appendix 7 for road traffic data.

6.1.8 The Parish of Acton has no A or B class roads and only C class roads or smaller. Some of these lanes such as King's Lane and School Lane are narrow in the extreme (see map below showing narrow width road locations). There are no pavements on most roads in the Parish of Acton. The settlement of Acton has limited pavements. The lack of pavements on some roads such as Melford Road that is a 60mph zone is a common safety concern. The only pavements for walking-based transportation in the Parish are in the settlement. The longest section of pavements is a loop around the main settlement which is 1.4 miles (2.2Km) long. The rest of the country lanes are narrow, have limited verge space with a ditch and hedge adjacent. At present there does not exist a safe paved walking route to Sudbury.

6.1.9 Acton has one main road which runs in an East-West direction between Long Melford and Great Waldingfield. The two other roads that run in a North and a South direction are small country lanes that do allow two cars to pass in some locations but not all, and for two large lorries it is generally problematic. The road to the North, Barrow Hill Lane is effectively a single-track country lane that connects to various farms and on to Lavenham. Barrow Hill Lane changes into Slough Lane and then into School Lane. School Lane is the remains of an old Roman Road that is narrow in the extreme. The road to the South is Sudbury Road that changes into Acton Lane and

transits towards Sudbury. This again is a small lane with room wide enough for two cars to pass safely on most, but not all sections.

6.1.10 There is an employment centre at the Bull Lane Industrial Estate 1.5 Miles (2.2Km) to the west. This estate comprises of 79 businesses. The close proximity of the A134 to the Industrial Estate provides good transport links. HGV and other goods traffic on Melford Road service this industrial estate. It is sizeable, with 402 people employed, of which 37 are residents of Acton. This site cannot be accessed safely on foot. There is no pavement, limited rough verge and the narrow C class road is a 60mph zone that is used by a high number of cars and HGV vehicles transiting the village. A car is needed to safely access the Industrial Estate unless work can be made to fit the bus times.

6.1.11 There is a bus service in Acton, the 237 Great Cornard, S707 Ormiston Academy, 753 & 754 Colchester and the 758 Thomas Gainsborough School run by Chambers Bus Service. There are several Bus Stops with a Bus Shelter in the centre of Acton. This service connects to Sudbury, Bury St Edmunds, Colchester, and outlying villages. Observations of the bus service during the day show few passengers using the service. The buses have more passengers during commuter peaks and during school transit times. Acton does not have a secondary school. The nearest secondary schools are the Thomas Gainsborough School and the Ormiston Academy in Sudbury. Both these schools are serviced by their own bus route, thereby giving a safe transport access to Acton pupils. Having a bus route through Acton does mean that the main route is on the ice gritting lorry schedule during times of cold winter weather. No research has yet been undertaken with regards the commute of the children at the Acton Primary School, however observations have shown that the school children are walked to school by their parents.

6.1.12 Car ownership in Acton is common. Car ownership, whether it is electric, or fossil fuel based is a necessity in a rural village with a limited transport infrastructure if the residents are to travel outside the settlement boundaries. A traffic survey was conducted for Melford Road and Sudbury Lane at various times and days of the week to discover the volume of traffic. The results can be found below.

6.1.13 Many residents park their cars on their property but there are areas in Acton where residents must park their cars on the road. Cars parked in this manner do impede the traffic flow in some areas. Whilst this report cannot comment of traffic management, it can highlight the areas affected. These areas are The High Street, Sudbury Road in the vicinity of Post Office Row, Tamage Road and Vicarage Lane. During the planning process for granting planning permission for the Tamage Road development, one of the concerns raised by residents was the overspill of parking from the new estate and how it may impact on residents of Tamage Road. Adequate parking facilities should be a high priority on all new developments in Acton. Acton benefits from a large car park adjacent to the Village Hall which is located behind the Crown Pub. At present there is no EV charging points in the village. The positioning of EV charging points at a central location possibly in the carpark next to the Village Hall was suggested by all residents that were approached for their transport views. At the Acton Parish Council meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022 the topic of EV charging points and their location was raised. Concern about the capacity of the electric power grid in Acton to power EV was also discussed at the meeting. Acton has at times a power outage problem. If all residents were to convert to EV modes of transport to comply with

Government's transport policy, then a major power infrastructure upgrade is required in Acton.

6.1.14 Cyclists are a common sight in Acton. Acton and the Parish of Acton are on the National Cycle Route. Suffolk Cycle Route A and National Cycle Route 13 traverse through the Parish of Acton. The map at end of this section shows the two cycle routes through the Parish.

6.1.15 There are many Public Rights of Way (PRoW) or footpaths in the Parish. Some of these footpaths in the hamlet of Newman's Green such as King's Lane are old country lanes that have now been declassified. The official map of PRoW in Acton can be accessed at:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/assets/Roads-and-transport/public-rights-of-way/Acton.pdf>

A more up to date PRoW map from the Acton PC can be found **below**.

6.1.16 Some of the PRoW are poorly maintained or not maintained at all by the landowners. Some of these pathways such as in the vicinity of the dis-used airfield are maintained by volunteers. There is a very active rambler group called the Acton Amblers that meet each week. A series of printed leaflets showing the PRoW is planned and the Parish Council will be paying for this endeavour. These routes will be made available to residents on the forthcoming Acton Neighbourhood Plan website and for download on the free to download Ordnance Survey App. Acton has a large resident dog population requiring their owners to regularly walk them. The numerous PRoW throughout Acton allows a safe method for residents to walk their dogs. One such venue is the field to the North of the High Street, commonly known as The Barn Owl Field after a well-known Barn Owl that hunts in that field. Anecdotal feedback from walkers suggests there is a wish for the footpaths around this field to be made into PRoW, in addition to the PRoW which goes along the north-eastern boundary at the top of the field. This field has had outline planning permission for 100 houses. Anecdotally, there would be support to include this footpath in any such development plans.

6.1.17 On 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021 Acton Parish Council voted to proceed with the application to the Suffolk County Council (SCC) programme to create a network of quiet lanes across Suffolk. A Quiet Lane is a Nationally recognised road designation for rural single-track roads with no road markings or footpaths, with low traffic flows/speeds, shared by walkers, cyclists, horse riders and motorised users. More information can be found on the website [www.quietlanessuffolk.co.uk](http://www.quietlanessuffolk.co.uk). The roads to be designated as a Quiet Lane are Cuckoo Tye Lane, King's Lane to Newman's Green and Mills Lane from Acton Lane to A134. A map of the proposed Quiet Lanes can be found below.

## 6.2 Bus services

6.2.1 Bus timetables for the 753 service between Bury and Sudbury can be found here<sup>26</sup>:

<https://www.hedinghamandchambers.co.uk/services/CHAM/753>

6.2.2 Local residents have indicated that this bus stops at the Industrial Estate, whether officially or otherwise.

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<sup>26</sup> Last accessed 27/10/2022

6.2.3 Service 700 is essentially a circular service stopping at Acton Crown, Tesco (outskirts of Sudbury) and Sudbury (central). It runs to be hourly at 20 past the hour from 8.20 to 4.20 missing out 9.20. Timetable here<sup>27</sup>:

<https://www.felixcoaches.co.uk/felix/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/service-timetable-716-700-and-715-2017.pdf>

### 6.3 Rail services

6.3.1 The nearest railway station to Acton is Sudbury. Rail services run from Sudbury Station to Marks Tey, stopping at Bures. On weekdays it is an approximately hourly service, first departure 05:30 and last departure 23:26. Marks Tey is on the main line between London Liverpool Street and Norwich. The last connection back to Sudbury from Marks Tey leaves at 23:01.

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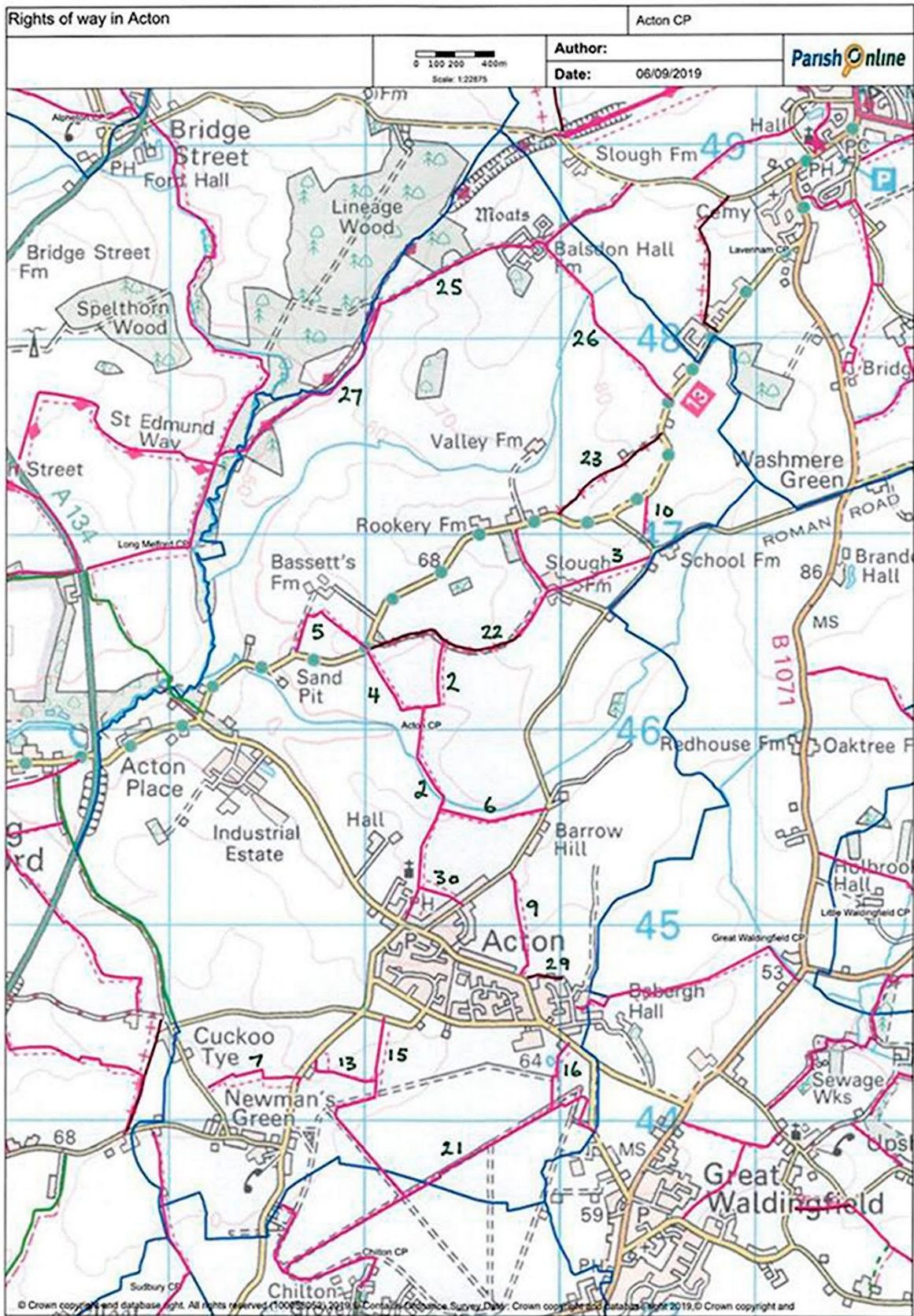
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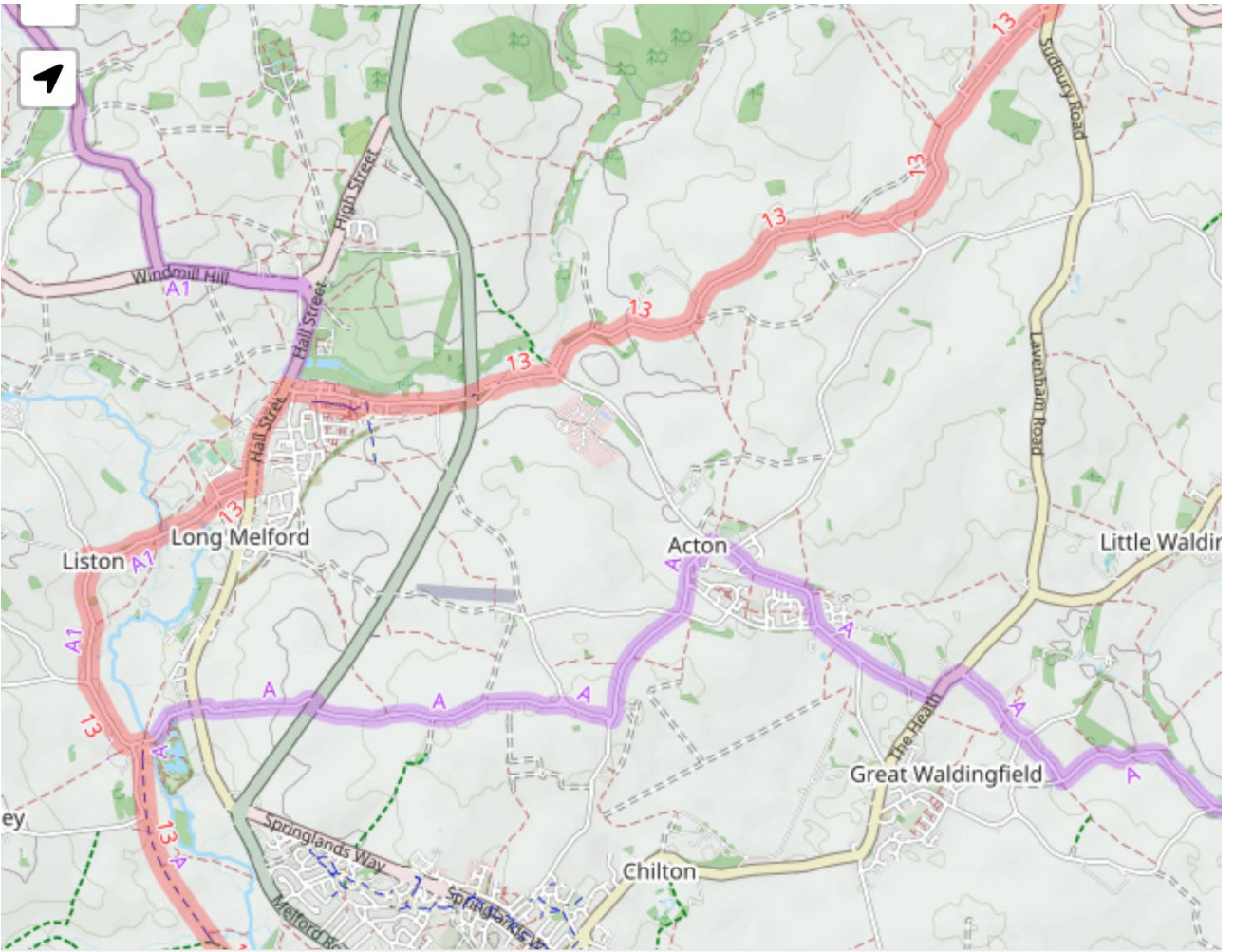
Figure 23: Acton PRow map, Babergh & Mid Suffolk Council. Available to download from their website



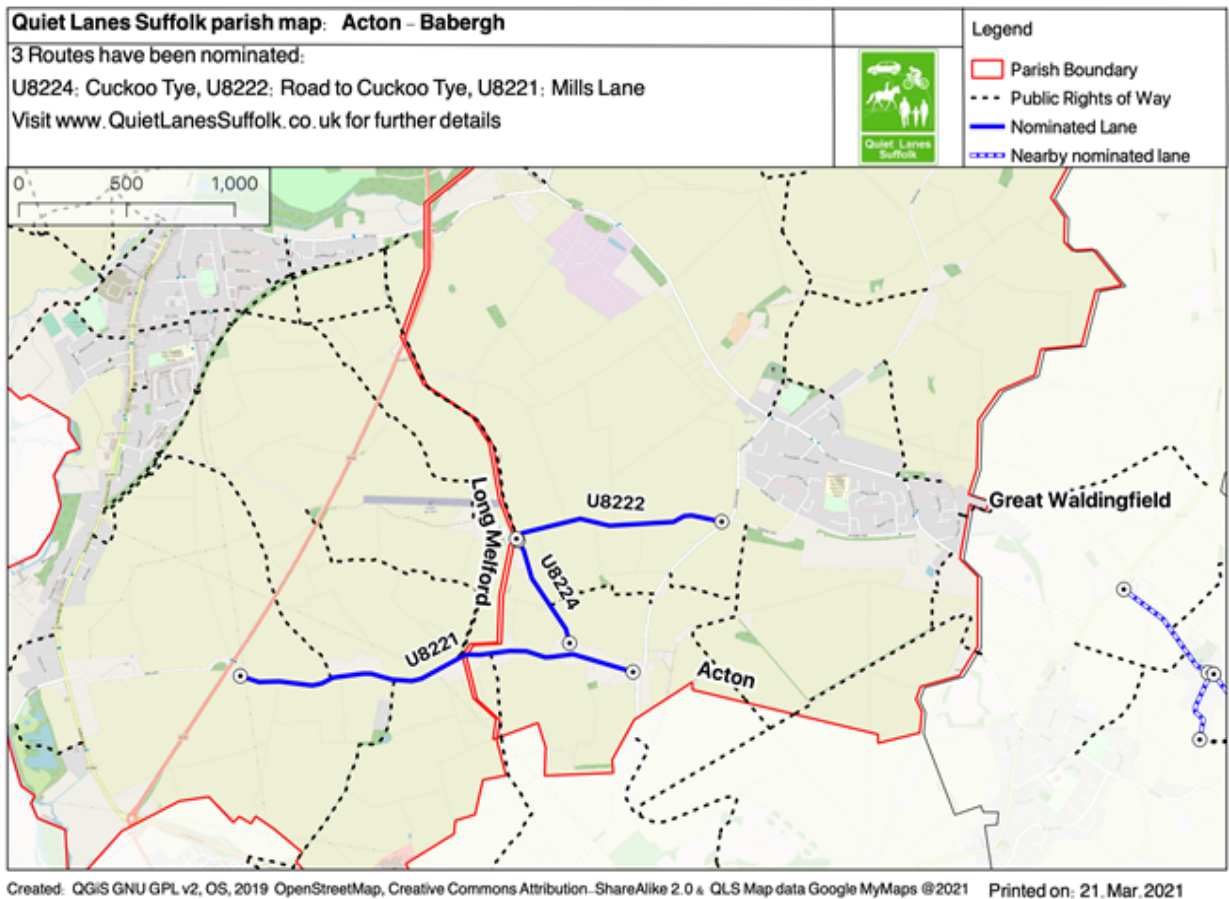


**Figure 24: Acton Parish Council 2019 records of PRoW in Acton**



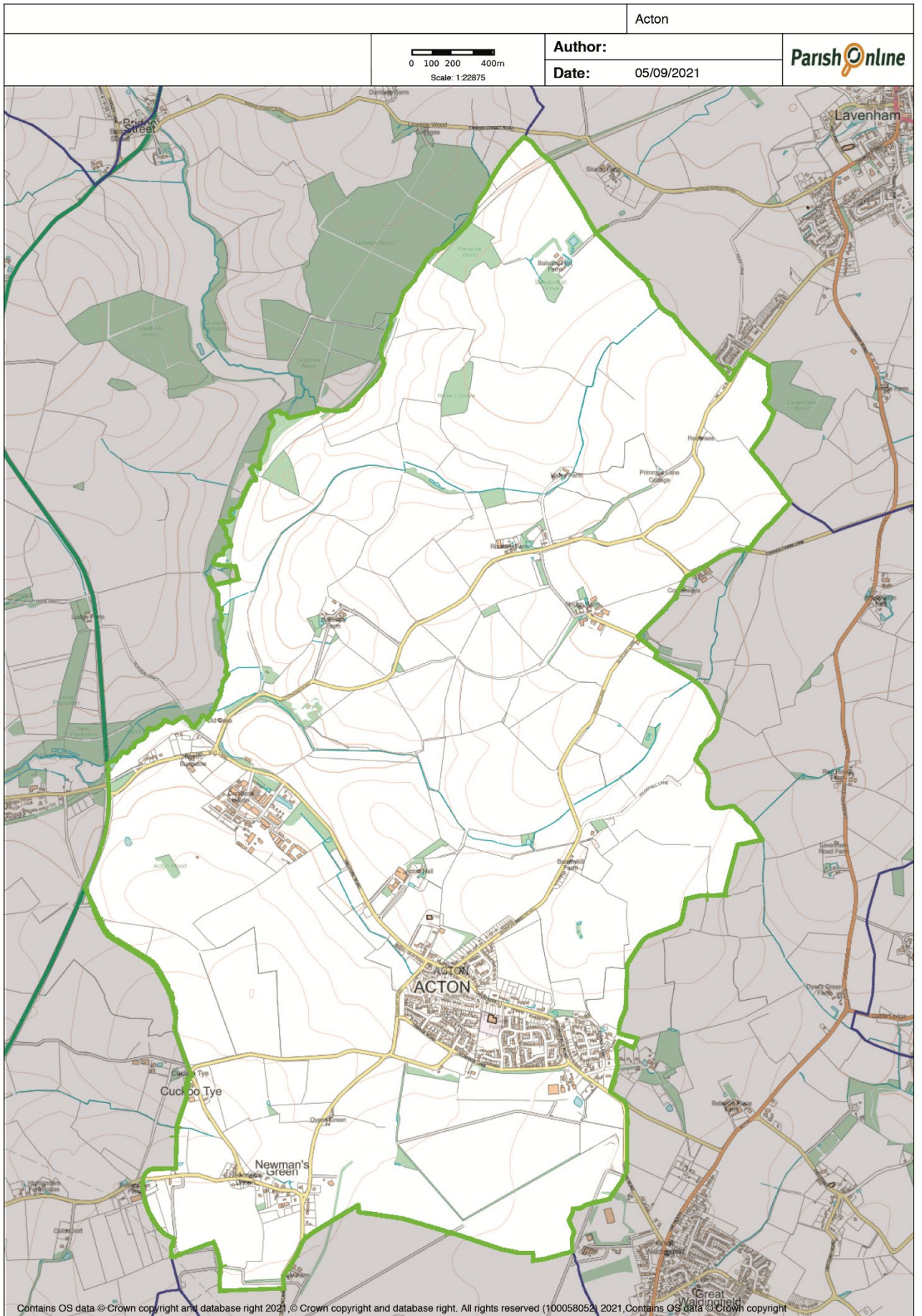


**Figure 25: Cycle Routes through the Parish of Acton  
National Cycle Route 13 and South Suffolk Route A**



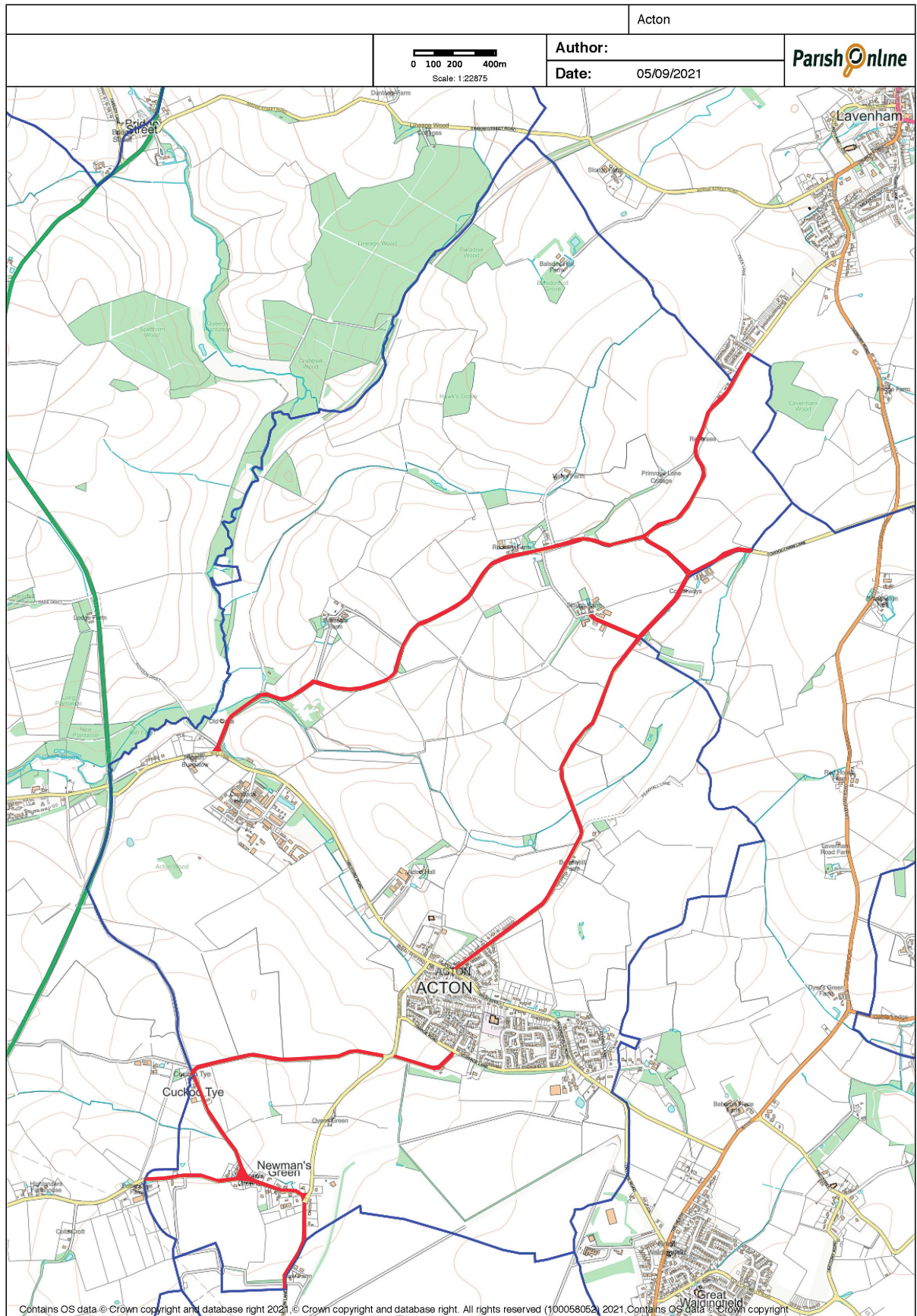
**Figure 26: Proposed location of the Three Quiet Lanes**





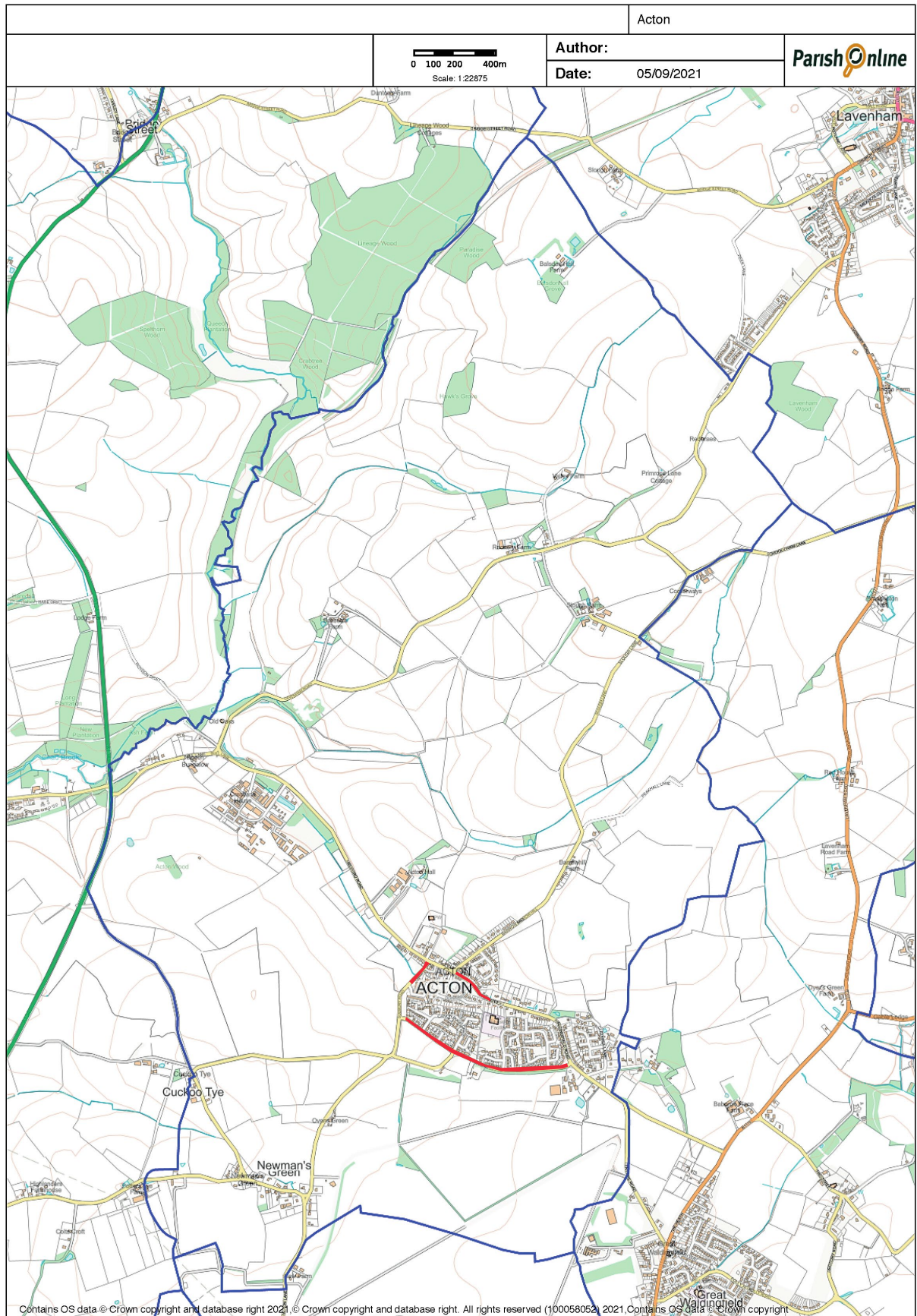
**Figure 27: The Parish of Acton, showing the settlement and road networks**





**Figure 28: Map of Single Track or Width Restricted Roads**





**Figure 29: Map Showing Roads with street parking that restrict the Highway**

## 7 Natural Environment and Landscape

### 7.1 Landscape character

**7.1.1** In the Joint Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council Landscape Guidance 2015, Acton is within the Ancient Rolling Farmlands landscape. The key characteristics of this landscape are medium clay soils studded with blocks of ancient woodland. The settlement pattern mainly consists of dispersed farmsteads of mediaeval origin with some larger hamlets and smaller villages that complement the rural landform and landscape. Acton has a clustered settlement pattern set amongst rolling farmland. Significantly built up throughout the 20th century with only a few listed buildings on the edges of the village, this is an isolated setting.

**7.1.2** The Aim in the Landscape Guidance for the Ancient Rolling Farmlands landscape is:

- To retain, enhance and restore the distinctive landscape and settlement character, and in particular safeguarding the influences of the area.

**7.1.3** The Objectives in the Landscape Guidance for the Ancient Rolling Farmlands landscape are:

- To maintain and enhance the landscape and the settlement pattern, ensuring the sense of separation between settlements is maintained.
- To reinforce hedgerows of locally native species and retain the existing field boundaries.
- To safeguard the ancient hedgerow and woodland areas.
- To safeguard the orchard areas.

**7.1.4** The Key Design Principles in the Landscape Guidance for the Ancient Rolling Farmlands are:

I. There are significant sized areas of open landscape providing wide panoramic views, with the potential of any form of development to be visibility intrusive if it has been designed without sufficient screening, appropriate landscape design plan or appropriate siting.

II. Maintain the distinctive settlement pattern, ensuring the sense of separation between settlements is maintained.

III. Retain rural character of the small settlements, by avoiding the use of standardised and intrusive urban materials and features; conservation areas and areas that fall within the AONB are particularly sensitive in this respect.

IV. Minimise the cumulative visual impact of equine development and ancillary equipment within this landscape character.

V. Restore, maintain and enhance Greens and Tyes, orchards and woodland areas.

VI. Hedging for boundaries will be designed to reflect the local character of existing planting to minimise the landscape and visual impacts on the distinctive character of the area.

### 7.2 Biodiversity and geodiversity

**7.2.1** A search by the Suffolk Biodiversity Information Service found many Priority Species in Acton. These are species of principal importance for the purpose of conserving biodiversity covered under Section 41 (England) of the NERC Act (2006) and therefore need to be taken into consideration by a public body when performing any of its functions.

7.2.2 The designated sites in Acton parish are shown in Figure 31 and Figure 32.

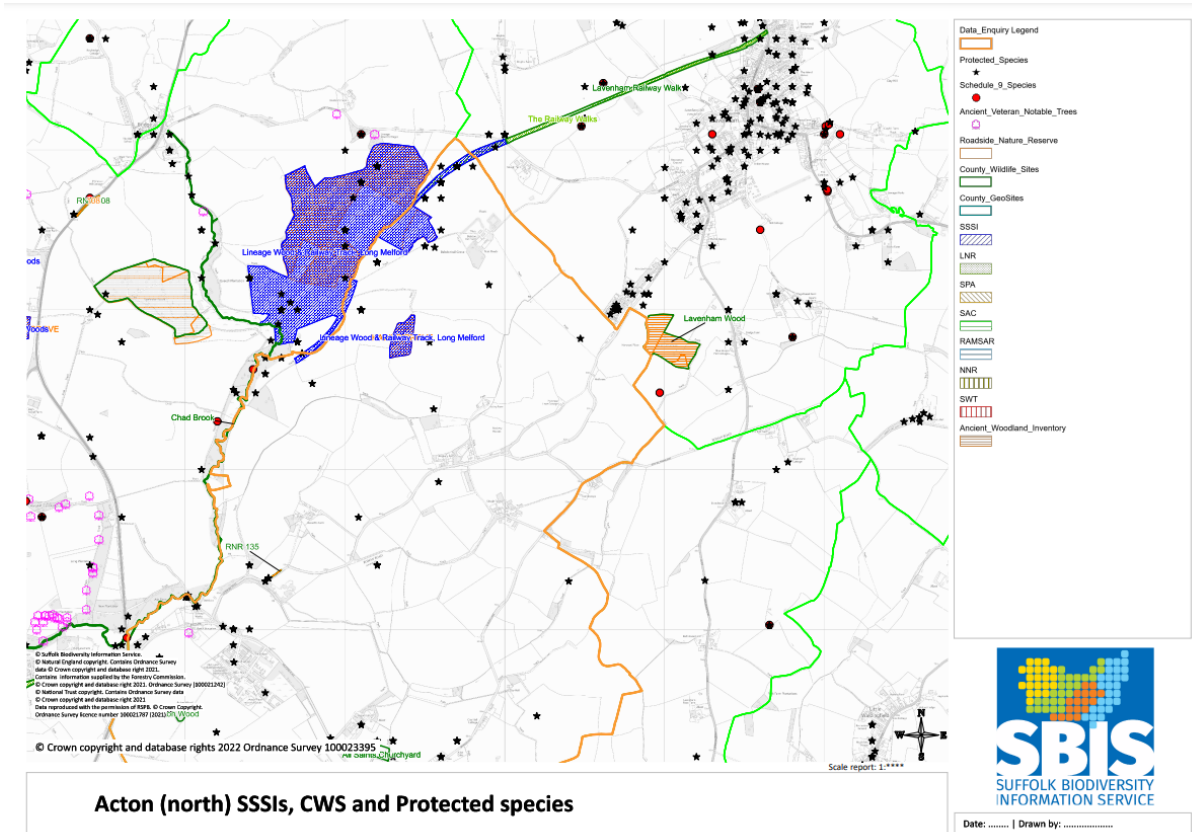
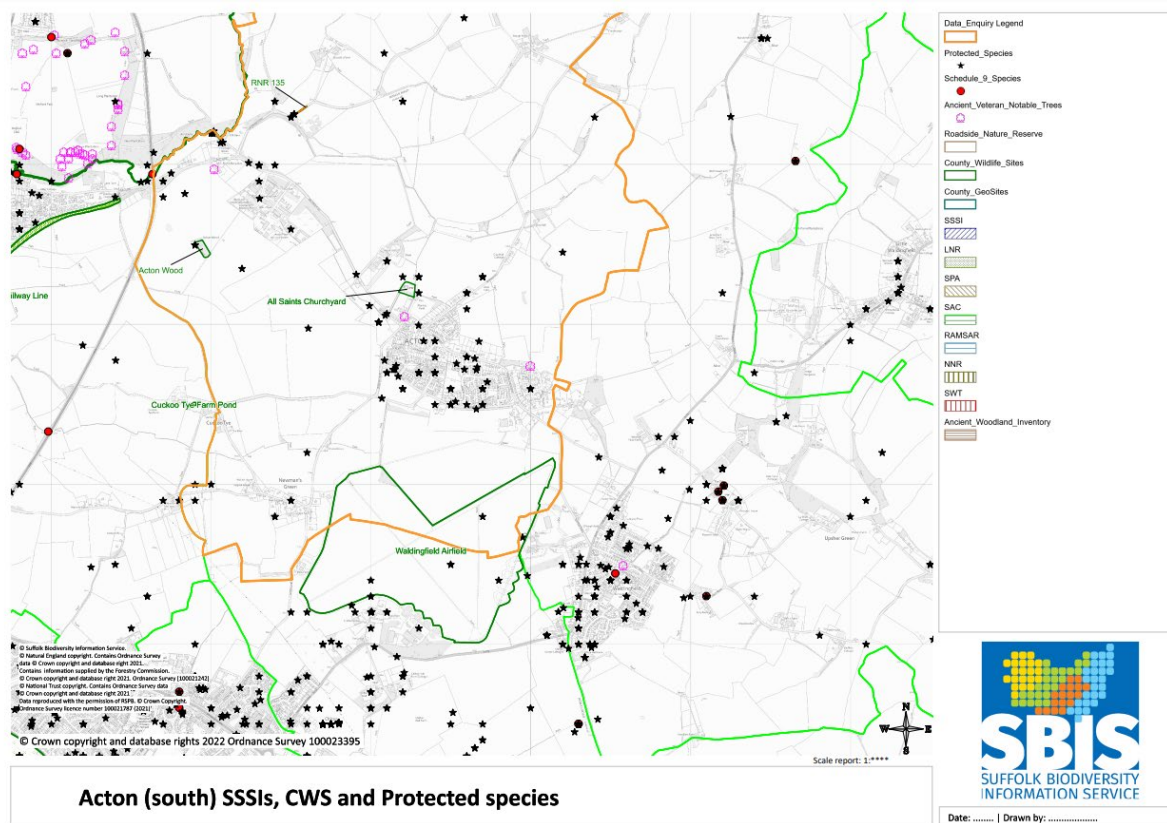


Figure 30: Map showing habitats and land uses in Acton parish (north)<sup>28</sup>

<sup>28</sup> Source: Suffolk Biodiversity Information Service (information obtained 20.02.2022)





**Figure 31: Map showing habitats and land uses in Acton parish (north)<sup>29</sup>**

**7.2.3** There is one Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) in Acton parish. A SSSI is a formal conservation designation. Usually, it describes an area that is of particular interest to science due to the rare species of fauna or flora it contains (a biological SSSI), or important geological or physiological features that may lie within its boundaries (a geological SSSI). Lineage Wood & Railway Track is a biological Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) runs along the northwest perimeter of the parish and continues into the adjacent parish of Long Melford. This site was formerly known as Lavenham and Acton Woods and Old Railway Track. The SSSI also includes Hawk's Grove and Paradise Wood, a little further into the parish, covering a total area of 81.23 hectares. The disused railway line also has floristically rich grassland, but the soil is more alkaline. Lineage Wood is private land with no public access, but the St Edmund Way footpath runs along the disused railway line.

**7.2.4** Lineage Wood is one of the largest (59 ha.) remaining ancient woods in west Suffolk. Despite coniferization, the wood has retained a good system of floristically rich unimproved neutral grassland rides. Small remnants of the original wet Ash *Fraxinus excelsior* – Wych Elm *Ulmus minor*, Lineage elm variant, are found in nearby Hawks Grove and alongside the disused railway track unimproved calcareous grassland is also found on chalky boulder clay of the railway track. The grass rides within Lineage Wood support a very rich flora containing a large variety of neutral grassland herbs, especially orchids such as Early Purple Orchid *Orchis mascula*, Common Spotted Orchid *Dactylorhiza fuschii*, Bee Orchid *Ophrys apifera*, Greater Butterfly Orchid *Platanthera chlorantha* and Fly Orchid *Ophrys insectifera*. Other plants, characteristic of ancient woodland are also found on the rides and these include: Sweet Woodruff *Galium odorata*, Hairy Woodrush *Luzula pilosa*, Pendulous Sedge *Carex pendula*, Hairy St John's Wort *Hypericum*

<sup>29</sup> Source: Suffolk Biodiversity Information Service (information obtained 20.02.2022)



*hirsutum*, Yellow Pimpernel *Lysimachia nemorum*, Green Hellebore *Helleborus viridus*, Wood Spurge *Euphorbia amygdaloides* and Oxlip *Primula elatior*. The rich flora of the railway cutting is, by nature of the more alkaline soil, quite different. The calcareous grassland is dominated by Sheep's Fescue *Festuca ovina* and Bent grasses *Agrostis spp.* with occasional Quaking Grass *Briza media*, Crested Dog's-tail *Cynosurus cristatus* and Carnation Grass *Carex flacca*. Calcicolous species such as Felwort *Gentianella amarella*, Yellow Wort *Blackstonia perfoliata*, Purging Flax *Linum catharticum*, Cowslip *Primula veris*, Woolly Thistle *Cirsium eriophorum*, Burnet Saxifrage *Pimpinella saxifraga* and Wild Parsnip *Pastinaca sativa* occurs there. Both types of grassland are excellent for butterflies and 22 species have been recorded in Lineage Wood alone.

**7.2.5** Parts of the railway cutting bank are covered in calcareous mixed scrub, dominated by Blackthorn *Prunus spinosa* with some Dogwood *Cornus sanguinea*, Hazel *Corylus avellana* and Hawthorn *Crataegus monogyna*. Lineage Wood was replanted with a mixed conifer and some broadleaf trees, mainly Beech *Fagus sylvatica*, thirty years ago. Despite this, many of the ground flora characteristics of the former wood have remained. The selective removal of the conifers is currently taking place and this will encourage the re-establishment of the ancient woodland flora over a much wider area than at present, and further encourage other ancient woodland plants to reappear. Unfortunately, much of the elm, in what remains of the former ancient Elm *Ulmus* wood has succumbed to Dutch Elm Disease and has been removed. However, Maple *Acer campestre* – Hazel woodland with Oak *Quercus robur* standards still remains. Lineage Wood gave its name to a type of non-invasive coppicing elm that is intermediate in form between Wych Elm *Ulmus minor* and English Elm *U. glabra* and this type is peculiar to eastern England. Lineage Wood was the largest example of its kind. Hawks Grove has an exceptionally large patch of Wood Melick *Melica uniflora* at the northern end and the rare Fly Honeysuckle *Lonicera xylosteum* on the southern boundary. Purple Hairstreak butterflies are found there.<sup>30</sup>

#### **7.2.6** Information from Suffolk Biodiversity Information Service<sup>31</sup>

There are five County Wildlife Sites in Acton parish. A County Wildlife Site designation is non-statutory, but it recognises the high value of a site for wildlife. Many sites are of county, and often regional or national importance and are often designated because they support characteristic or threatened species or habitats. These sites are Waldingfield Airfield, Lavenham Wood, Chad Brook, All Saints' Churchyard and Acton Wood.

**7.2.7** Waldingfield Airfield which has an area of 101.25 hectares. Waldingfield disused airfield, a large proportion of which is under arable cultivation, is located between Chilton and Great Waldingfield. The chalky soils adjacent to the concrete runways that criss-cross the site support a diverse arable flora which is of county importance. Of particular note is a population of spreading hedge parsley (a Priority species) which occurs on both sides of the concrete track running north-south across the airfield. It is one of only a few sites in the county for this nationally scarce species. It has declined sharply in the last 60 years, and is now only found in around 70 10km squares in the UK. Other rare arable plants of note here include shepherd's needle (another Priority species) and two species of fluellen which are also found in the field margins alongside the concrete runways. The CWS boundary has been extended to include the area important for its assemblage of farmland birds throughout the year. According to the Suffolk Bird Atlas (2007-2011), there are

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<sup>30</sup> Source: Suffolk Biodiversity Information Service (<https://www.suffolkbis.org.uk/>, accessed 22/04/2022)

<sup>31</sup> Source: Suffolk Biodiversity Information Service (<https://www.suffolkbis.org.uk/>, accessed 22/04/2022)

records of nine Priority species and red list species of conservation concern breeding on this airfield. In particular, it is a hotspot for breeding corn buntings, being a significant proportion of the county's population. It also supports large numbers of skylarks through the breeding season which nest in the crops away from disturbance. During the breeding season, key species also include linnet, yellowhammer, dunnoek, song thrush, starling, house sparrow and bullfinch. Flocks of wintering farmland passerines, including corn bunting and skylarks, are also present on this airfield in high numbers as well as important numbers of wintering golden plover.

**7.2.8** Lavenham Wood has an area of 6.36 hectares. It is an ancient wood listed in English Nature's Ancient Woodland Inventory, and is set amidst arable fields to the south of Lavenham. The wood still retains a sinuous boundary which is a characteristic feature of medieval woods. The semi-natural structure of the wood was destroyed in the 1930's when a large proportion of the wood was cleared and replanted with oaks and conifers. Since that time, the wood has been neglected with the exception of the thinning of some planted timber. The remainder of the wood consists of derelict hazel coppice with ash and oak standards. In addition, there is an area of small-leaved lime coppice in the north-eastern corner. Due to the dense shade cast by the tree canopy, the field and shrub layers are rather impoverished. Flowering plants are generally restricted to the wide ride (approximately 10m across) and glade which cross the wood. These open areas also attract good numbers of butterflies.

**7.2.9** Chad Brook: This 7.2 km section of the Chad Brook runs from Bridge Street in the north, alongside the ancient Lineage Wood, past Long Melford to its confluence with the Stour just west of the village. The brook is the only existing Suffolk site for the White-Clawed Crayfish *Austropotamobius pallipes*. This is a Biodiversity Priority species and has been included as a local priority. The site also supports good numbers of small fish which are indicative of clean water such as Bullhead, Minnow and Stickleback and a particularly diverse aquatic flora. In addition to a range of fairly common emergent and submerged species, for example yellow water-lily, Canadian pondweed and common reed, this section also supports a good population of river water-dropwort. This latter species is a rare plant, which is in need of special protection in the Anglian region. Signs of Otters have been found at three points along this stretch and there are several records of water voles.

**7.2.10** All Saints' Churchyard has an area of 0.64 hectares. It is situated to the north-west of Acton village. The churchyard sits in a farmed landscape on base rich soil with connectivity to a good hedgerow network in the area. The species-rich grassland includes salad burnet, and spotted flycatcher is one of the many birds recorded. The churchyard provides suitable habitat for reptiles with slow-worm and grass snake present. Bat droppings have been recorded in the porch.

**7.2.11** Acton Wood has an area of 0.51 hectares. It is the remaining area of a once much larger ancient woodland. The northern and eastern edges of the wood are still bounded by the original wood banks. The wood is dominated by overgrown hornbeam coppice with elm ash and some sycamore. The most recent coppicing took place about twenty five years ago. A large amount of standing and fallen dead wood is present that is likely to provide important habitat for dead wood invertebrates. The woodland supports a flora indicative of ancient woodland. A population of over one hundred Early purple orchids was recorded in spring 2003. Other indicator species include

Wood anemone and Bluebell. As the woodland is <2ha it is too small to be included in the English Nature Ancient Woodland Inventory, but is nonetheless an important ancient woodland site.<sup>32</sup>

**7.2.12** Acton has one Roadside Nature Reserve at the southerly end of Lavenham Road, with an area of 0.02 hectares. It contains sulphur clover & wild liquorice.

*Source: Acton County Wildlife Site Citations - Suffolk Biodiversity Information Service (information gained 20.02.2022)*

**7.2.13** Acton Wildlife Reserve on Barrow Hill has an area of 0.41 hectares. It was originally allotment land, before becoming redundant and being overtaken by bramble and blackthorn. In recent years it has undergone sensitive remodelling, including the installation of a pond, to become a small nature reserve and now supports a far richer biodiversity of flora and fauna. (see Appendix 7 for plant surveys undertaken by the Lavenham Natural History Group. Notably, Great Crested Newts have been observed nearby, as well as slow worms, grass snakes and common lizards. There is evidence of mammalian life including hedgehogs, badgers, muntjac deer, bats, mice, voles, shrews, rabbits and squirrels. A great variety of birds have been observed at the reserve, including most recently in April 2022, a melanistic blue tit, evidenced through *photographic/trail camera images from Reserve Volunteers and Visitors.*

**7.2.14** Acton parish has three ancient/veteran/notable trees, two of which are found in the main settlement area with a further single tree near Acton Place. There are also numerous trees with Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) within the parish. These include the two avenues of lime trees which line Jennens Way from the Old Vicarage to Pool Cottage, and along the drive to the Church. There are also stretches of trees with TPOs at Acton Place, Acton Hall, land west of New Farm, Clay Hall Lane and Clay Hall Place, the corner of Waldingfield Road/High Street, as well as many single TPOs located around the Old School buildings, the Old Vicarage and along the rear boundaries of properties on the northern side of the High Street.<sup>33</sup>

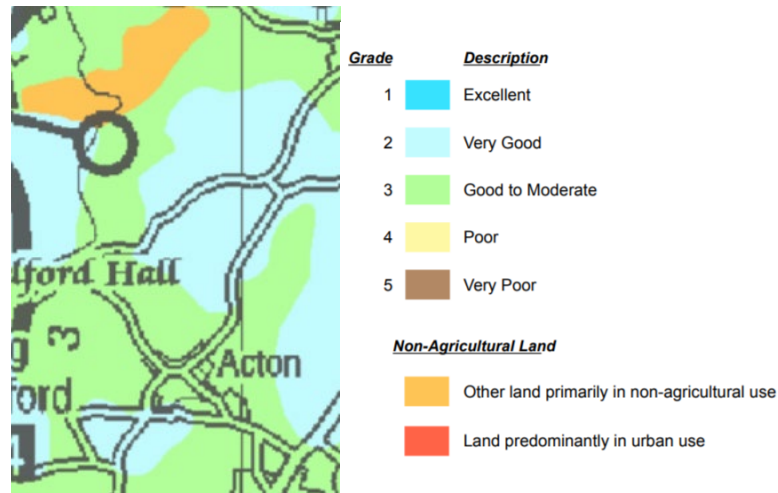
## 7.3 Land, soil and water resources

**7.3.1** Natural England's Agricultural Land Classification map for the eastern region, shows that the agricultural land is classed as 'very good' and 'good to moderate' in the parish.

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<sup>32</sup> *Source: Acton County Wildlife Site Citations - Suffolk Biodiversity Information Service (<https://www.suffolkbis.org.uk/> accessed 20/02/2022)*

<sup>33</sup> *Source: <http://maps.midsuffolk.gov.uk/> (accessed 22/04/2022)*

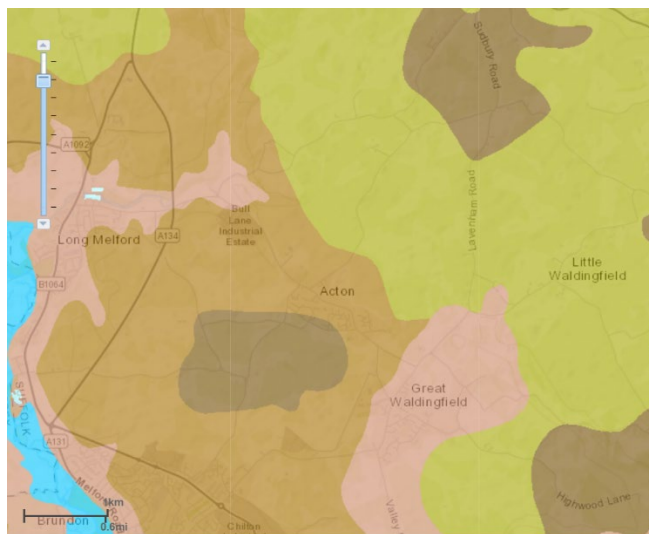


**Figure 32: Map showing the Agricultural Land Classification in the parish.**

Source: <http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/> (information obtained 14.02.2022)

**7.3.2** There are four different soil types in the parish area:

- Soilscape 6: Freely draining slightly acid loamy soils (around the Bull Lane industrial estate)
- Soilscape 7: Freely draining slightly acid but base-rich soils (built up settlement area)
- Soilscape 8: Slightly acid loamy and clayey soils with impeded drainage (to the south including the Tamage Road development and Newman's Green)
- Soilscape 9: Lime-rich loamy and clayey soils with impeded drainage (the northern half of the parish)



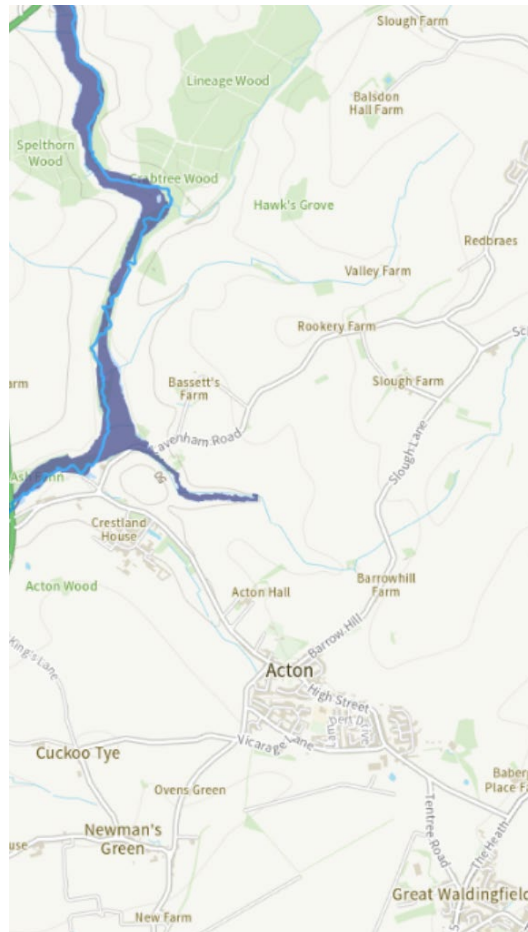
- 6 Freely draining slightly acid loamy soils
- 7 Freely draining slightly acid but base-rich soils
- 8 Slightly acid loamy and clayey soils with impeded drainage
- 9 Lime-rich loamy and clayey soils with impeded drainage

**Figure 33: Map showing soil types**

Source: [www.landis.org.uk/soilscales](http://www.landis.org.uk/soilscales) (information obtained 14.02.2022)

## 7.4 Rivers and flooding

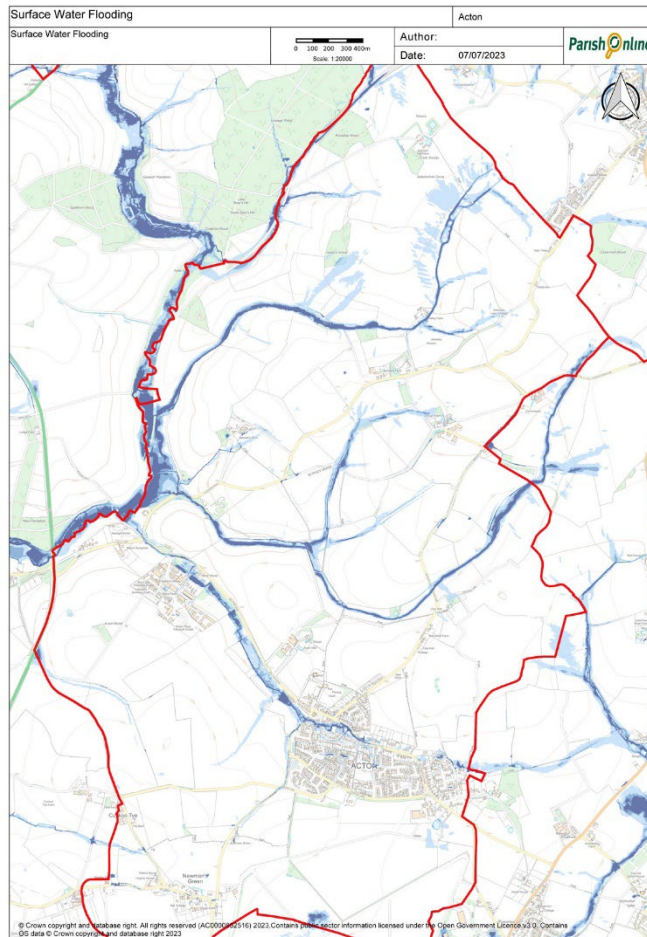
**7.4.1** The vast majority of Acton parish is in Flood Zone 1 (Low Probability) with land having less than 1 in 1000 annual probability of river or sea flooding. One area along the tributary to Chad Brook is in Flood Zone 3a with land having a 1 in 100 or greater annual probability of river flooding. This can be seen in the map in Figure 35 below.



**Figure 34: Map showing flood risk map from rivers**

Source: <https://flood-map-for-planning.service.gov.uk> (information obtained 14.02.2022)

**7.4.2** The majority of Acton parish is at very low risk of flooding from surface water, meaning that each year this area has a chance of flooding of less than 0.1%. Flooding from surface water is difficult to predict as rainfall location and volume are difficult to forecast. In addition, local features can greatly affect the chance and severity of flooding. As seen on the map in Figure 8.4.2 there are small areas at a high risk of surface water flooding, as shown in dark blue. This means that each year this area has a chance of flooding of greater than 3.3%. These areas include the Chad Brook tributaries and along the High Street through to Melford Road. There are small areas at a medium risk of surface water flooding, with a chance of flooding between 1% and 3.3%. These are indicated in medium blue. Areas denoted in light blue are at a low risk of surface water flooding, this means that each year the area has a chance of flooding of between 0.1% and 1%.



**Figure 35: Map showing flood risk map from surface water**  
*Source: parishonline (information obtained 14.02.2022)*

## 7.5 Air Quality

**7.5.1** There are no Air Quality Management Areas in Acton parish<sup>34</sup>.

<sup>34</sup> Source: [https://uk-air.defra.gov.uk/airquality/maps/UK Air Information Resource](https://uk-air.defra.gov.uk/airquality/maps/UK%20Air%20Information%20Resource) (accessed 14/02/2022)



## 8 Employment / Industry

### 8.1 Data gathering

This information was collected during March 2022 from the industrial estates sited within the parish. Responses were received from all those successfully contacted. A small number were unavailable.

### 8.2 Summary of key facts

Businesses with physical premises as listed: **79**

Total employed within those businesses - **402**, of which **37** (9.2%) are residents

**85** of these are single-site businesses.

It is also noted that there will be a significant number of residents who work from home, whether employees, self-employed or otherwise.

### 8.3 Detail

The information is presented in Figure 42 below. It shows how many different businesses are based in the parish, and how many people are employed by them. It is highlighted that fewer than 10% of those employed live in Acton.

Company	Location	Employees / Local	Business Type	Local / National	Solo site	Tenancy	Expansion Planned
A&G	Melford Rd	6 (1)	Retail/Internet Sales	Both	Yes	Own	No
Howards	Melford Rd	4 (2)	Car Repairs	Local	Yes	Own	No
Cavendish	Melford Rd	5	Car Sales	Both	Offsite Storage	Rent	No
Cavendish	Bull Lane	2	Car store/clean	Local	Yes	Rent	No
Dog Grooming	Acton Place	2	Dog Grooming	Local	Yes	Rent	No
Wally's Café	Acton Place	3	Café	Local	Yes	Rent	No
Clark	Acton Place	1 (1)	Storage	Local	Yes	Own	No
Webbs	Acton Place	20 (2)	Manufacturer	Both	Yes	Own	Yes on site
Morgan Training	Acton Place	7 (3)	Training (off site)	Both	Yes	Own	No
Sonny Bayley	Acton Place	1	Car Repairs	Local	Yes	Rent	No
Oscars	Inca	2	Distribution	Local	Yes	Rent	No
Roach Classics	Inca	5	Car Repairs	Both	Yes	Rent	No

Ken Noble	Inca	1	Car Repairs	Local	Yes	Rent	No
Smart Cars	Inca	1	Car Repairs	Local	Yes	Rent	No
MJ's	Inca	2	Car Repairs	Local	Yes	Rent	No
EPSL	Inca	1	Audio/ Visual Rental	National	Yes	Rent	No
Pridmech	Inca	3	Silo Erection	National	Yes	Rent	No
Supreme	Inca	25 (2)	Petfood Production	National	No, Hadleigh	Own	No
Treasure Trader	Inca	1	Storage	National	Yes	Rent	No
Slicks M' Cycles	Inca	2	Retailer	National	Yes	Rent	No
J A Griggs	Inca	2	Electrician	Local	No, Alpheton	Rent	No
Unique	Inca	4	Printer	National	No, Fordham	Rent	No
Daveys	Inca	1	Car Repairs	Local	Yes	Rent	No
I-Spy	Inca	3	Coffee machine service	Regional	No, 3 sites	Rent	No
Hewn	Inca	1	Bespoke Furniture	National	Yes	Rent	No
Adventure Bikes	Inca	6	Motorcycle Retailer	National	No, local storage	Rent	No
Sky Windows	Inca	5	Window Manufacturer	Local	Yes, shop in Sudbury	Rent	No
Noble Waterproofing	Inca	25 (2)	Admin/Storage 100 on sites	National	Yes	Rent	No
D Tech	Inca	1	Car Repairs	Local	Yes	Rent	No
JW Auto Repairs	Inca	4 (2)	Car Repairs	Local	Yes	Rent	No
LP Garage	Inca	1	Car Repairs	Local	Yes	Rent	No
Keith Bird	Inca	1	Car Repairs	Local	Yes	Rent	No
Taxi Service	Inca	-	Storage	Local	Yes	Rent	No
Whybrow Builders	Inca	24 (6)	Builder	Local	Yes	Rent	No
Vehicle Services	Inca	1	Car Repairs	Local	Yes	Rent	No
Car Repairs	Slough Farm	1	Car Repairs	Local	Yes	Rent	No
Tuckwell	Acton Hall	4 (1)	Agricultural Eng.	Local	No 5 others	Rent	Possibly
Sycamore	Acton Hall	1	Car Repairs/ Carriage Mftr	Local	Yes	Rent	No



Paraguard AV	Acton Hall	2	AV Rental	National	Yes	Rent	No
Acton Sand	Cuckoo Tye	1 (1)	Building Materials	Local	Yes	Own	No
Glemsford Motors	Bull Lane	3 (1)	Car Repairs	Local	Yes	Rent	No
Briarcare	Bull Lane	7 (2)	Care Service Admin 30+ staff	Local	Yes	Rent	No
One Oak Care	Bull Lane	5 (1)	Care Service Admin 30+ staff	Local	No, 3 other offices	Rent	No
Trust Financial	Bull Lane	5	Financial Advisers	Regional	Yes	Rent	No
Anglia Labels	Bull Lane	21 (3)	Printers	National	Yes	Own	Possibly
Maltenn	Bull Lane	10	Pneumatic Conveyors Manf	National	Yes	Own	No
Corseal	Bull Lane	7			Yes	Rent	No
Adi Noble	Crestland House	1	Tattooist	Local	Yes	Rent	No
Sudbury Curtains	Crestland House	7 (1)	Curtains	Local	No other sites	Rent	No
Fish House	Crestland House	1	Retail – Fish supplies	National	Yes	Rent	No
Karlo	Bull Lane	Not disclosed	Pet Bedding	National	Yes	Rent	No
Swan Decorators	Bull Lane	5	Decorators	Local	Yes	Rent	No
EU Parts	Bull Lane	14 (1)	Car Spares	Local	No, 20 branches regionally	Own	Possibly
Prosynth	Bull Lane	11	Organic Synthesis Lab	International	Yes	Rent	No
David Slater	Bull Lane	3	Builder Stores	Local	Yes	Rent	No
Deluxe Metal Work	Bull Lane	2	Car Restoration	International	Yes	Rent	No
Radco	Bull Lane	1	Engineering	Local	Yes	Own	No
Stour Valley Cars	Bull Lane	2	Car Sales	Local	Yes	Rent	No
Technology Networks	Bull Lane	25 (1)	Internet Publishers	International	Yes	Rent	No
Systematic	Bull Lane	7		Regional	Yes	Rent	No
ALT Training	Bull Lane	1	Onsite training	National	Yes	Rent	No
AS Blasting	Bull Lane	10	Shotblasting and coating	National	Yes	Rent	No
Carradine	Bull Lane	2 (2)	Piano Repairs and tuning	National	Yes	Rent	No

Taylors Plumbing	Bull Lane	7	Plumbers	Local	Yes	Rent	No
GSM	Bull Lane	2	Joinery and Kitchens	Local	Yes	Rent	No
JDM PaintTech	Bull Lane	1	Car Repairs	Local	Yes	Rent	No
Uniten	Bull Lane	1	Car wheel repairs	Local	Yes	Rent	No
R's Autos	Bull Lane	5 (1)	Car Repairs	Local	No 3 other units on site	Rent	No
Hall Lane	Bull Lane	1	Builder/Developer	Local	Yes	Own	Possibly
Cinch	Bull Lane	19 (1)		National	No US owned	Rent	No
JJS Vehicle Services	Bull Lane	2	Car Repairs	Local	Yes	Rent	No
Impressions	Bull Lane	2	Car Repairs	Local	Yes	Rent	No
Younger Smith	Bull Lane	2	Plumbers	Local	Yes	Rent	Possibly
Erfmann	Bull Lane	1	Architectural Salvage	National	Yes	Rent	No
Wiles	Bull Lane	20	Road Contractor	Regional	Yes	Own	No
Crestland	Bull Lane	4	Brake and MOT service	Local	Yes	Own	No
Wiles Property	Bull Lane	1	Property Management	Local	Yes	Own	No
Acton Crown	High Street	5 (4)	Pub	Local	Yes	Rent	No
Costcutter	High Street	5 (4)	Shop	Local	Yes	Own	No

**Figure 36: Businesses with physical premises in the parish**

# 9 Local Green Spaces

The following green areas were initially identified for possible designation as Local Green Spaces:

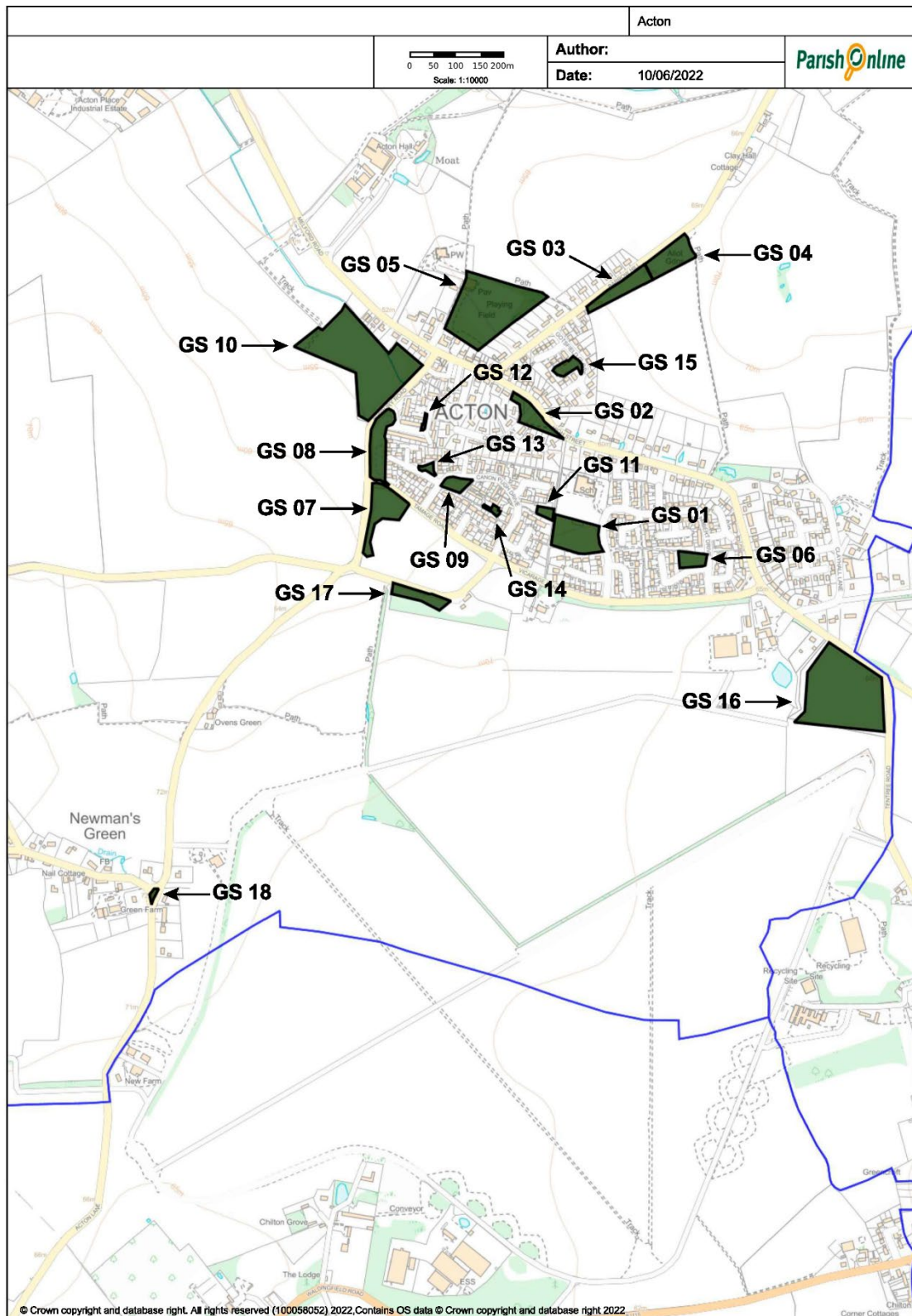


Figure 37: Locations of spaces for possible designation as Local Green Spaces

## Appendix 1: Prices of Building Land for Sale within 5 mile Radius of Acton Village

Original analysis of building land for sale and sold subject to contract on 20 April 2022, within 5 miles of Acton on Right Move. Note that asking prices and final sale prices are likely to be slightly less.

Where	Size of home	Price advertised	Price/ plot	Price/acre*
Sudbury	4 bed x 2	£475k	£238k	
Thorpe Morieux	4 bed	£400k	£400k	£851k
Long Melford	Mixed x9	£1,250k	£138k	£2,551k
Great Cornard	3 bed bung semi x4	£400k	£100k	
Chilton	5 bed	£275k	£275k	£1,375k
Chilton	4 bed	£225k	£225k	£1,023k
Belchamp Walter	4 bed x 3	£600k	£200k	£800k
Lamarsh	5 bed	£350k	£350k	
Shimpling	3 bed	£225k	£225k	
Cockfield		£110k	£110k	£1,022k**
Cockfield		£110k	£110k	£1,022k**
Cockfield		£120k	£120k	£1,022k**
Cockfield		£120k	£120k	£1,022k**
Average			£201k	£1,301k

\*prices are given only for plots where plot size is given.

\*\*this is based on the average plot size, dividing the area of the whole site equally by the number of plots (in reality they might vary in size but overall it will make no difference).

## Appendix 2: Babergh's Policy CS11: Strategy for Development for Core and Hinterland Villages

Proposals for development for Core Villages will be approved where proposals score positively when assessed against Policy CS15 and the following matters are addressed to the satisfaction of the local planning authority (or other decision maker) where relevant and appropriate to the scale and location of the proposal:

- i) the landscape, environmental and heritage characteristics of the village;
- ii) the locational context of the village and the proposed development (particularly the AONBs, Conservation Areas, and heritage assets);
- iii) site location and sequential approach to site selection;
- iv) locally identified need - housing and employment, and specific local needs such as affordable housing;
- v) locally identified community needs; and
- vi) cumulative impact of development in the area in respect of social, physical and environmental impacts.

Development in Hinterland Villages will be approved where proposals are able to demonstrate a close functional relationship to the existing settlement on sites where the relevant issues listed above are addressed to the satisfaction of the local planning authority (or other decision maker) and where the proposed development:

- i) is well designed and appropriate in size / scale, layout and character to its setting and to the village;
- ii) is adjacent or well related to the existing pattern of development for that settlement;
- iii) meets a proven local need, such as affordable housing or targeted market housing identified in an adopted community local plan / neighbourhood plan;
- iv) supports local services and/or creates or expands employment opportunities; and
- v) does not compromise the delivery of permitted or identified schemes in adopted community / village local plans within the same functional cluster.

The cumulative impact of development both within the Hinterland Village in which the development is proposed and within the functional cluster of villages in which it is located will be a material consideration when assessing such proposals.

All proposals for development in Hinterland Villages must demonstrate how they meet the criteria list above.

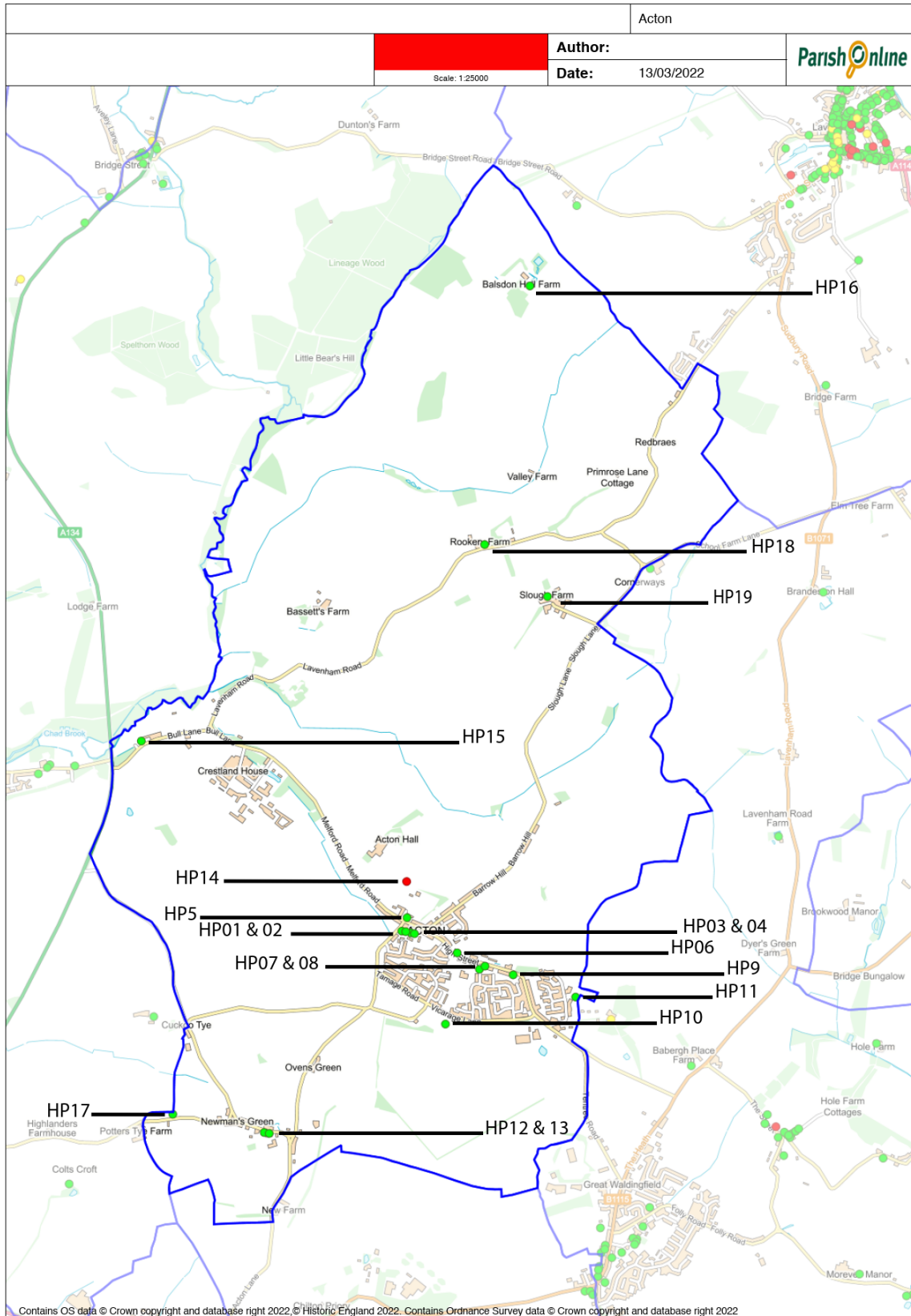
The Core and Hinterland Villages identified in the Spatial Strategy provide for the day-to-day needs of local communities, and facilities and services such as shops, post offices, pubs, petrol stations, community halls, etc. that provide for the needs of local communities will be safeguarded.

New retail, leisure and community uses appropriate in scale and character to the role, function and appearance to their location will be encouraged in Core and Hinterland Villages, subject to other policies in the Core Strategy and Policies document, particularly Policy CS15, and other subsequent (adopted) documents as appropriate.

## Appendix 3: New Dwellings with Permission in Acton Parish

Planning Reference	Development Type	Site Address	Date of Approval	New Dwellings	Progress
B/15/01332/FUL	FUL permission	Former Tola W/shop, Waldingfield Road, Acton	12/01/2016	2	Completed
B/15/00985/FUL	FUL permission	66 Lambert Drive, Acton	13/09/2016	1	Completed
DC/17/02751 and extended on DC/20/05361	OUT permission (now expired)	Land South East of Barrow Hill, Acton	22/12/2017	100	Not Started
DC/17/05967	RES permission	Land adjacent Meadow View, Melford Road, Acton	07/02/2018	3	Completed
DC/18/00348/RES	FUL permission	Land North Of Rectory House, Waldingfield Rd, Acton	15/05/2018	1	Completed
DC/18/01296/FUL	FUL permission	6 High Street, Acton	04/10/2018	2	Completed
DC/18/01122	FUL permission	The Pool House, High Street, Acton	28/06/2018	1	Completed
DC/18/05085	FUL permission	Heath Farm, Waldingfield Road, Acton	14/01/2019	1	Completed
DC/19/02536	FUL permission	58 Vicarage Lane, Acton	08/08/2019	1	Completed
DC/20/00060	FUL permission	Land East Of Appleshaw, Newman's Green	17/02/2020	2	Under Construction
DC/19/03126	FUL permission	Land South of Tamage Road Acton	30/07/2020	100	Under Construction
DC/21/05159	FUL permission	Cherry Trees, Waldingfield Road, Acton	17/09/2021	1	Not Started
DC/21/06303 amended after appeal APP/D3505/W/19/3242769	FUL permission	Land off Clay Hall Lane, Acton Suffolk CO10 0AQ	30/06/2020	4	Not Started
TOTALS				219	

# Appendix 4: Location and Detail of Heritage Assets – Listed



**Figure 39: Listed properties map**



Acton ID	Address	Grade 1	Grade 2	Local List	Reference #
HP 01	1-3 Sudbury Rd		Yes		1193831
HP 02	1- 7 High Street /Post Office Way		Yes		1351749
HP 03	Rose Cottage		Yes		1036720
HP 04	1-4 Long Gardens		Yes		1036721
HP 05	Crown Public House		Yes		1036719
HP 06	Pool Cottage		Yes		1036722
HP 07	Spe-Dives		Yes		1036723
HP 08	Spring Cottage		Yes		1036724
HP 09	Sunflower Cott & Lilac Cott		Yes		1036725
HP 10	The Old Vicarage		Yes		1036727
HP 11	Puddledock Gardens		Yes		1180829
HP 12	Noil Cottage		Yes		1036726
HP 13	Barn, Stable & Cartlodge at Green Farm		Yes		1234017
HP 14	Church Of All Saints	Yes			1036718
HP 15	Oak Cottage & Park View		Yes		1351748
HP 16	Balsdon Hall Farmhouse		Yes		1351941
HP 17	Clarke's Farm Cottage		Yes		1193806
HP 18	Rookery Farm		Yes		1036717
HP 19	Slough Farmhouse		Yes		1351750

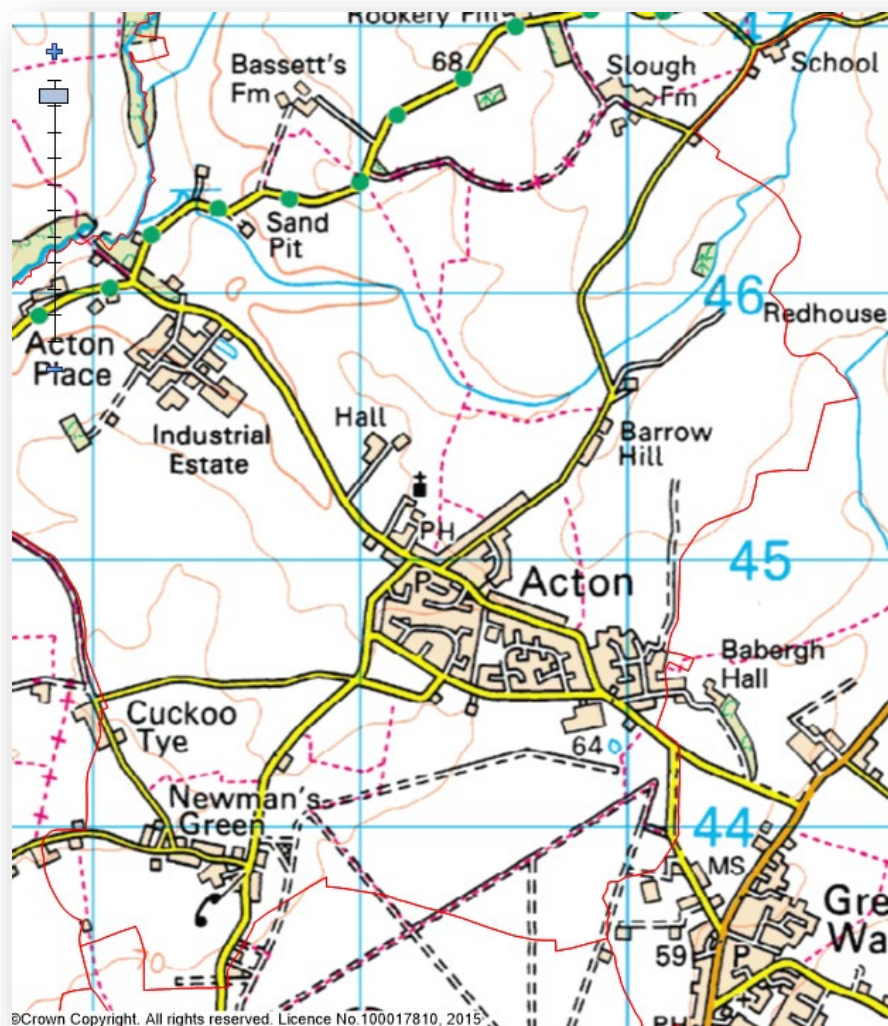
# Appendix 5: Acton Housing and Population Data Profile

(Updated to reflect 2021 Census releases to date by Acton Parish NPSG).

Source: <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/the-council/parish-profiles>. Accessed May 2022 and updated 25 June 2023 where new Census data exists via the Profile Preview access

# ACTON

## HOUSING & POPULATION DATA PROFILE [Parish level]



**The Parish Profile is produced by the District Council primarily to help inform local discussion on housing need.**

Most of the data comes from the 2011 Census (accessible via the ONS website). Other data sources have also been used as appropriate, and are updated periodically. The NPSG have updated with 2021 Census figures via Profile Preview as no full update has yet been issued. N.B. not all breakdowns are available, so if substitute data is used this is indicated.

<b>How many people live locally?</b>	<b>Children Under 16</b>	<b>Working Age Adults (16 to 64)</b>	<b>People Aged 65 +</b>	<b>Dependency Ratio</b>
<b>2011: 1,811</b> <b>2021: 1,900</b>	<b>2011: 323</b> (17.8%) 2021: unavailable – different split used	<b>2011: 1,156</b> (63.8%) 2021: unavailable – different split used	<b>2011: 332</b> (18.3%) <b>2021: 460</b> (24.2%)	<b>2011: 0.57</b> 2021: Relies on splits not yet available
2011: 49.9% males 50.1% females	2011: Babergh Avg = 18.1% England Avg = 18.9%	2011: Babergh Avg = 60.5% England Avg = 64.7%	2011: Babergh Avg = 21.4% England Avg = 16.3%	2011: Babergh Avg = 0.65 England Avg = 0.55

[Source: ONS 2011 Census: KS101EW & KS102EW] [Dependency Ratio = Ratio of Non-working Age to Working Age Population]

<b>Single Pensioner Households</b>	<b>Single H/holds &lt; 65 years old</b>	<b>Lone Parent Families with Dependent Children</b>
<b>2011: 76</b>	<b>2011: 100</b>	<b>2011: 42</b>
10.1% of all Households (Babergh Avg = 14.1%) (England Avg = 12.4%)	13.2% of all Households (Babergh Avg = 14.0%) (England Avg = 17.9%)	20% of all families with dependent children (Babergh Avg = 19.1%) (England avg = 24.5%)

[Source: ONS 2011 Census: KS105EW]

<b>General Health (All Usual Residents)</b>				
<b>Very Good</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Bad</b>	<b>Very Bad</b>
<b>2011: 45.8%</b> <b>2021: 44.6%</b>	<b>2011: 38.7%</b> <b>2021: 40.3%</b>	<b>2011: 10.8%</b> <b>2021: 11.5%</b>	<b>2011: 3.5%</b> <b>2021: 2.8%</b>	<b>2011: 1.2%</b> <b>2021: 0.8%</b>
2011: Babergh Avg = 46.6% England Avg = 47.2%	2011: Babergh Avg = 35.8% England Avg = 35.2%	2011: Babergh Avg = 13.2% England Avg = 12.8%	2011: Babergh Avg = 3.5% England Avg = 3.6%	2011: Babergh Avg = 0.9% England Avg = 1.0%

[Source: ONS 2011 Census: QS302EW]

<b>Total # Occupied</b>	<b>Owned (Outright or with Mortgage)</b>	<b>Shared Ownership</b>	<b>Socially Rented</b>	<b>Privately Rented</b>
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Households				
<b>2011: 755</b> <b>2021: 770</b>	<b>2011: 609</b> (80.7%) <b>2021</b> (Owned outright owners only): <b>357</b> (46.4%)	<b>2011: 1</b> (0.1%) <b>2021</b> (SO and mortgage holders): <b>259</b> (33.6%)	<b>2011: 61</b> (8.1%) <b>2021: 58</b> (7.5%)	<b>2011: 73</b> (9.7%) <b>2021: 96</b> (9.7%)
	2011; Babergh Avg = 71.9% England Avg = 63.3%	2011; Babergh Avg = 0.5% England Avg = 0.8%	2011; Babergh Avg = 13.1% England Avg = 17.7%	2011; Babergh Avg = 12.6% England Avg = 16.8%

[Source: ONS 2011 Census: QS405EW]

- At the time of the 2011 Census some 22 dwellings (2.8% of all dwellings in Acton) appeared to be unoccupied. (Babergh Avg = 3.8%) [QS418EW]

Number of Bedrooms (Occupied Households)				
None	1 bed	2 bed	3 bed	4 bed +
<b>0</b> (0%)	<b>2011: 16</b> (2.1%) <b>2021: 20</b> (2.6%)	<b>2011: 185</b> (24.5%) <b>2021: 169</b> (22%)	<b>2011: 354</b> (46.9%) <b>2021: 367</b> (47.6%)	<b>2011: 200</b> (26.5%) <b>2021: 214</b> (27.8%)
2011: Babergh Avg = 0.1% England Avg = 0.2%	2011: Babergh Avg = 6.3% England Avg = 11.8%	2011: Babergh Avg = 25.4% England Avg = 27.9%	2011: Babergh Avg = 42.0% England Avg = 41.2%	2011: Babergh Avg = 26.2% England Avg = 18.9%

[Source: ONS 2011 Census: QS411EW]

Total # Occupied Households	Total # with Under-Occupied bedrooms	Total # with Over-Occupied bedrooms
<b>2011: 755</b> <b>2021: 770</b>	<b>2011: 645</b> (85.4%) <b>2021: 655</b> (85%)	<b>2011: 12</b> (1.6%) <b>2021: 10</b> (1.3%)
	2011: Babergh Avg = 80.6% / England Avg = 68.7%	2011: Babergh Avg = 1.5% / England Avg = 4.6%

[Source: ONS 2011 Census: QS412EW]

NET NEW RESIDENTIAL COMPLETIONS (Last 5 Years: April to March)				
2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>

[Source: Figures from completions provided by Community Planning to Aecom in 2022 (as opposed to usual Babergh & Mid Suffolk Joint Annual Monitoring Report which is of inadequate granularity for years in question)]

<b>Avg Price &amp; No (in brackets) of Properties Sold in CO10 Postcode Area (year to 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023)</b>				
<b>Detached</b>	<b>Semi-detached</b>	<b>Terraced</b>	<b>Flat</b>	<b>All</b>
£513,434 (158)	£351,810 (131)	£275,062 (152)	£175,674 (43)	£319,625 (484)

[Source: Right Move website: Market Trends]

## **BABERGH**

**In Babergh, in 2017 ...the average wage was £24,499. The average house price was £269,498. Therefore, the wage to house price ratio = x 11.00**

**(Median wages and median house prices are not amongst the 2021 Census variables available at parish level at present.)**

[Source: ONS website: Median wages, median house prices and ratio calculation]

## **Other Information**

### **(as in October 2019 profile)**

- **County Councillor = Cllr Colin Spence** (Sudbury East & Waldingfield Division) (Philip Faircloth-Mutton in 2023).
- **District Councillors = Cllr Elisabeth Malvisi and Cllr John Nunn** (Long Melford Ward) (Unchanged in 2023).
- Acton is identified as a **Hinterland Village** in Policy CS2 of the Babergh Local Plan 2011-2013 (Core Strategy & Policies) DPD (Adopted Feb 2014)
- Acton is part of two wider 'functional clusters, one centred on Sudbury & Great Cornard and the other centred on the Core Village of Long Melford
- Local Services in Acton include ... a Primary School, Village Store, Parish Church, Village Hall and a Public House
- Just over a half (53%) of all households with at least one usual resident in Acton have access to gas-fired central heating. A further 28% are reliant on oil-fired central heating [QS415EW]
- The following Housing Association's (Registered Providers) are known to be active in Acton: Flagship, Orbit and Sanctuary Hereward Housing
- The **2014 Suffolk Housing Survey** shows that, across Babergh district:
  - 12% of all existing households contain someone looking for their own property over the next 3 years (mainly single adults without children). The types of properties they are interested in are flats / apartments, and smaller terraced or semi-detached houses. Although this is not their first preference, many accept that the private rented sector is their most realistic option.
  - 25% of households think their current property will not be suitable for their needs in 10 years' time.
  - 2 & 3 bed properties are most sought after by existing households wishing to move.
  - Suitable housing options for more elderly people are less available within the current housing stock. 6% of all households have elderly relatives who may need to move to Suffolk within the next 3 years.



# Appendix 6: Transport Data

Location - The Crown Pub Car Park Acton		Car	Commercial	HGV	Motorbike	Bicycle
Sunday 1st May 2022 2-3pm	Melford Road	269	33	0	15	12
	Sudbury Road	62	20	0	0	3
Tuesday 3rd May 2022 7-8am	Melford Road	298	135	0	3	1
	Sudbury Road	61	27	0	0	1
Thursday 5th May 2022 11-12am	Melford Road	247	86	14	2	5
	Sudbury Road	58	24	4	0	3
Saturday 14th May 2022 12:50-13:50	Melford Road	270	39	1	17	6
	Sudbury Road	88	15	0	7	2
Wednesday 18th May 2022 16:30-17:30	Melford Road	425	125	7	11	3
	Sudbury Road	99	29	1	2	2

## Snapshot of the different types of vehicles using the Melford Road – Sudbury Road Junction. 1st May – 18th May 2022

Date	Vehicle Count				Miles Per hour											Over 30mph	35 and over	Notes
	W/day	Sat	Sun	Total	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-25	25-30	30-35	35-40	40-45	45-50	50-55	55+			
<b>Waldingfield Rd (Travelling West)</b>																		
Feb 14-20	2,200	1,500	1,083	14,100	31	143	601	1,914	5,544	4,096	1,349	345	63	11	3	42%	1,771	
April 8-14	1,563	1,300	1,006	10,120	124	220	450	960	2,517	2,574	782	204	52	11	1	47%	2,172	
May 18-24	1,751	1,243	1,096	11,096	135	305	535	1,183	3,969	3,363	1,234	29	53	17	2	45%	1,606	
May 25-31	1,728	1,448	1,258	11,348	102	322	567	1,297	4,192	3,345	1,172	293	50	9	0	43%	1,524	
Oct 6-12	2,326	1,691	1,424	14,764	104	149	670	1,941	6,000	4,228	1,276	308	62	11	0	40%	1,653	
Oct 13-19	2,302	1,732	1,388	14,629	409	191	682	2,130	5,775	3,917	1,184	291	44	7	0	37%	1,526	
<b>Waldingfield Rd (Travelling East)</b>																		
July 6-12	1,936	1,582	1,285	12,549	256	1,231	1,392	1,759	5,258	2,281	340	20	10	1	2	24%	373	
July 13-19	1,808	1,396	1,115	11,549	213	1,307	1,137	1,277	4,756	2,477	372	39	3	0	8	28%	422	
Aug 17-30	1,833	1,585	1,216	23,931	1,034	2,654	2,205	3,173	9,723	4,384	657	78	14	0	9	70%	5,142	1@75 +
<b>Melford Rd (Traveling East)</b>																		
Feb 21-28	2,400	1,827	1,186	14,791	876	174	113	690	3,667	4,501	2,874	1,271	484	138	42	63%	4,809	
Mar 10-16	2,220	1,550	1,523	14,170	504	107	104	691	3,624	4,269	2,910	1,317	464	131	49	65%	4,871	
Mar 17-23	1,527	828	925	9,389	29	64	78	475	2,223	2,862	2,084	972	423	134	45	70%	3,658	
April 23-29	1,287	836	577	7,848	176	165	104	320	1,878	2,030	1,801	901	426	41	6	67%	3,175	
May 4-10	1,120	830	526	6,959	40	172	243	1,516	2,105	1,517	757	338	119	37	17	40%	1,268	
Aug 2-6	1,804	1,046	*	8,260	35	88	108	431	2,634	2,634	1,509	627	152	41	9	60%	2,300	5 days only
<b>Melford Rd (Travelling West)</b>																		
June 13-19	1,666	1,341	1,009	10,682	95	96	157	385	2,677	4,159	2,127	741	190	43	28	68%	3,129	
June 22-28	1,778	1,277	1,008	11,174	366	154	244	773	3,350	3,939	1,710	460	120	41	17	56%	2,348	Sface treatment
June 29-30	1,650	Man & The only	3,299		4	31	37	136	910	1,247	690	193	45	2	4	67%	934 *	* 2 days only
Sept 01-07	1,776	1,496	1,231	11,507	101	100	197	584	3,414	4,456	2,011	536	143	44	21	62%	2,755	7 days
Sept 08-14	1,936	1,430	1,200	12,447	23	91	186	493	3,664	4,903	2,188	666	169	36	38	64%	3,087	16 at + 65mph

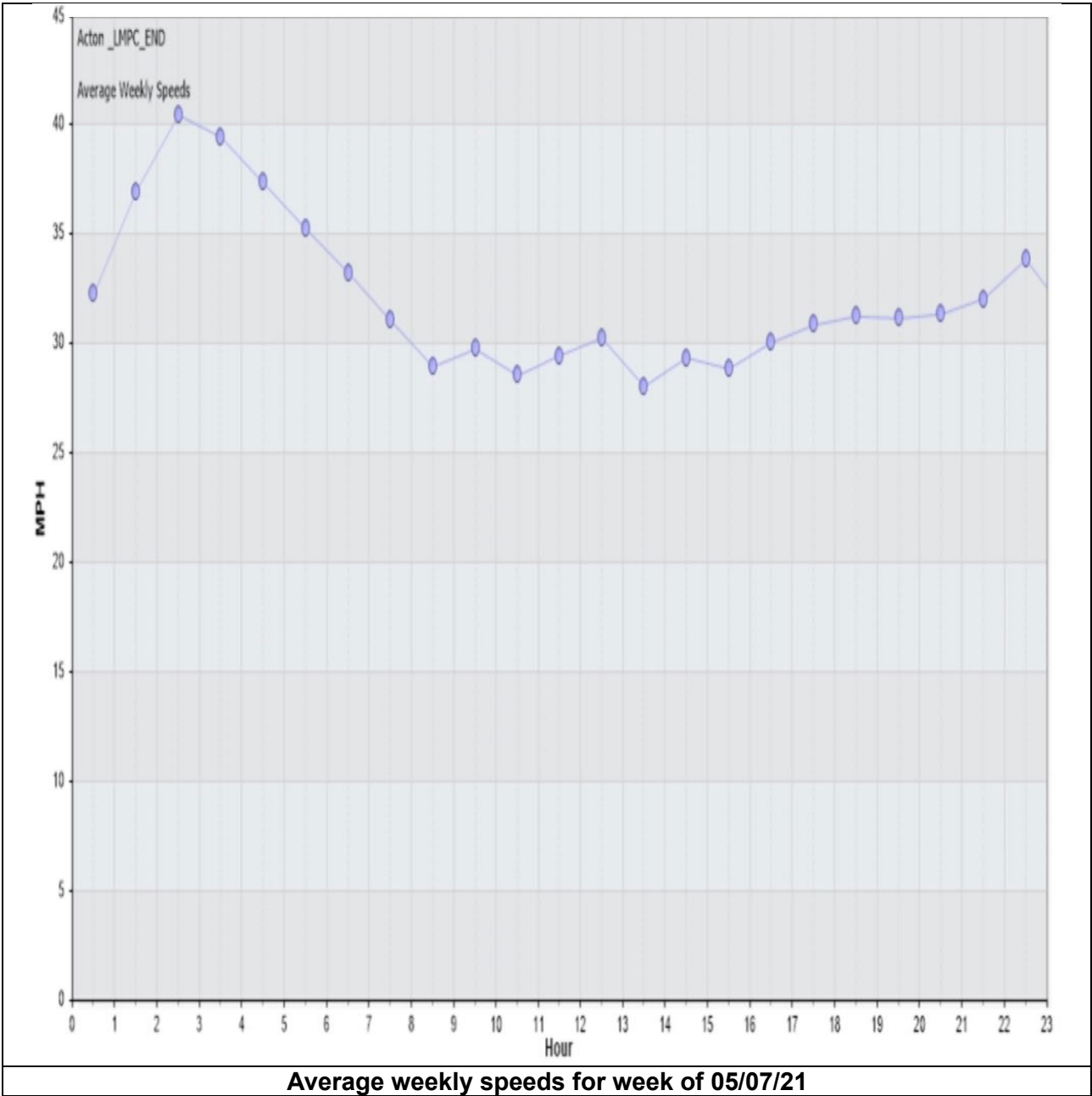
Vehicle speed and transit figures from the Acton Speed Watch Team, 2020. This data covers the period of the 2020 Lockdown.

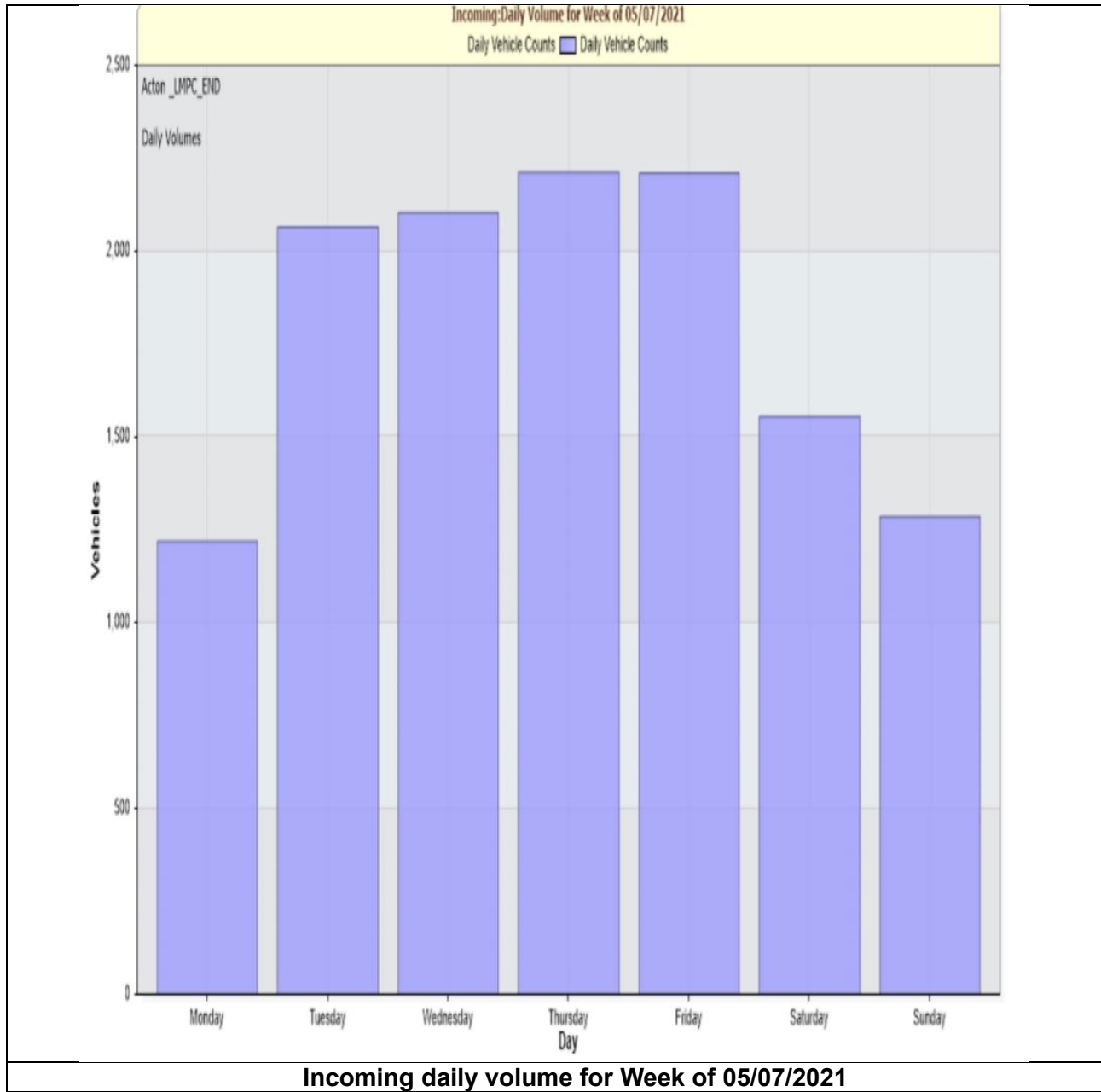


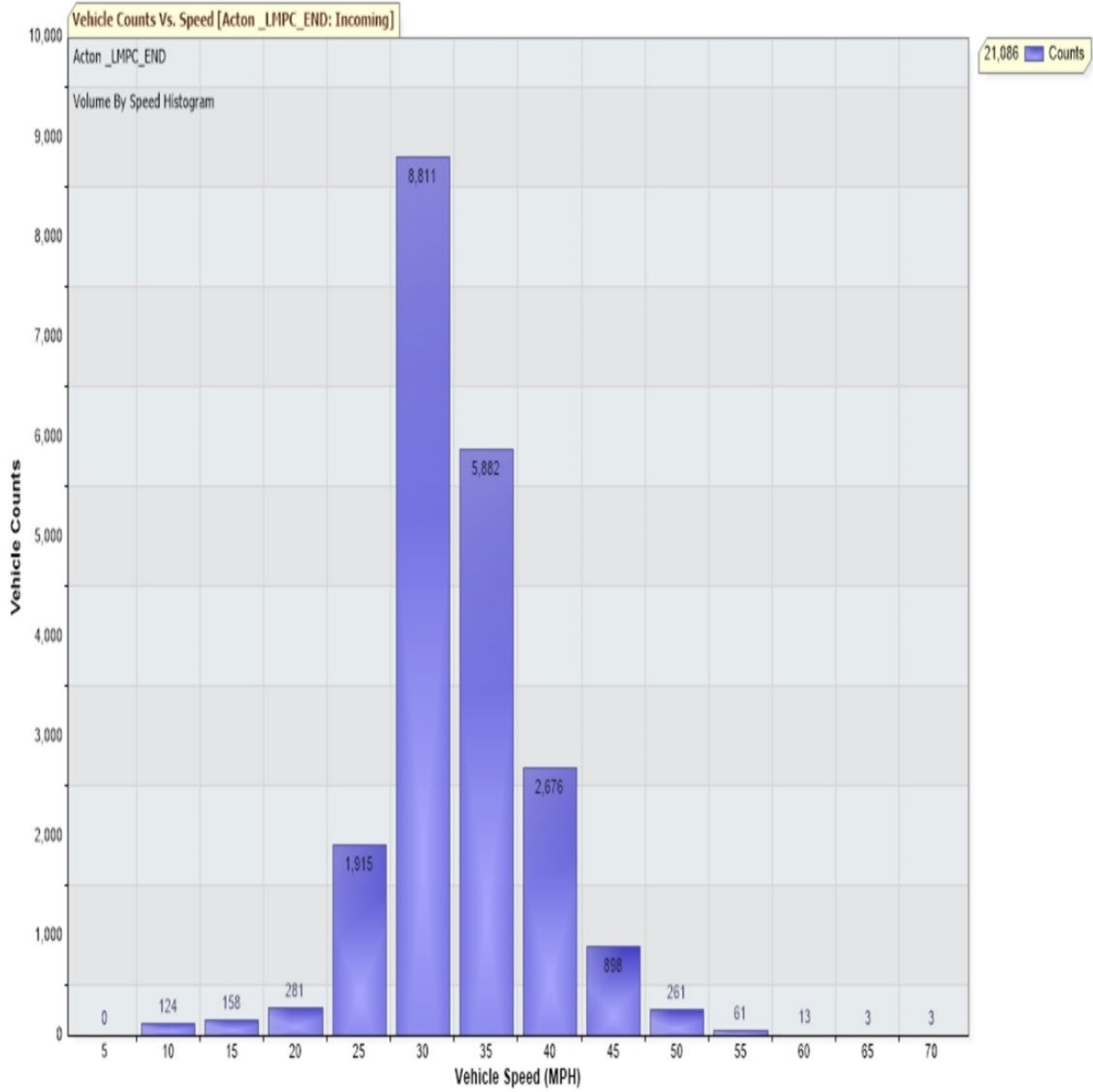
**Average Hourly Weekday Speeds for Week of 05/07/2021**

For Project:	Acton_LMPC_END						
Project Notes:							
Location/Name:	Incoming		21:25				
Report Generated:	28/03/2022						
Speed Intervals:	5 MPH						
Time Intervals:	Instant						
Traffic Report From:	05/07/2021	00:00:00	through	19/07/2021	15:59:59		
85th Percentile Speed:	36.4 MPH						
85th Percentile Vehicles:	17923						
Max Speed:	70 MPH	on	11/07/2021	00:30:00			
Total Vehicles:	21086						
AADT:	1437						
<b>Volumes - weekly counts</b>							
	<b>Time</b>	<b>5 Day</b>	<b>7 Day</b>				
Average Daily:		1720	1634				
AM Peak:	08:00	157	130				
PM Peak:	05:00	210	182				
<b>Speed</b>							
Speed Limit:	30						
85th Percentile Speed:	36.4						
50th Percentile Speed:	10543						
10 MPH Pace Interval:	25.0 MPH	to	35.0 MPH				
Average Speed:	30.33						
	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
Count over limit:	1468	1921	1995	2010	979	771	653
% over limit:	47.1	45.7	47.1	45.0	43.9	49.6	50.7
Avg Speeder:	35.3	35.4	35.4	35.2	35.3	35.5	35.6

**Weekly vehicle volumes for the week of 05/07/2021**







**Vehicle counts v speed for the period 2 August 2021 – 16 August 2021**

# Speed Watch Traffic Data 2nd August – 16th August 2021

For Project: Acton\_LMPC\_END  
 Project Notes:  
 Location/Name: Incoming  
 Report Generated: 28/03/2022 21:27  
 Speed Intervals: 5 MPH  
 Time Intervals: Instant  
 Traffic Report From: 02/08/2021 08:00:00 through 16/08/2021 09:59:59  
 85th Percentile Speed: 35.6 MPH  
 85th Percentile Vehicles: 19318  
 Max Speed: 60 MPH on 02/08/2021 08:40:00  
 Total Vehicles: 22727  
 AADT: 1613

## Volumes - weekly counts

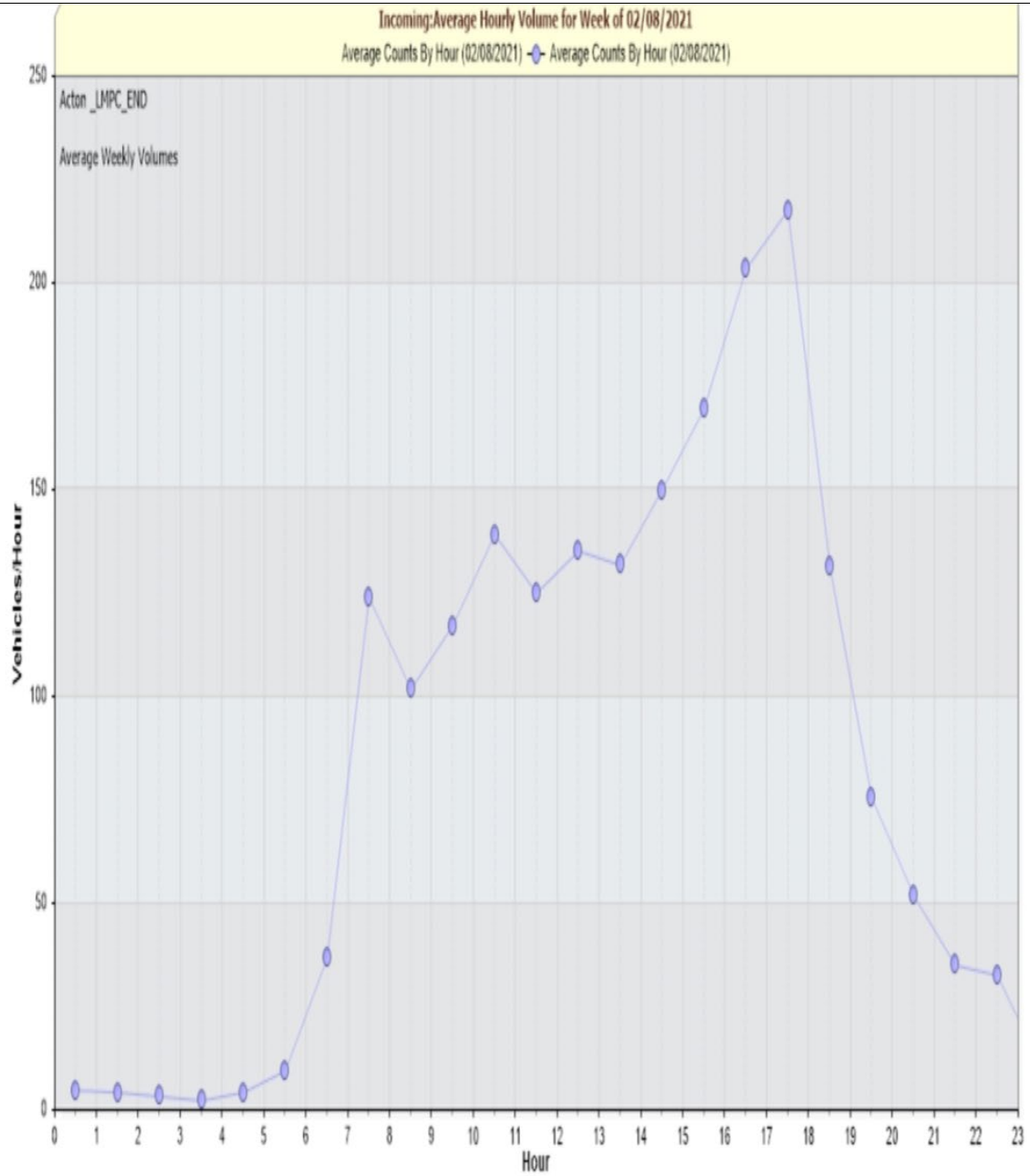
	Time	5 Day	7 Day
Average Daily		1876	1739
AM Peak	10:00	138	133
PM Peak	05:00	209	176

## Speed

Speed Limit: 30  
 85th Percentile Speed: 35.6  
 50th Percentile Speed: 11364  
 10 MPH Pace Interval: 25.0 MPH to 35.0 MPH  
 Average Speed: 29.88

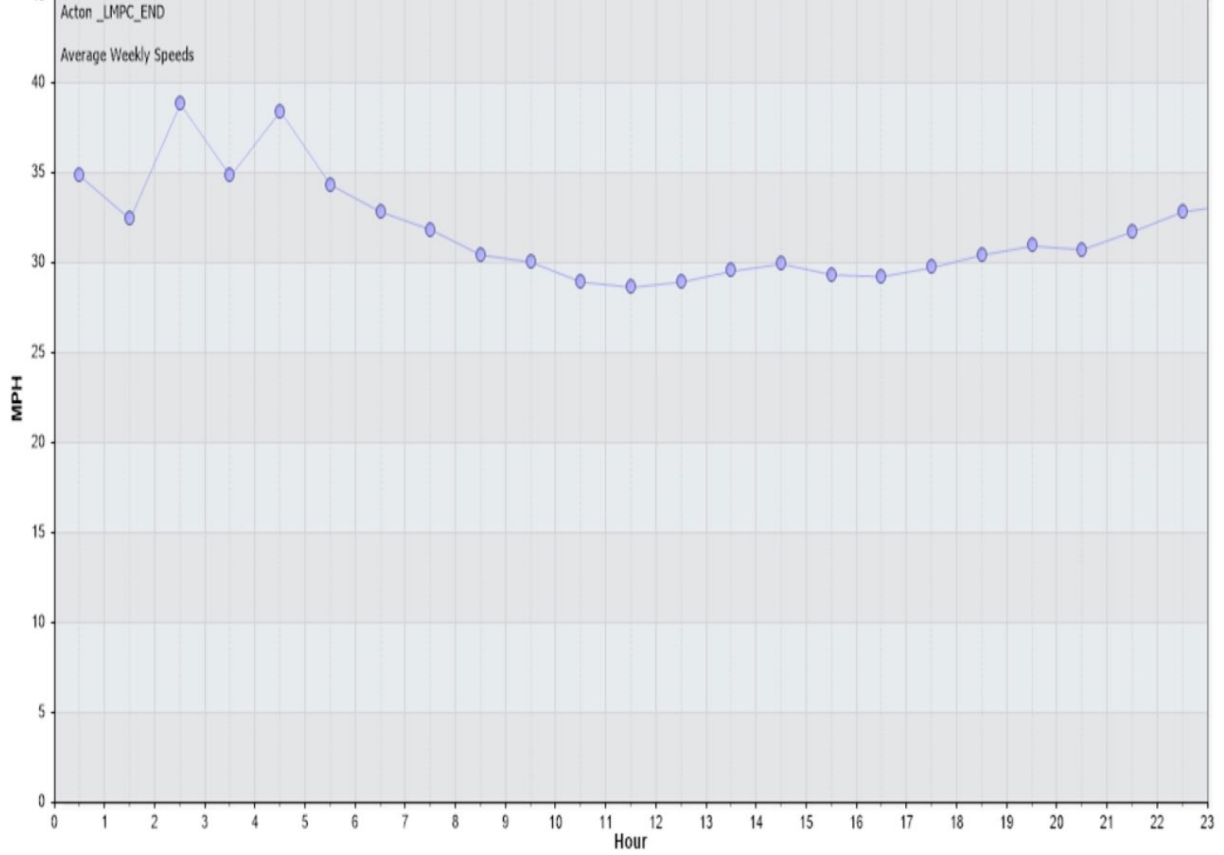
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Count over limit	1533	1774	1844	1806	1917	715	476
% over limit	43.8	44.9	44.3	42.9	46.6	49.5	35.3
Avg Speeder	35.2	35.2	35.1	34.9	35.0	35.0	34.9



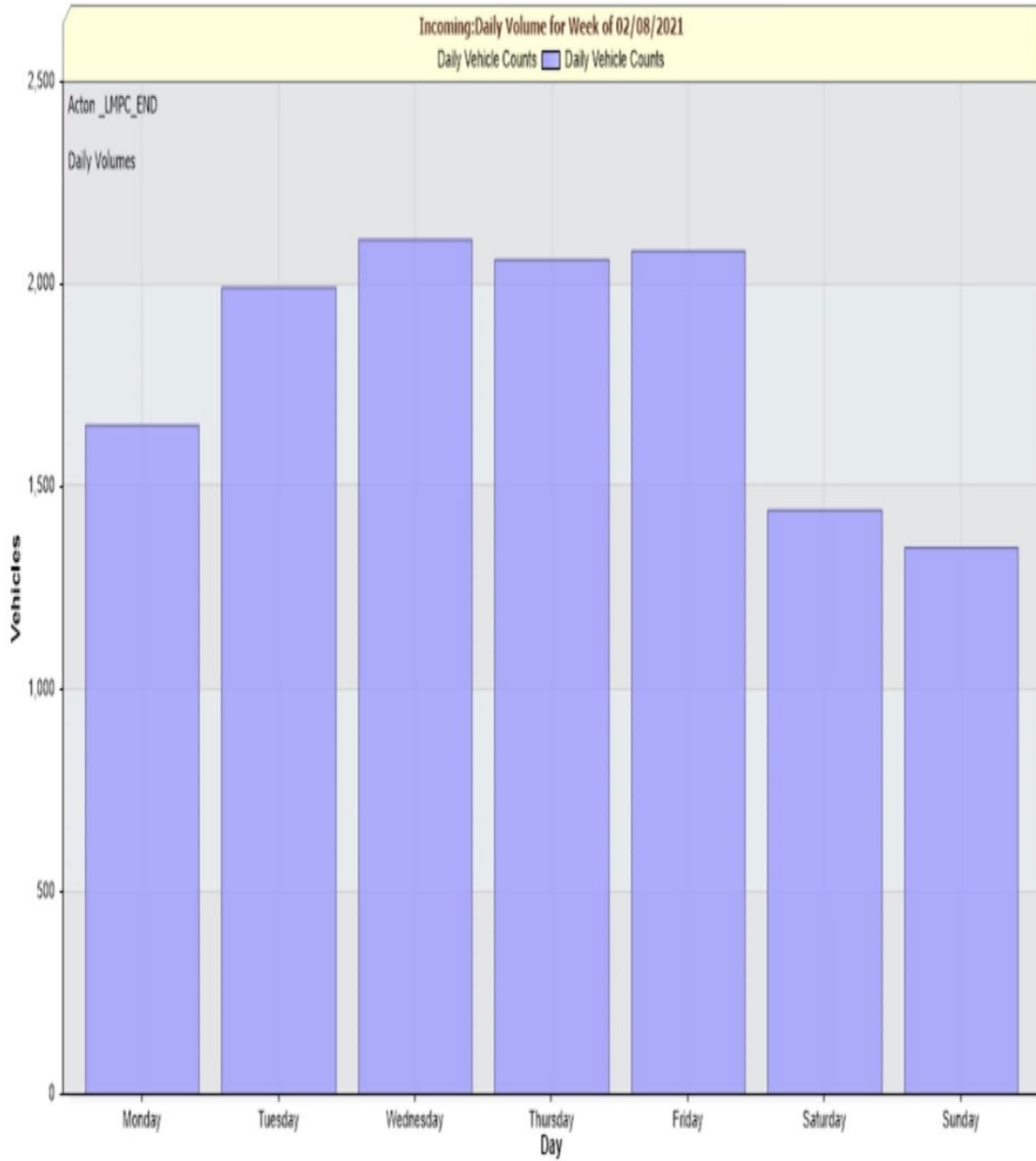


Incoming Average Hourly Volume for week of 02/08/2021

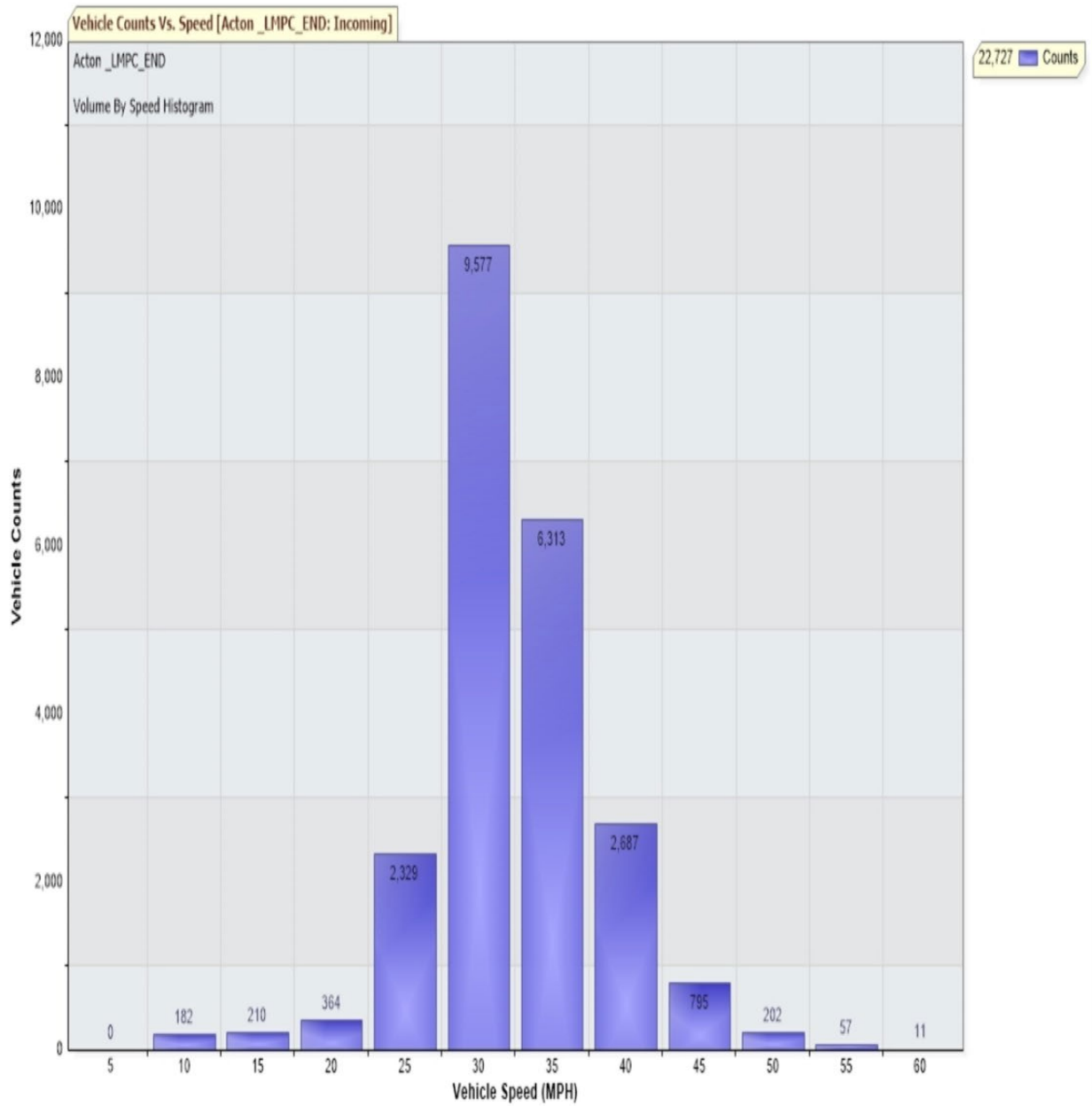
Incoming: Average Hourly WEEKDAY Speeds for Week of 02/08/2021  
Average Hourly WEEKDAY Speeds By Hour (02/08/2021) — Average Hourly WEEKDAY Speeds By Hour (02/08/2021)



**Incoming Average Hourly Weekday Speeds for week of 02/08/2021**



**Incoming Daily Volume for Week of 02/08/21**



**Vehicle Counts v Speed for Week of 02/08/21**

**Figure 44: Speed Watch Traffic Data 31st August – 10th September 2021**

For Project: Acton\_LMPC\_END  
 Project Notes:  
 Location/Name: Incoming  
 Report Generated: 28/03/2022 21:28  
 Speed Intervals: 5 MPH  
 Time Intervals: Instant  
 Traffic Report From: 31/08/2021 10:00:00 through 10/09/2021 22:59:59  
 85th Percentile Speed: 37 MPH  
 85th Percentile Vehicles: 18682  
 Max Speed: 70 MPH on 08/09/2021 06:50:00  
 Total Vehicles: 21979  
 AADT: 2084

**Volumes -**

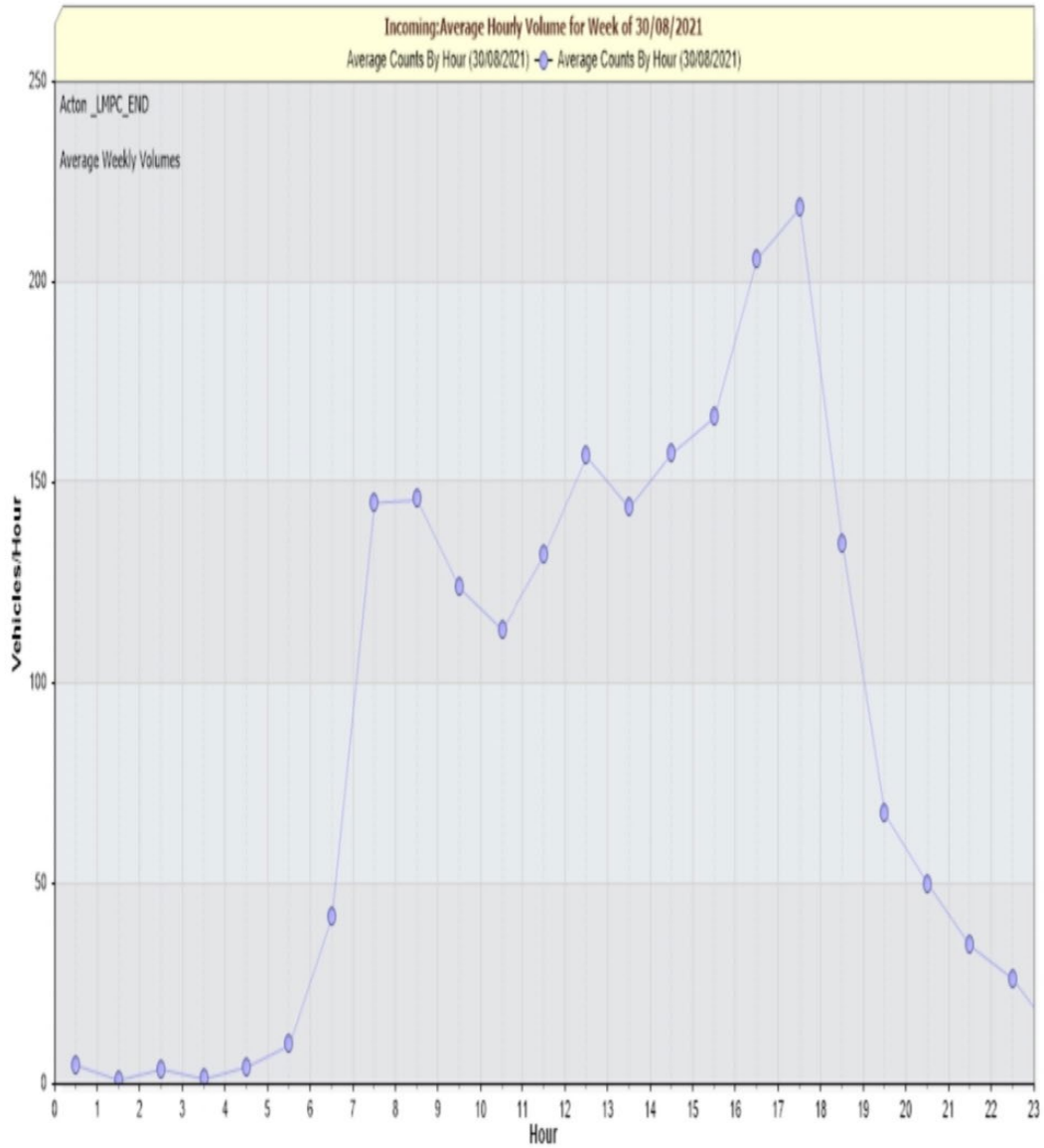
**weekly counts**

Time	5 Day	7 Day
Average Daily	2121	1938
AM Peak 08:00	159	140
PM Peak 05:00	224	191

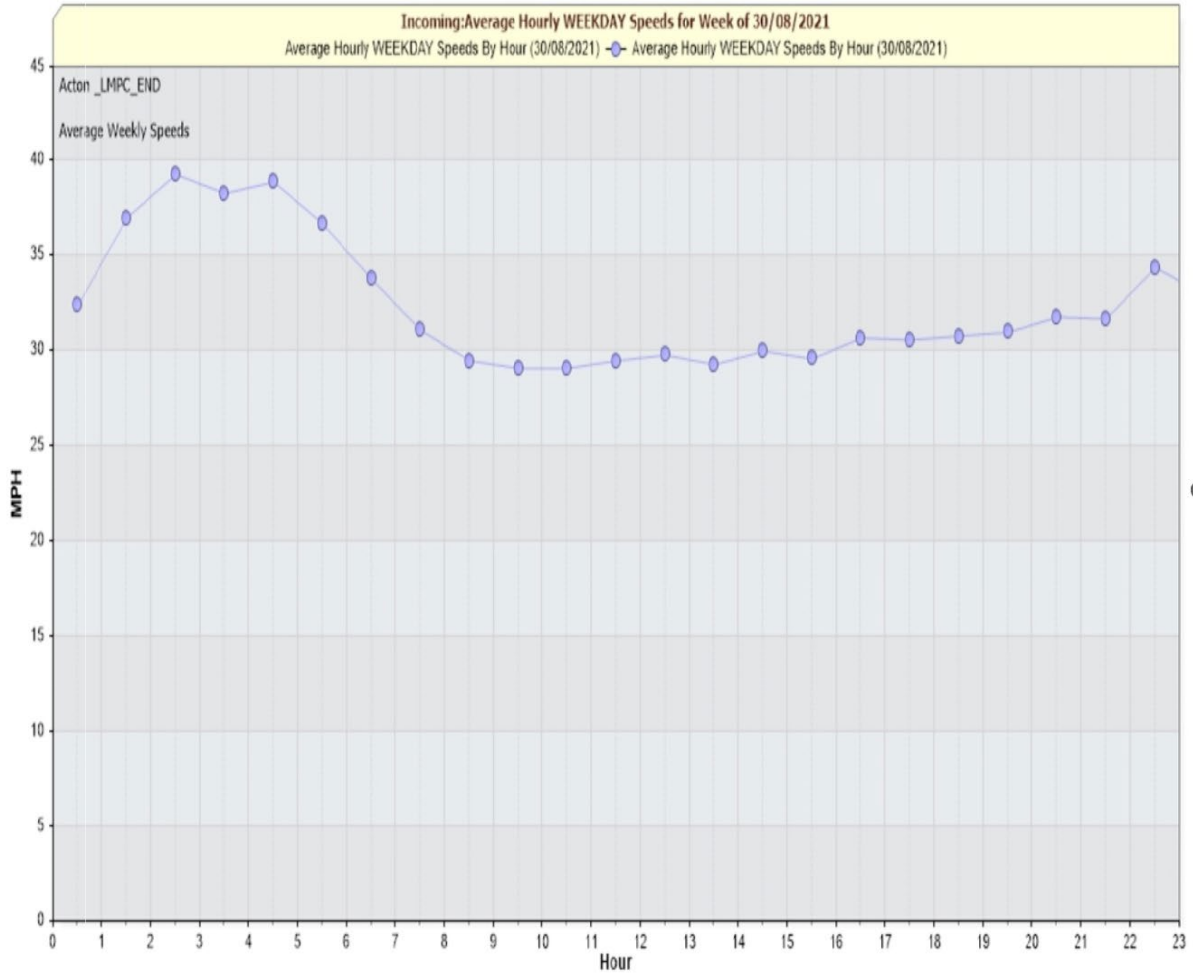
**Speed**

Speed Limit: 30  
 85th Percentile Speed: 37  
 50th Percentile Speed: 10990  
 10 MPH Pace Interval: 25.0 MPH to 35.0 MPH  
 Average Speed: 30.72

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Count over limit	1107	1809	2133	2110	2250	869	732
% over limit	50.3	48.8	49.5	48.1	51.1	52.4	56.0
Avg Speeder	35.5	35.4	35.4	35.3	35.5	35.6	35.5

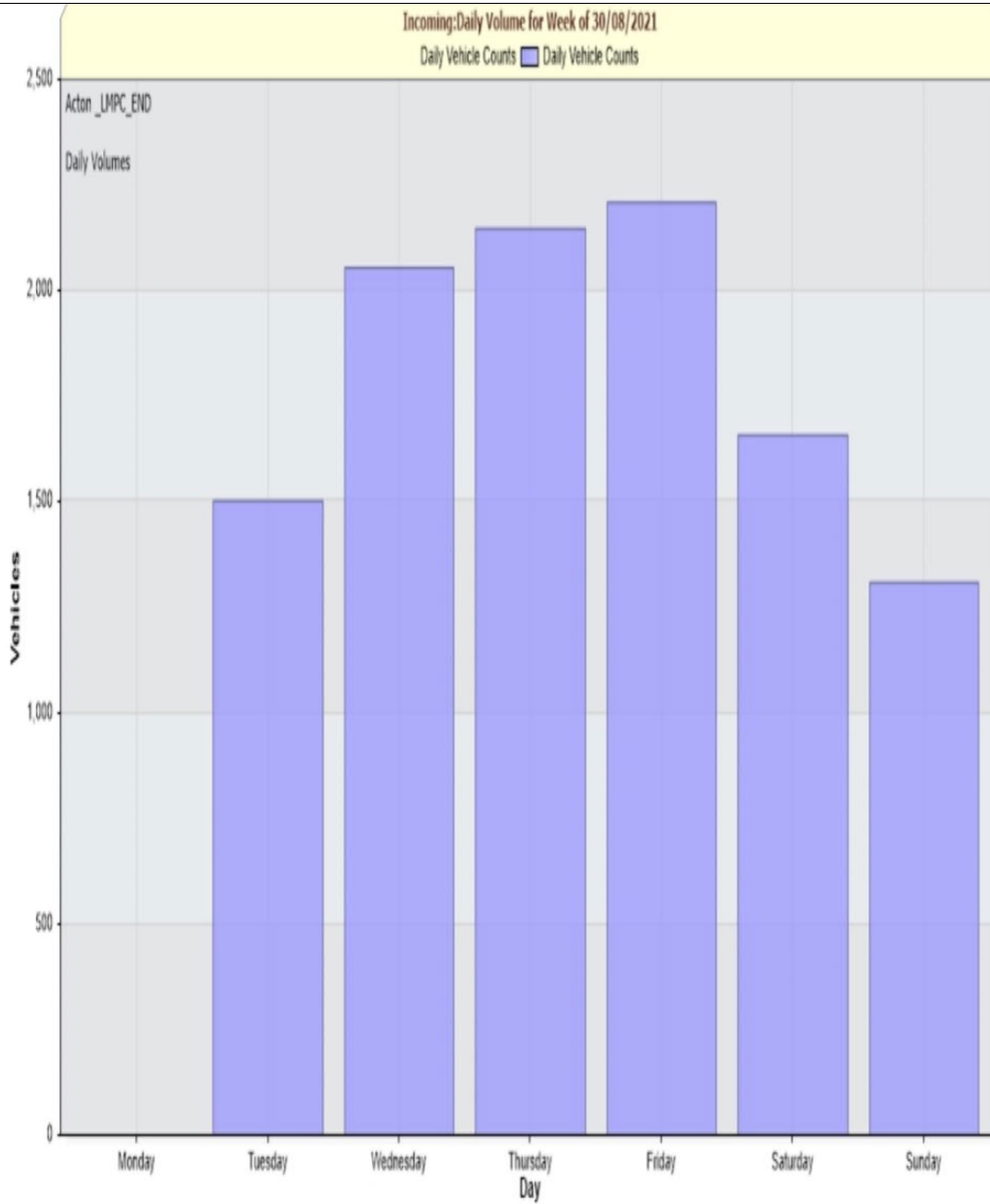


**Incoming Hourly Volume for Week of 30/08/2021**

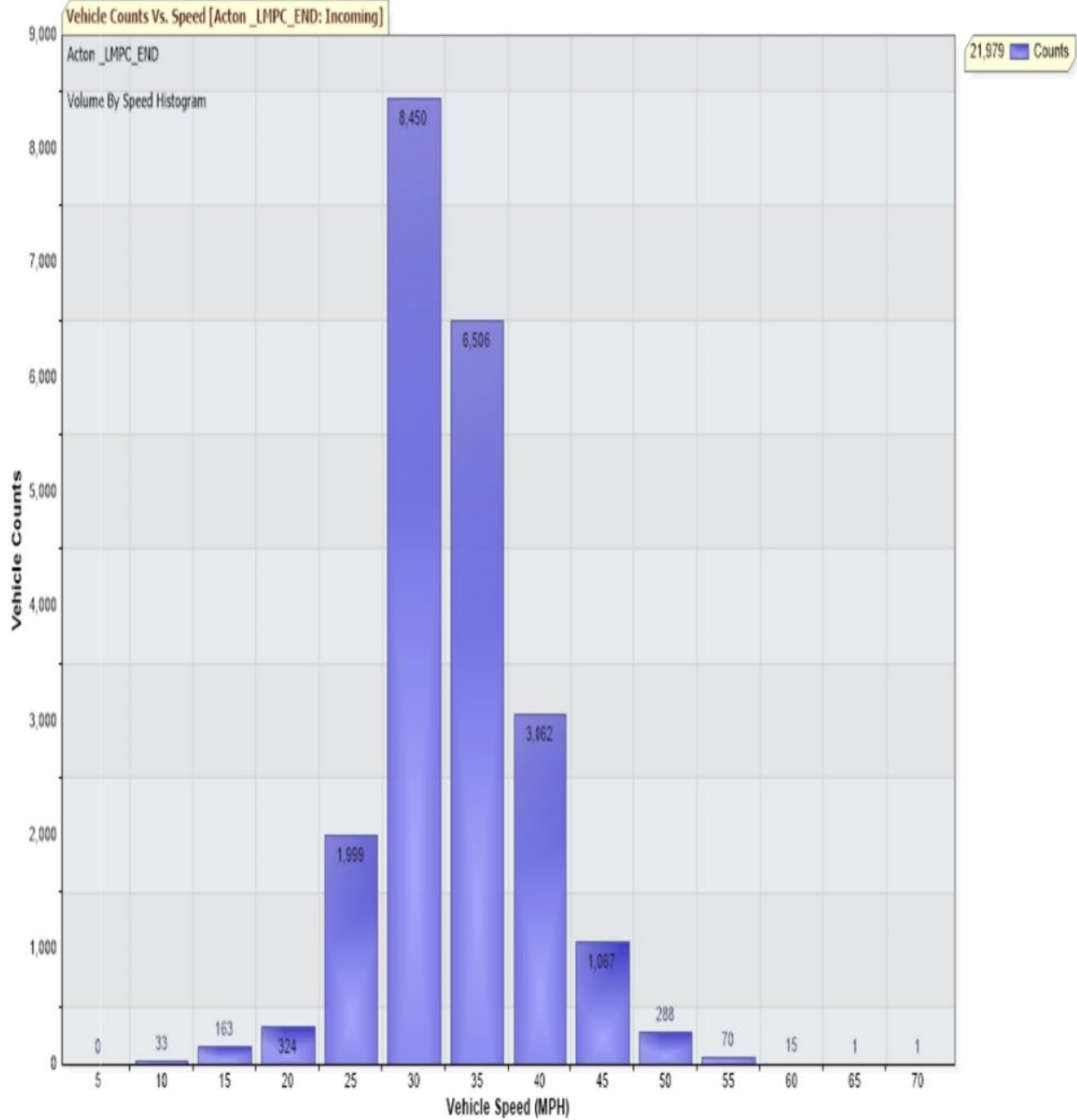


**Incoming Average Hourly Weekday Speeds for Week of 30/08/21**





**Incoming Daily Volume for Week of 30/08/2021**



**Vehicle Counts vs Speed for Week of 30/08/2021**

For Project: Acton\_LMPC\_END  
 Project Notes:  
 Location/Name: Incoming  
 Report Generated: 28/03/2022 21:29  
 Speed Intervals: 5 MPH  
 Time Intervals: Instant  
 Traffic Report From: 27/09/2021 11:00:00 through 11/10/2021 10:59:59  
 85th Percentile Speed: 37.2 MPH  
 85th Percentile Vehicles: 20002  
 Max Speed: 65 MPH on 28/09/2021 00:20:00  
 Total Vehicles: 23532  
 AADT: 1680

**Volumes - weekly counts**

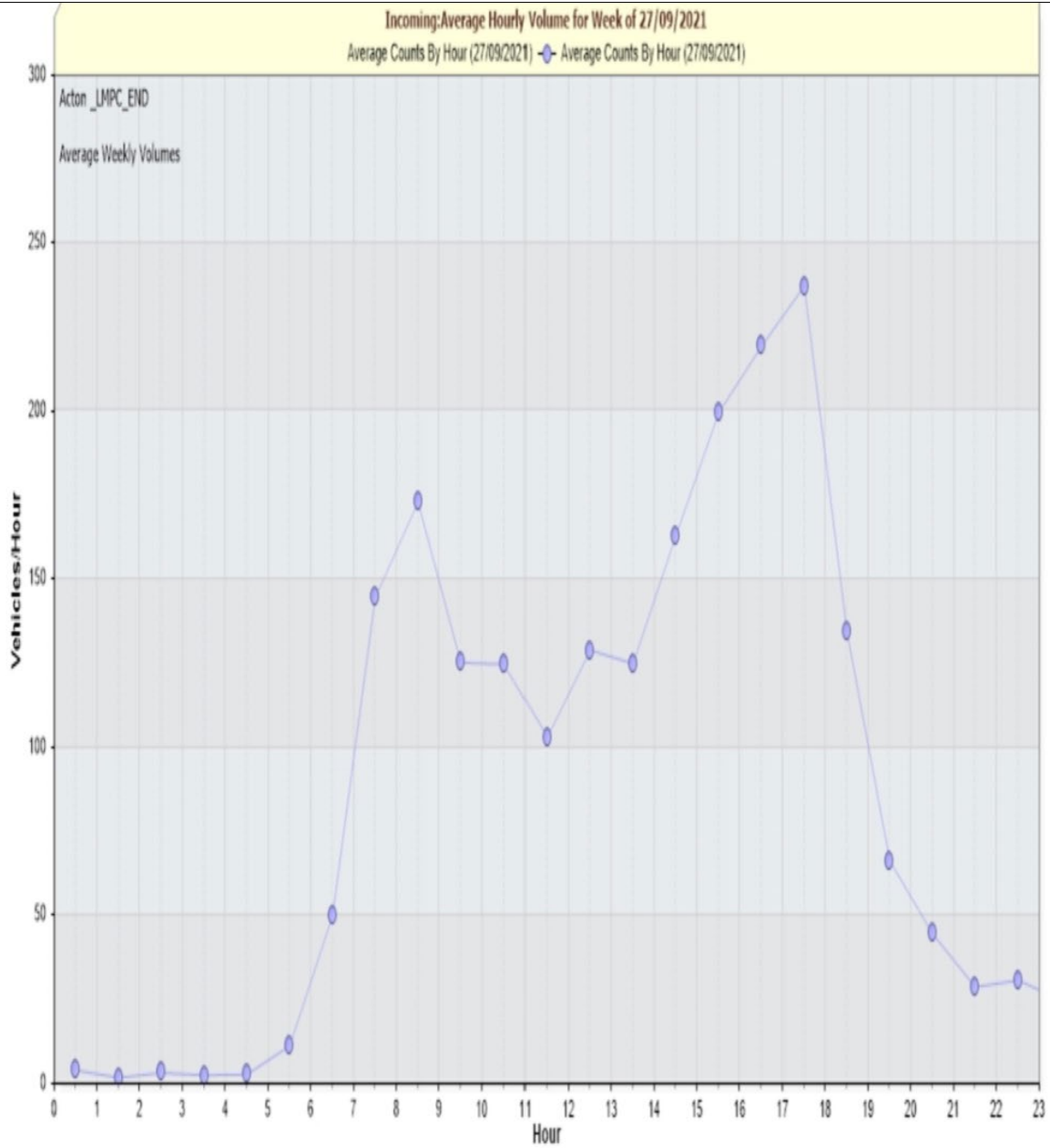
Time	5 Day	7 Day
Average Daily	1973	1782
AM Peak	08:00 167	136
PM Peak	05:00 236	192

**Speed**

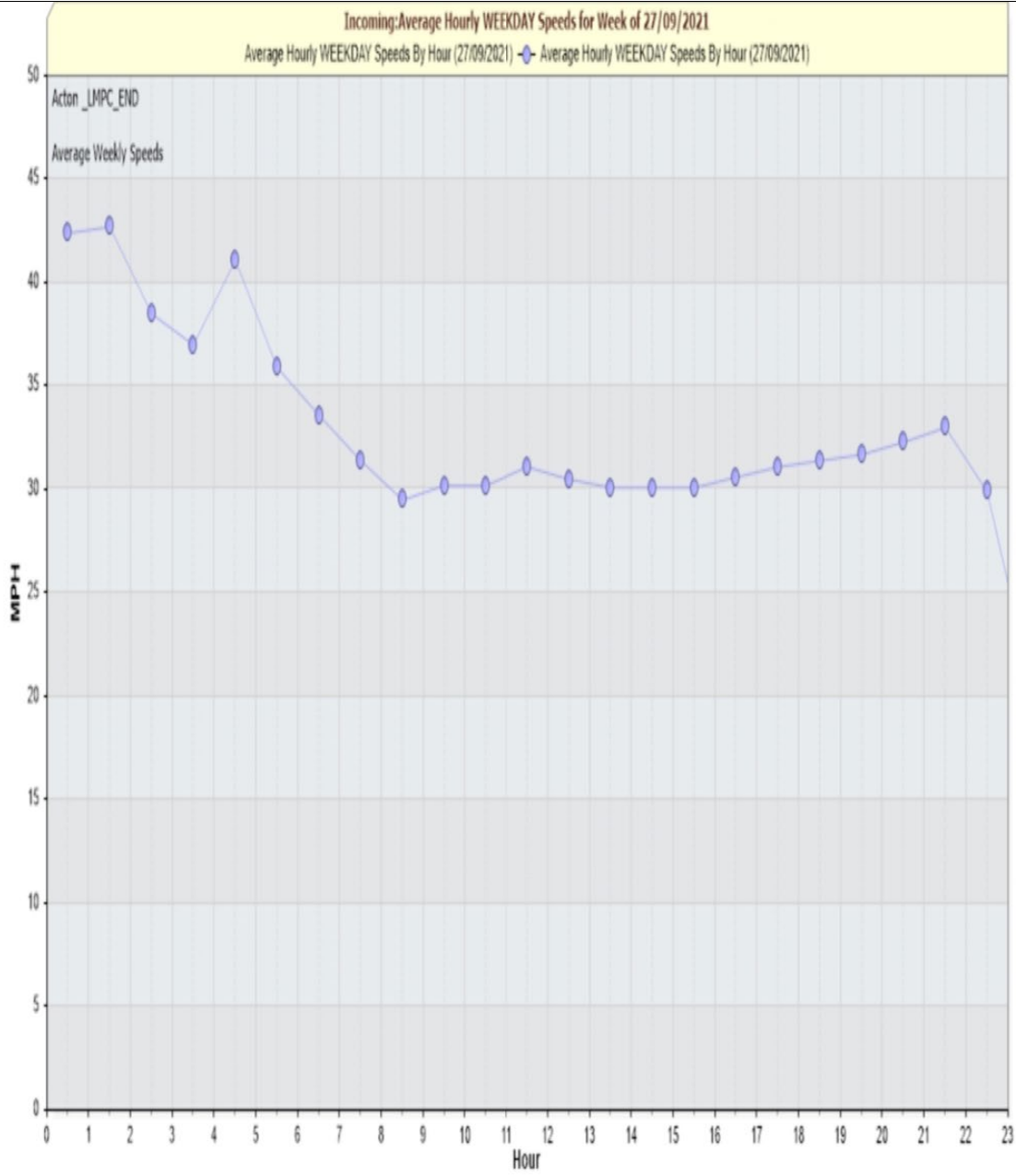
Speed Limit: 30  
 85th Percentile Speed: 37.2  
 50th Percentile Speed: 11.766  
 10 MPH Pace Interval: 25.0 MPH to 35.0 MPH  
 Average Speed: 30.87

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Count over limit	1912	2241	2317	2171	2302	762	716
% over limit	54.0	50.1	54.5	49.8	53.6	53.0	61.0
Avg Speeder	35.3	35.2	35.5	35.5	35.4	35.4	36.0

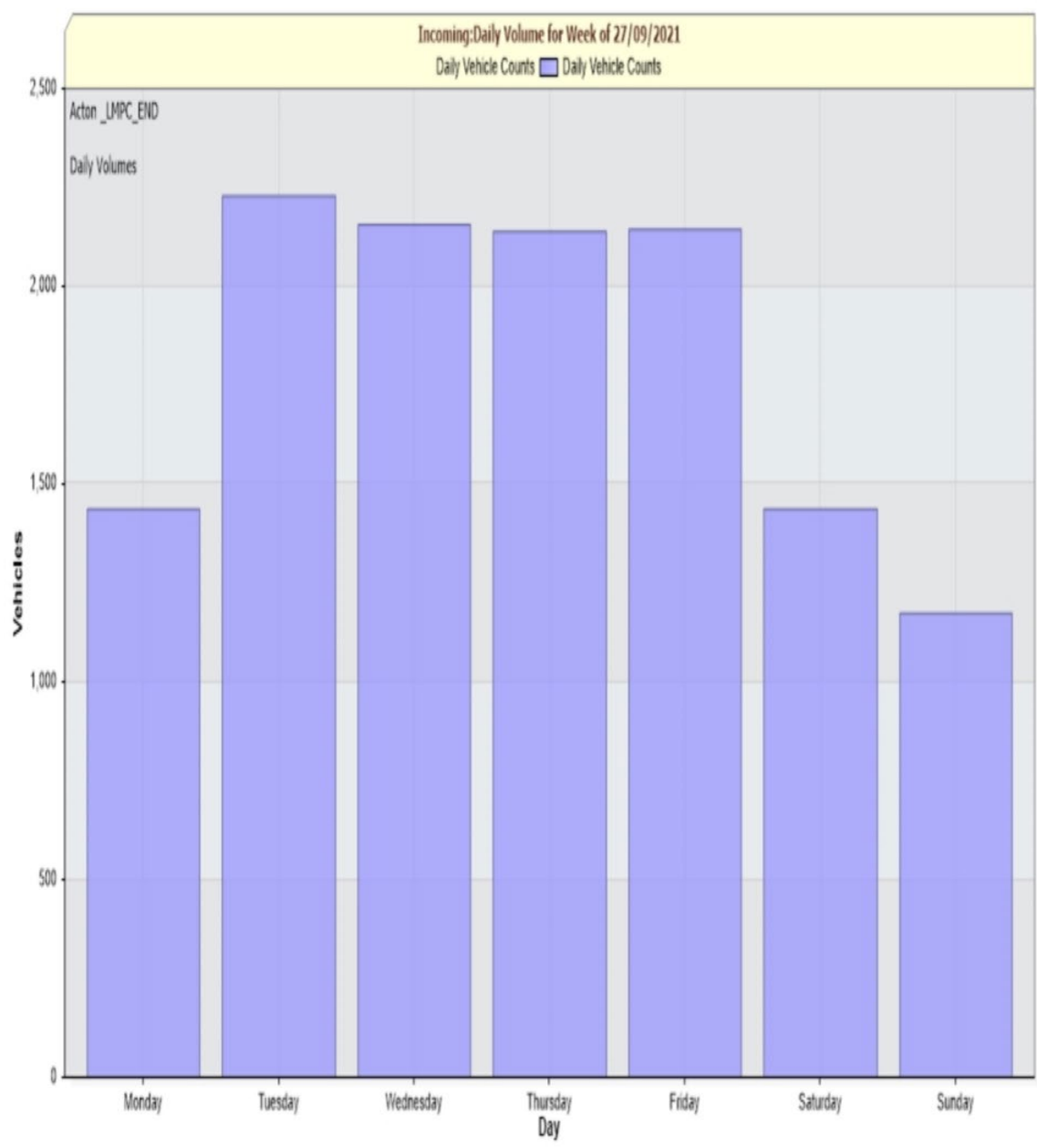
**Speed Watch Traffic Data 27th September – 11th October 2021**



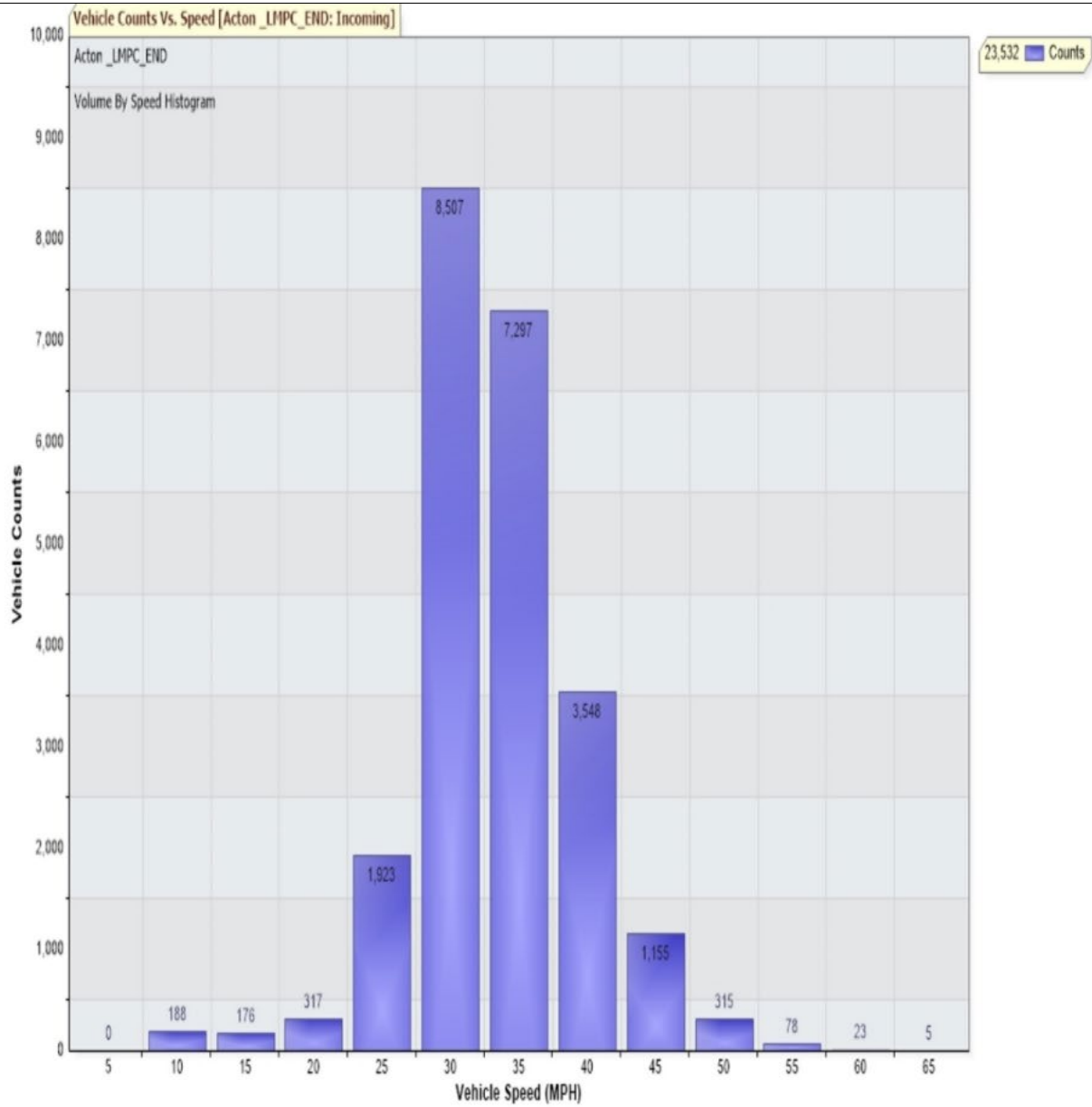
**Incoming Average Hourly Volume for Week of 27/09/2021**



**Incoming Average Hourly Weekday Speeds for Week of 27/09/2021**



**Incoming Daily Volume for Week of 27/09/2021**



Vehicle Counts vs Speed for Week of 27/09/2021



For Project: Acton\_LMPC\_END  
 Project Notes:  
 Location/Name: Incoming  
 Report Generated: 28/03/2022 21:32  
 Speed Intervals: 5 MPH  
 Time Intervals: Instant  
 Traffic Report From: 25/10/2021 12:00:00 through 02/11/2021 22:59:59  
 85th Percentile Speed: 37.8 MPH  
 85th Percentile Vehicles: 13681  
 Max Speed: 70 MPH on 01/11/2021 12:25:00  
 Total Vehicles: 16095  
 ADT: 1902

**Volumes - weekly counts**

Time	5 Day	7 Day
Average Daily	1969	1785
AM Peak	132	124
PM Peak	225	193

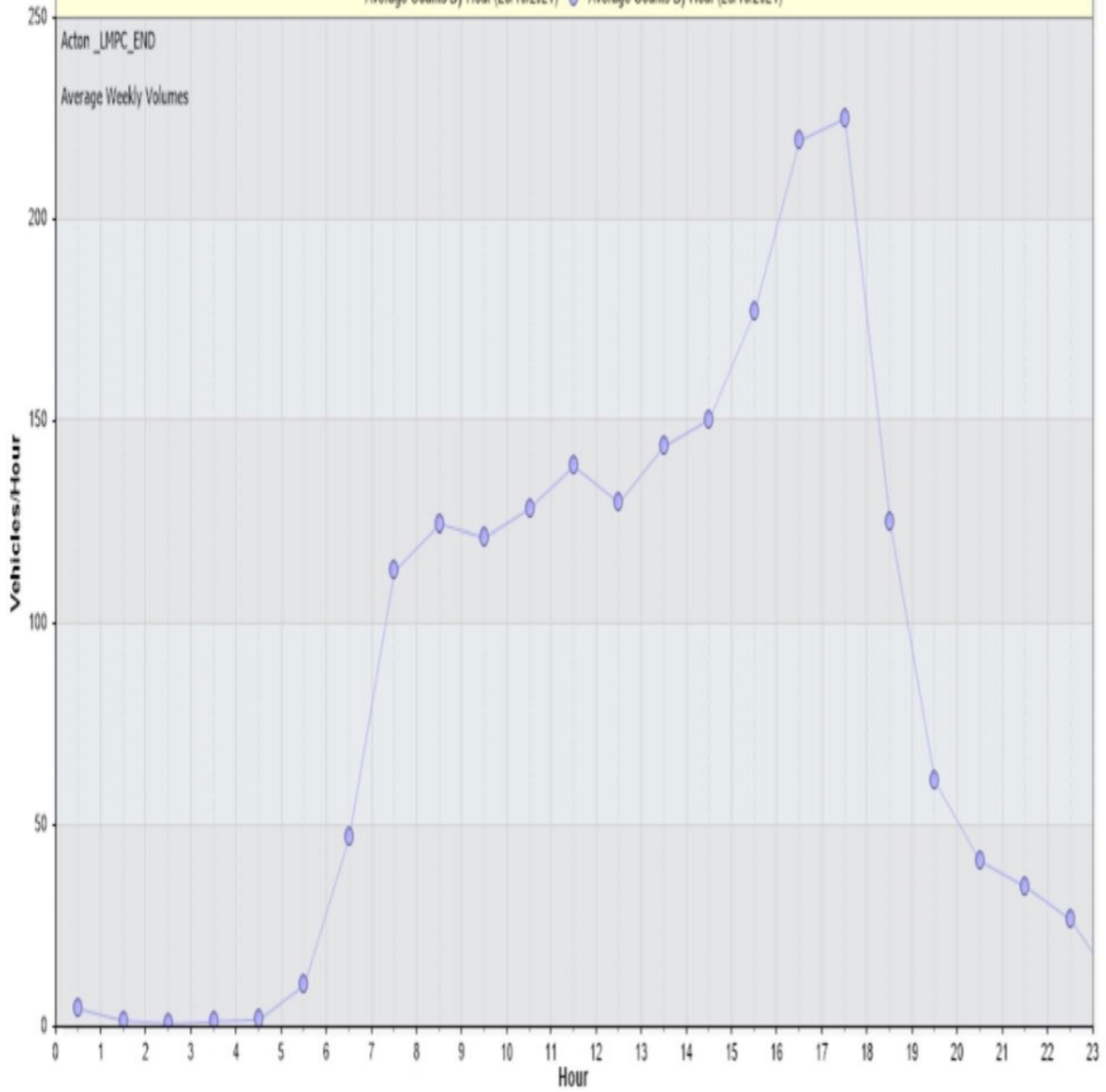
**Speed**

Speed Limit:	30						
85th Percentile Speed:	37.8						
50th Percentile Speed:	8048						
10 MPH Pace Interval:	25.0 MPH to 35.0 MPH						
Average Speed:	31.39						
	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
Count over limit	1746	2195	1109	1133	1115	874	671
% over limit	55.8	54.0	52.5	54.8	53.9	55.8	61.8
Avg Speeder	35.8	35.7	35.5	35.6	35.5	35.8	36.0

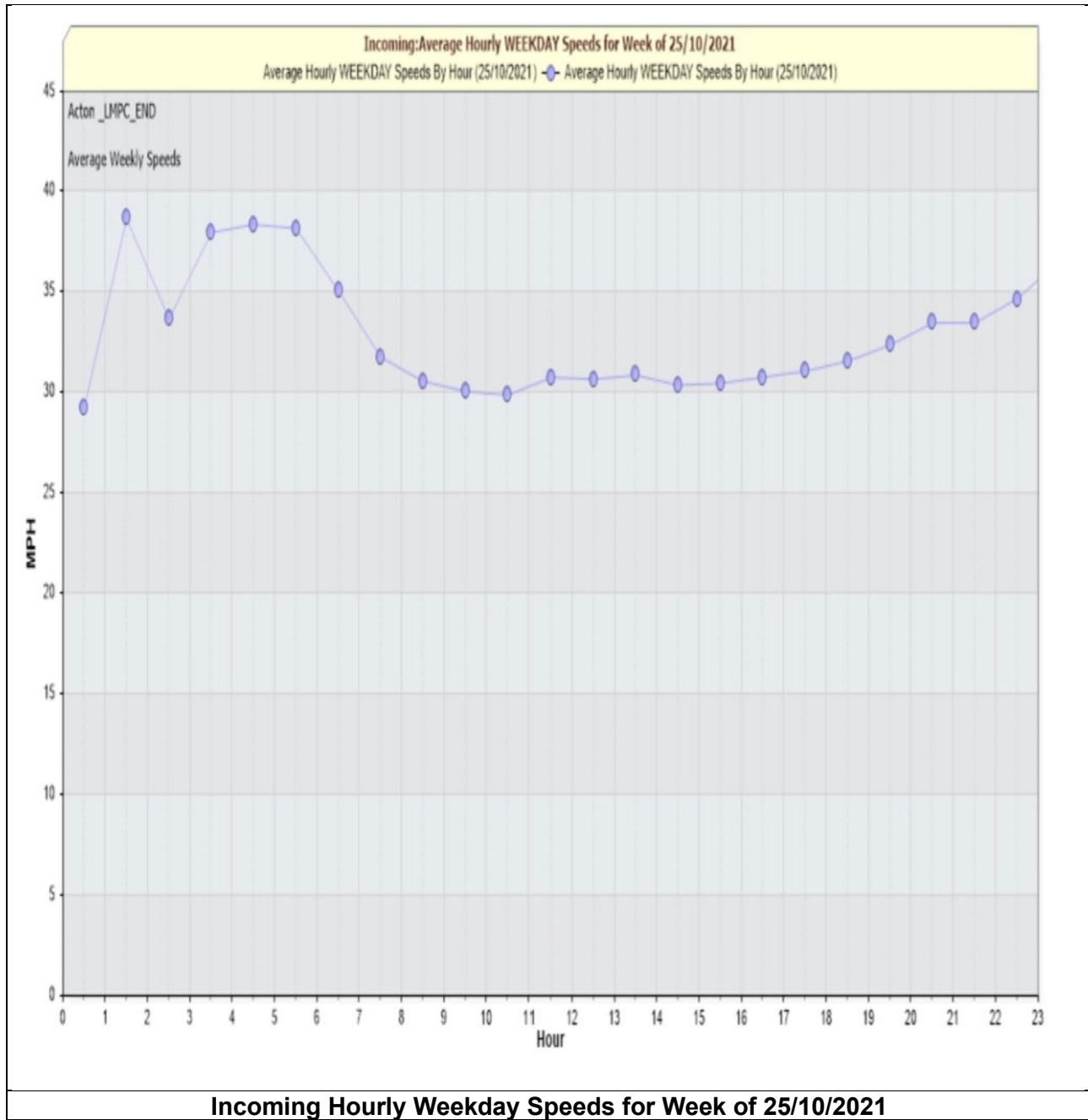
**Speed Watch Traffic Data 25th October – 2nd November 2021**

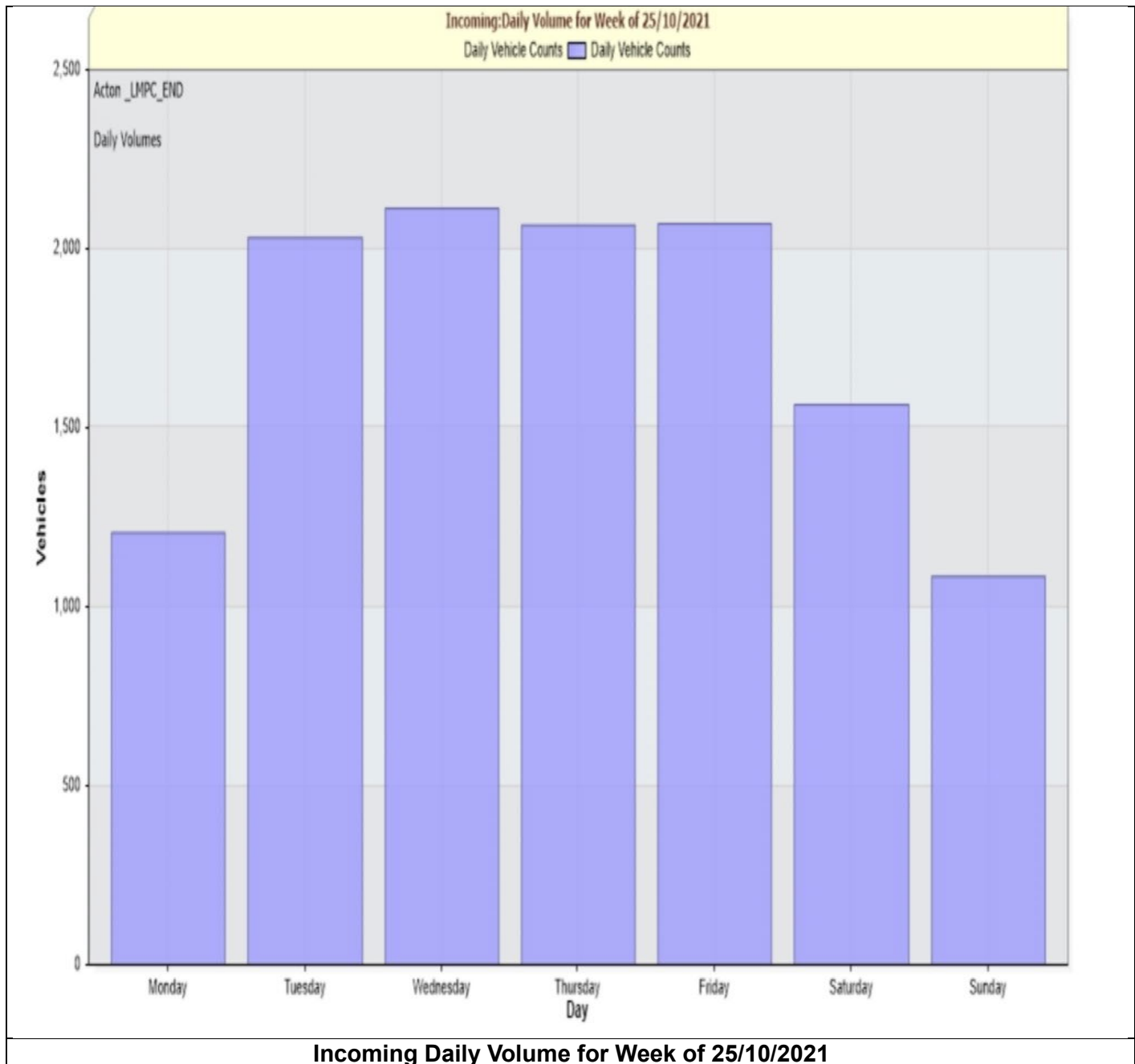
Incoming: Average Hourly Volume for Week of 25/10/2021

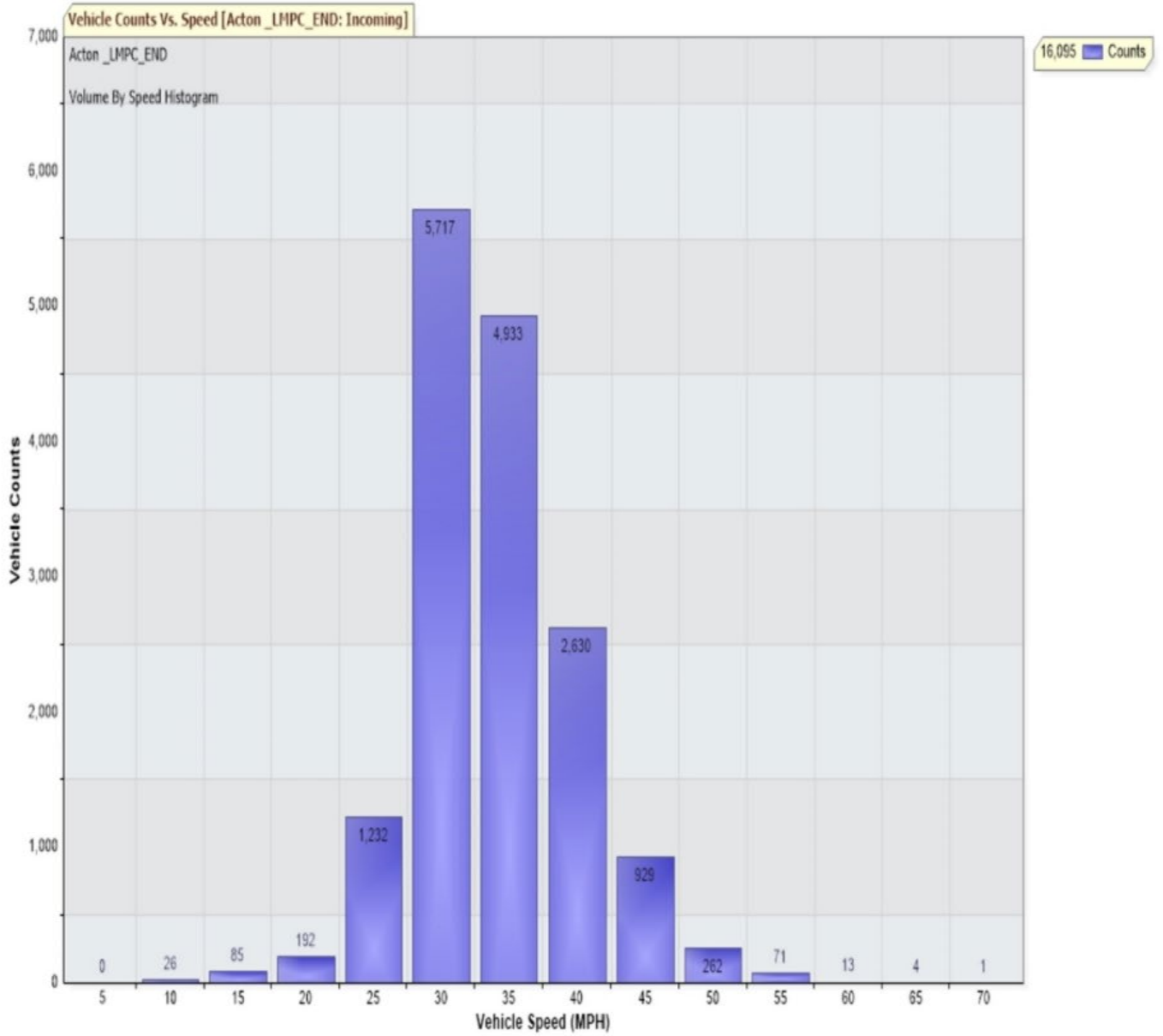
Average Counts By Hour (25/10/2021) - Average Counts By Hour (25/10/2021)



Incoming Average Hourly Volume for Week of 25/10/2021







**Vehicle Counts v Speed for Week of 25/10/2021**

## Appendix 7: Plant Surveys of Acton Wildlife Reserve, Barrow Hill

All Recorded by **Lavenham Natural History Group** at this Location

COMMON NAME	TAXON NAME	COMMENT	YEAR		DATE		ABUNDANCE
Annual Meadow-grass	<i>Poa annua</i>	Path edge	2022		25/05/2022		infrequent
Barren Brome	<i>Anisantha sterilis</i>	Path edge		2021		19/05/2021	rare
Beaked Hawksbeard	<i>Crepis vesicaeia</i>	Path edge	2022		25/05/2022		infrequent
Beech	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	Reserve edge	2022		25/05/2022		rare
Bee Orchid	<i>Ophrys apifera</i>	meadow		2021		19/05/2021	rare
Black Horehound	<i>Ballota nigra</i>	Path edge	2022	2021	25/05/2022	19/05/2021	infrequent
Black Knapweed	<i>Centaurea nigra</i>	meadow	2022	2021	25/05/2022	19/05/2021	infrequent
Black Medick	<i>Medicago lupulina</i>	Path edge	2022	2021	25/05/2022	19/05/2021	frequent
Blackthorn	<i>Prunus spinosa</i>	Path edge	2022	2021	25/05/2022	19/05/2021	frequent
Bramble	<i>Rubus fruticosus agg.</i>	Reserve edge	2022	2021	25/05/2022	19/05/2021	frequent
Bristly Oxtongue	<i>Picris echioides</i>	Path edge	2022	2021	25/05/2022	19/05/2021	infrequent
Broad-leaved Dock	<i>Rumex obtusifolius</i>	Path edge	2022	2021	25/05/2022	19/05/2021	infrequent
Bush Vetch	<i>Vicia sepium</i>	Path edge	2022		25/05/2022		rare
Butterfly Bush	<i>Buddleja davidii</i>	Path edge	2022	2021	25/05/2022	19/05/2021	rare
Cleavers	<i>Galium aparine</i>	Path edge	2022	2021	25/05/2022	19/05/2021	frequent
Coltsfoot	<i>Tussilago farfara</i>	Path edge	2022		25/05/2022		rare
Cocksfoot	<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	Path edge	2022	2021	25/05/2022	19/05/2021	frequent
Common Chickweed	<i>Stellaria media</i>	Path edge		2021		19/05/2021	infrequent
Common Mouse-ear	<i>Cerastium fontanum</i>	Path edge	2022		25/05/2022		rare
Common Ragwort	<i>Senecio jacobaea</i>	Path edge	2022	2021	25/05/2022	19/05/2021	infrequent
Common Vetch	<i>Vicia sativa</i>	meadow	2022	2021	25/05/2022	19/05/2021	frequent
Cow Parsley	<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>	Path edge	2022	2021	25/05/2022	19/05/2021	frequent
Cowslip	<i>Primula veris</i>	meadow	2022	2021	25/05/2022	19/05/2021	frequent
Creeping Buttercup	<i>Ranunculus repens</i>	Path edge		2021		19/05/2021	infrequent
Crested Dogtail	<i>Cynosaurus cristatus</i>	Path edge	2022		25/05/2022		rare
Cultivated Apple	<i>Malus domestica</i>	Reserve edge	2022		25/05/2022		rare
Cut-leaved Cranesbill	<i>Geranium dissectum</i>	Path edge	2022	2021	25/05/2022	19/05/2021	infrequent
Daisy	<i>Bellis perennis</i>	Path edge	2022	2021	25/05/2022	19/05/2021	infrequent
Dame's Violet	<i>Hesperis matronalis</i>	Path edge	2022	2021	25/05/2022	19/05/2021	infrequent
Dandelion	<i>Taraxacum sp.</i>	Path edge	2022	2021	25/05/2022	19/05/2021	infrequent



Dog' Mercury	<i>Mercurialis perennis</i>	Path edge	2022	2021	25/05/2022	19/05/2021	infrequent
Dog Rose	<i>Rosa canina</i>	Path edge	2022	2021	25/04/2022	19/05/2021	infrequent
Dogwood	<i>Cornus sanguinea</i>	Reserve edge		2021		19/05/2021	infrequent
Elder	<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	Path edge		2021		19/05/2021	infrequent
Elm species	<i>Ulmus agg,</i>	Reserve edge	2022		25/05/2022		rare
False Oat-grass	<i>Arrhenatherum elatius</i>	Path edge	2022		25/05/2022		infrequent
Field Forgetmenot	<i>Myosotis arvensis</i>	Path edge	2922		25/05/2022		infrequent
Field Madder	<i>Sherardia arvensis</i>	Path edge		2021		19/05/2021	infrequent
Field Maple	<i>Acer campestre</i>	Path edge	2022	2021	25/05/2022	19/05/2021	infrequent
Field Scabious	<i>Knautia arvensis</i>	Path edge	2022		25/05/2022		rare
Garden Privet	<i>Ligustrum ovvalifolium</i>	Path edge		2021		19/05/2021	rare
Garlic Mustard	<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	Path edge	2022	2021	25/05/2022	19/05/2021	infrequent
Goatsbeard	<i>Tragopogon prtensis</i>	Path edge	2022	2021	25/02/2022	19/05/2021	infrequent
Greater Plantain	<i>Plantago major</i>	Path	2022	2021	25/02/2022	19/05/2021	frequent
Greater Periwinkle	<i>Vinca major</i>	Reserve edge	2022	2021	25/05/2022	19/05/2021	infrequent
Greater Stitchwort	<i>Stellaria holostea</i>	Path edge	2022	2021	25/05/2022	19/05/2021	infrequent
Great Mullein	<i>Verbascum thapsus</i>	Path edge	2022		25/05/2022		rare
Great Willowherb	<i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>	Path edge	2022		25/05/2022		infrequent
Ground Ivy	<i>Glechoma hederacea</i>	Path edge	2022	2021	25/05/2022	19/05/2021	frequent
Hawthorn	<i>Crataaaaegus monogyna</i>	Reserve edge	2022	2021	25/05/2022	19/05/2021	frequent
Hazel	<i>Corylus avellana</i>	Path edge		2021		19/05/2021	infrequent
Hedge Bedstraw	<i>Galium molugo</i>	Path edge	2022	2021	25/05/2022	19/05/2021	infrequent
Hedge Bindweed	<i>Calystigia sepium</i>	Reserve edge	2022		25/05/2022		rare
Hedge Mustard	<i>Sisymbrium officinale</i>	Path edge		2021		19/05/2021	infrequent
Herb Bennet	<i>Geum urbanum</i>	Path edge	2022	2021	25/05/2022	19/05/2021	frequent
Herb Robert	<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	Path edge	2022		25/05/2022		infrequent
Hogweed	<i>Heraclium sphondylium</i>	Path edge	2022	2021	25/05/2022	19/05/2021	infrequent
Holly	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	Reserve edge	2022		25/05/2022		rare
Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera periclymenum</i>	Pah edge	2022	2021	25/05/2022	19/05/2021	infrequent
Ivy	<i>Hedera helix</i>	Path edge		2021		19/05/2021	frequent
Knotgrass	<i>Polygonum aviculare</i>	Path edge	2022		25/05/2022		rare
Lesser Burdock	<i>Arctium minus</i>	Path edge	2022	2021	25/05/2022	19/05/2021	infrequent
Lesser Celandine	<i>Ranunculus ficaria</i>	Path edge		2021		19/05/2021	frequent
Lords-and-ladies	<i>Arum maculatum</i>	Path edge	2022	2021	25/05/2022	19/05/2021	frequent
Meadow Buttercup	<i>Ranunculus acris</i>	Path edge		2021		19/05/2021	frequent

Meadow Foxtail	<i>Alopecurus pratensis</i>	Path edge		2021		10/05/2021	infrequent
Mugwort	<i>Artemisia vulgaris</i>	Path edge	2022	2021	25/05/2022	19/05/2021	infrequent
Musk Mallow	<i>Malva moschata</i>	meadow		2021		19/05/2021	rare
Oak	<i>Quercus robur</i>	Reserve edge	2022		25/05/2022		infrequent
Oxeye Daisy	<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	Path edge		2021		19/05/2021	infrequent
Pendulous Sedge	<i>Carex pendula</i>	Pond		2021		19/05/2021	rare
Perennial Rygrass	<i>Lolium perenne</i>	Path edge	2022		25/05/2022		rare
Prickly Sow-thistle	<i>Sonchus asper</i>	Path edge	2022		25/05/2022		infrequent
Perforate St John's Wort	<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	Path edge		2021		19/05/2021	rare
Ragged Robin	<i>Lychnis flos-cuculi</i>	Pond	2022			25/05/2022	rare
Primrose	<i>Primula vulgaris</i>	Path edge		2021		19/05/2021	infrequent
Red Campion	<i>Silene dioica</i>	Path edge	2022	2021	25/05/2022	19/05/2021	infrequent
Red Dead-nettle	<i>Lamium purpureum</i>	Path edge		2021		19/05/2021	rare
Ribwort Plantain	<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	Path	2022	2021	25/05/2022	19/05/2021	infrequent
Rowan	<i>Sorbus acuparia</i>	Reserve edge	2022		25/05/2022		rare
Rough Chervil	<i>Chaerophyllum temulentum</i>	Path edge	2022		25/05/2022		infrequent
Russian Comfrey	<i>Symphytum x uplandicum</i>	Path edge	2022		25/05/2022		infrequent
Scarlet Pimpernel	<i>Anagallis arvensis</i>	Path edge	2022		25/05/2022		rare
Shepherd's Purse	<i>Capsella bursa-pastoris</i>	Path edge		2021		19/05/2021	rare
Silver Birch	<i>Betula pendula</i>	Reserve edge	2022		25/05/2022		rare
Smooth Brome	<i>Bromus racemosus</i>	Path edge	2022		25/05/2022		infrequent
Smooth Sow-thistle	<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	Path edge	2022	2021	25/05/2022	19/05/2021	rare
Spanish Bluebell	<i>Hyacinthoides hispanica</i>	Path edge		2021		19/05/2021	rare
Spear Thistle	<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	Path edge		2021		19/05/2021	infrequent
Spotted Medick	<i>Medicago arabica</i>	Path edge		2021		19/05/2021	infrequent
Sticky Mouse-ear	<i>Cerastium glomeratum</i>	Path edge		2021		19/05/2021	frequent
Stinging Nettle	<i>Urtica dioica</i>	Path edge	2022	2021	25/05/2022	19/05/2021	frequent
Sweet Violet	<i>Viola odorata</i>	Path edge	2022	2021	25/05/2022	19/05/2021	infrequent
Teasel	<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>	Path edge	2022		25/05/2022		rare
Traveller's Joy	<i>Clematis vitalba</i>	Path edge	2022	2021	25/05/2022	19/05/2021	infrequent
Walnut	<i>Juglans regia</i>	Reserve edge		2021		19/05/2021	rare
Wild Carrot	<i>Daucus caeota</i>	Path edge	2022		25/05/2022		rare
Wild Cherry	<i>Prunus avium</i>	Reserve edge	2022		25/05/2022		rare
Wild Plum	<i>Prunus domestica</i>	Reserve edge		2021		19/05/2021	rare
White Bryony	<i>Bryonia dioica</i>	Path edge	2022	2021	25/05/2022	19/05/2021	infrequent
White Campion	<i>Silene latifolia</i>	Path edge	2022	2021	25/05/2022	19/05/2021	infrequent
White Dead-nettle	<i>Lamium album</i>	Path edge	2022	2021	25/05/2022	19/05/2021	infrequent

Wood Forgetmenot	<i>Myosotis sylvatica</i>	Path edge		2021		19/05/2021	infrequent
Yarrow	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Path edge	2022	2021	25/05/2022	19/05/2021	infrequent
Yellow Rattle	<i>Rhinanthus minor</i>	Meadow	2022	2021	25/05/2022	19/05/2021	frequent
Yorkshire Fog	<i>Holcus lanatus</i>	Path edge	2022		25/05/2022		infrequent

