

# 2018-2036

**Supporting Document:** 

Assington Residents Feedback and Comments



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#### 1. Comments from Consultation Event 2: Summer 2018

#### Housing

- Some should be affordable
- I agree there may be a need for growth and development but it was controlled to reflect and maintain village character.
- I feel the village is being over built and most of the sites are unsuitable for more development
- Assington doesn't need anymore houses as it will stop being a village
- The village badly needs social housing
- Certainly protect the rural character and prevent overdevelopment

#### **Roads and Traffic**

- Road widening in centre of village
- No traffic calming measures, as this will increase noise and pollution from vehicles braking and accelerating
- 20 mph would be good on the Street as there are narrow areas, eg near Centuries where some people still try and pass at 30 mph, which could be dangerous.
- I strongly feel the 30mph speed limit should include Marshalls Green; traffic from breakers yard in particular proved a danger to walkers etc
- Upgrade pavements/footpaths through entire village
- Traffic lights at either end of the village which turn red automatically if cars approach at mor than 20/30mph
- I would emphasise electronic boards noting speed limits

#### **Services and Amenities**

- To increase fitness / activity / health of residents and the use of village hall facilities, would it be worth consulting residents on additional exercise classes through Fit Villages scheme (Suffolk Sport) All ages can be considered - chair based exercise or Mum / baby and help reduce isolation etc? +meet up Mondays at the pub/café.
- Post office full time
- ? School
- A community action is pressure for more footpaths and green space
- Public footpaths and nature reserves
- Youth activities to equal other villages
- Improvements to BT Broadband from centre of the street northwards
- An additional playground for older children
- More equipment for outdoor gym



#### **Green Spaces**

- The view from Vicary Estate looking E and NE as you walk down FP20 towards the stream should be protected.
- The size of the proposed area looks good. Can it be any bigger in the future?
- What is suggested is positive
- More focus on community facilities, nature and biodiversity
- I agree with this
- The view from Vicary Estate/Meadow Way and now St Edmunds way to the A134 is one of the best in the village. Not enough people walk/see it to appreciate it but it should be included.
- Protect area by reservoir and make public right of way walks and trails

#### **General Comments**

- Plans looks good, thank you all for your hard work to produce the plan
- More focus on community facilities, nature and biodiversity.
- I feel that to maintain the village, as we enjoy it now we need to discourage any further housing
- Social housing isolated the less well-off either the people should feel included or the houses should not get built.
- Protect and support these areas at all costs
- The community infrastructure levy needs reviewing if smaller affordable housing is to become possible, current rate is too high.
- I am very impressed with the work done by the committee
- I feel that we should be looking into the future. We are living longer and there is not much support, access etc. for vulnerable elderly. If housing etc needs to be built why are we not considering a care home and retirement village, supporting people and giving back to the community!
- Perhaps a residential care home could be built on outskirts of village. Elderly people
  could move into this as necessary, freeing up current houses, thus requiring less new
  ones to be built.



#### 2. Comments from Consultation Event 3: April 2019

# Issues which had been raised in previous consultations i.e. roads, traffic and street lighting

- Lots of people walk & cycle around here and should be able to do this safely
- Could footpaths be improved with a material that isn't tarmac so that it looks less urban?
- I welcome additional housing in the village and agree that in-fill housing typical of existing properties is preferred.
- A community playground at the village hall would be great
- Speeding vehicles is a real problem. Maybe a speed camera needs to be introduced.
- Passing places: level gravel spaces
- Improve access: especially wheelchair/buggies
- Diff pavements, less "suburban" style
- Speeding is a big problem in the village. The buses go too fast and don't respect motorists in the other direction.
- I don't agree that tarmac pavements will take away from the rural fields. Definitely need pavements. Its not safe to walk/run in village
- Passing places: Use kerb stones preferably high no signage
- Passing places: Not tarmac retain rural character of lanes
- Speed limits: use lower speed limits throughout.
- Pavements: Just don't use tarmac
- Passing places: Signs as in in Scotland
- Pavements: No tarmac. Too much already in driveways etc.

#### **General Comments**

- In Bury the street lights are turned off at midnight this could be an option as most people will be inside asleep?! Not keeping them on overnight would save money, but improve visibility in the evening particularly in winter months
- The village is looking very fenced in with big larch and concrete fencing on new builds which does not allow for wildlife e.g. hedgehogs to pass through. These have changed the look of the village.
- Excited by the prospect of a children's play area at the village hall
- I would welcome a permanent speed camera as it's the only way to slow down speeding cars.
- A cash machine. Collect + at the pub or village shop. A playground area with climbing frame / swings etc.
- Thank you for the work you're doing. I'd like 20mph in village and 30mph down the back lane, Barracks Road
- Keep Assington a rural village!
- I feel there is room to find a happy medium between a rural village and a more urban environment e.g. a couple more street lights would be good. All things but in moderation. Rural yet modern.



 Very impressive display. Congratulations to NP team. Is there space in the Plan to push the need for environmentally friendly buildings to combat bigger issues of climate change and wildlife extinction?

#### Resident's Vision for Assington in 2036

- Important to maintain the village feel even if it expands in size. Events in the village will help bring people together and integrate/participate in the village activities
- Social / Supported Housing
- Cash Machine
- Click & Collection Point
- Permanent speed camera
- Playground Area
- More infill no large estates please
- Infill but not building large estates behind houses
- Playground Park
- Speed bumps
- 3 bed Social Housing
- More owl boxes, help keep the wildlife thriving
- Playground for children
- Playground
- Small Farm
- Speed bumps
- New build houses designed to retain village feel and not look out of place
- No more housing estates please
- No more estates
- Smaller homes / bungalows please
- More social housing
- No more large owner-occupier houses or estates
- Playground for all ages to 13
- More imaginative designs on new houses there is no "Assington Style" so plenty of room for ecobuilds etc
- Houses on Breakers Yard please!
- No Breakers Yard



#### 3. Comments from Consultation Event 4: October 2019

#### **Roads and Traffic**

- Road widening in centre of village
- No traffic calming measures as this will increase noise and pollution from vehicles braking and accelerating
- 20mph would be good on the street as there are narrow areas (e.g. near centuries) which some people still try and pass at 30mph which could be dangerous
- 20mph
- Better defined "village gateways", especially approaching from south. Better maintenance of signs
- I strongly feel the 30mph limit should include Marshalls Green; traffic from the breakers yard in particular proves a danger to walkers etc
- Upgrade pavement/footpath through entire village
- Maybe another car park needed along the street? Extra bus stop with turning space?
- The volume of traffic and the speed of the traffic has increase substantially since the last consultation. I think we need to either enforce speed limits or reduce to 20mph and speed bumps as stone street.
- 20mph speed limit, with flashing speed signs through the street to shame fast drivers
- "Road narrows" sign at the pinch point north end of the street at Dale Cottage.
   Flashing speed signs
- Traffic lights at either end of the village which turn red automatically if cars approach at more than 20/30 mph
- The signs giving priority to horse riders, pedestrians, cyclists is an excellent idea! Protection of verges from depredations of vehicles
- No but I would emphasise 'electronic' boards noting speed limits
- 30mph limit to Dorking Tye. Treacherous road!!
- 20mph along the street
- Control of traffic and implement controls during any construction e.g. delivery times
- We need a lower and longer speed limit

#### **Services and Amenities**

- Post office full time. School?
- To increase fitness / activity / health of residents and the use of village hall facilities, would it be worth consulting residents on additional exercise classes through Fit Villages scheme (Suffolk Sport) All ages can be considered - chair based exercise or Mum / baby and help reduce isolation etc? +meet up Mondays at the pub/café



- Additional recreation space e.g. Site 1
- Play area, green areas / park / sitting area / allotment?
- The village doesn't have an obvious centre, possibly a village sign with symbols reflecting village history would be useful (by the bus stop?)
- Restore church bells
- Pressure for more footpaths and green space
- Footpaths alongside roads are needed
- Public footpaths and nature reserves
- More litter bins on the rural lanes and notice of the fine payable for infringement
- Youth activities to equal other villages
- Safe guard the pub
- Slightly extended car parking at village hall
- An additional playground for older children
- Improvements to BT broadband from centre of the street northwards
- Improve BT broadband/phone connections
- More equipment for 'outdoor' gym

#### **Green Spaces**

- The size of the proposed areas looks good! Can it be any bigger in the future?!
- What is suggested is positive
- Amended bounds Assington Hall see Nick Miller
- Key issues for Assington's future
- Include area between village and A134/water tower/Untech grove (E of village)? (to preserve view for road users on A134).
- Agree with this
- Protect area by reservoir and make public right of way walks and trails
- We've lost our view of the sunrise. It would be nice to think others could keep theirs. Can we protect more east facing views?
- Support these areas at all costs
- Protect at all costs
- The view from Vicary Estate/Meadow Way and now St Edmunds wasy to the A134 is
  one of the best in the village. Not enough people walk/see it to appreciate it but it
  should be included.
- The view from Vicary Estate looking E and NE as you walk down FP20 towards the stream should be protected.
- Protect existing trees which as a group add to a rural view more TPOs
- Views to the west of the street must be maintained

#### **Other Comments**



- Not at the moment! Plans look good, thank you all for your hard work to produce the plan!
- The look and style of houses
- The style of houses and appearance
- Assington doesn't need any more houses as it will stop being a village!
- More focus on community facilities, nature and biodiversity
- I feel that to maintain the village, as we enjoy it now we need to discourage any further housing
- I feel the village is being over built and most of the sites are unsuitable for more development.
- Speed is of the essence! Get plan written ASAP.
- Thank you to all who are working on this project
- I agree with the increased development of the village, more houses equal more people to support the village shop, pub and local businesses. However I believe that further development should be interesting and not redrow in style. Have high eco credentials and be a mixture of sizes.
- The community infrastructure levy needs reviewing if smaller affordable housing is to become possible, current rate is too high.
- The village badly needs social housing but we should not agree to the rural exception site as the only place to put it - keeping 'undesirables out of sight' amounts to social cleansing
- Re. Social housing: Such a policy could be a thin end of the wedge for the future
- No I am very impressed with the work done by the committee
- Perhaps a residential care home could be built on outskirts of village. Elderly people
  could move into this as necessary, freeing up current houses, thus requiring less new
  ones to be built.
- I feel that we should be looking into the future. We are living longer and there is not much support, access etc. for vulnerable elderly. If housing etc needs to be built why are we not considering a care home and retirement village, supporting people and giving back to the community!
- Could more use be made of the football field community open space / park, gardens, seating for older generation, as we no longer have village football team.
- I would say that any housing would need to provide community facilities and strong controls to aesthetics of housing and landscaping



#### 4. Comments from Residents Questionnaire: December 2018.

#### Housing

## A4g) What type of occupancy should new housing be intended for?

Sufficient additional housing has already been approved - the village cannot	
sustain further development	
Those wanting to downsize	
Houses with 2 x 1 bedroom flats	
NO MORE	
NO MORE HOUSES	
Long term family house	

## A5h) What type of new housing would you like to see in Assington?

Lifestyle homes only because the village/accessibility may be difficult for persons needing such measures in their home
Don't want any more housing
Mix
Mix
All houses with generous sized rooms and gardens
NONE
NO MORE HOMES
NO HOMES
A mix
Starter houses

## A6e) What form would you prefer any future development to take?

Cul-de-sacs would prevent the streets from becoming 100% infilled. But the central road must have public access on foot towards surrounding land

No grand mansions! Adequate parking for each building (but not excessive allocation)



I would have no objection to one development of perhaps 30 houses like the Vicary Estate. What I really don't like is the 'small' developments which are made bigger e.g. between village hall and shops and between Hill Farm and Celandine	
single or semi detached	
to include social housing	
Not sure - I find the level of building distressing	
NONE	
NO MORE DEVELOPMENT. We have nice footpaths	
NO MORE DEVELOPMENT	
Individual house far away	
Hamlet	
But beware any development under 10 will not be permitted to include social/affordable housing	

#### **Roads and Traffic**

#### C2g) What measures to improve safety should be considered in Assington?

30mph speed limit taken out to rose green and beyond because it is very narrow and blind bend where the junction down to arger fen. This will be safer for Rye schools as the current 30mph sign is beyond the school

30mph limit extended past Rose Green and blind bend, there has been several accidents and near misses on the junction caused by vehicles speeding around the bend on the Bures Rd.

From Assington pump farm towards Dorking tye is a great danger - speeding lorries and racing cars

Improved pavements for peds.

Speed of tractors is a concern during harvest to our children/animals

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lot?

Roundabouts on A134 for the street and A1071
Slow horse signs
Speed camera reporting process for persistant rat run offenders that speed.
Concealed camera traps
Speed humps in the street
Full level access paths through the village
Better measures to deal with traffic diversions from A134 through Barracks Rd
and the village where accidents or closures
20mph should be the limit throughout the village and in its outer roads;
Barracks Rd, Marshall's Green
Intelligent traffic calming e.g. change of road colour in village centre/trees to
narrow road and create pinch points to slow traffic. Not speed bumps!!
Widen roads where possible
Limited access through the village, not a bypass for people just used by people
who live in the village
Limited access through the village so only people who live there can drive
through would = less traffic
Future development to leave adequate room for existing road and path space.
20mph like Stoke by Nayland. Speed limit along Assington straight 40mph
Its great that there are paths but cars still drive too fast. I'd feel worries riding
along the roads here.
Side road footpath
Passing places should be maintained
People don't use footpaths enough and walk on road instead? Witnessed this a



## **Services and Amenities**

D1I) These amenities are important to the village community:
Children's play area
Playground
The Thicks + footpaths
The actual church
Fewer caravans
Mother and toddler club / creche / playgroup
Woodland
Our beautiful fields and surroundings for pleasant walks
A small community
Mini market
Need post office at shop
Mobile fish van
D2f) Assington needs to improve the following community provisions:
Activities for young and old i.e. playground
Dance is my recreation
Community helping hands volunteers to people less fortunate or senior citizens
Sufficient already
youth activities could be work
Useful - childrens playground
Table tennis / green gym / community lunch club
Play area for children, wildlife learning area e.g. making bug hotels / owl and bat and bird boxes etc
Activities for women and girls
I think these (activities for older people) prob exist / I think there should be swings / slide etc on the playing field for children.  Playground



D3e) Assington is in need of improvement of the following services:
Public sewerage
Sewerage and roadwater drainage
Take away delivery
Do not use them
Do not use other services
Footpaths
D4l) The parish council should use community funds or find sponsors to support:
Horse signs - please slow/be aware
Welcome to Assington sign"with the speed limit sign nearby"
Community Xmas tree in centre of village
More housing with bigger plots
Already enough allotments / rural footpaths
Small central village green area by bus stop
Welcome to Assington at each village entry point! High Road/Barracks Rd, more litter bins: Barracks Road; Marshalls Green Welcome to Assington sign: but add please drive carefully and respect our speed
limit
+litter bins
Please don't encourage more dog packs to the village. Additional dog bins makes no difference if dog walkers don't use them! Vbisit the thicks for evidence
Cleaning of road signs for the village off the A134 and bus stop - all very grubby!  Allotment space 'if needed'
A petition to stop people building :)
A sign at the entrance to the wood path - pick up your dog pooh
Parking. Not to park on pavements. The road is for cars. Pavements are for walking
Village identity and history nature paths



Buy the land opposite Hill Farm on a nature reserve and to protect the view

None of others important (says I) / purchase fishing lake

# E1k) Do you agree that the following types of commercial development are important to the parish: (other comments)

Only where appropriate to village character Holiday accommodation "in moderation"

Agriculture most important. Otherwise we don't need anything

Vehicle dismantlers "controlled"

# E2d) Do you agree that the following commercial improvements should be considered? (other comments)

Small cottage industries  Too much traffic  It is a small village, other than the current services additional employment is not a primary concern  We're not a town!  Only where appropriate to village character  Re. E2b Other answers will satisfy this question  We have high rate of employment and villages need to work outside the village  Not in village hub  Only on small scale basis  Start ups for young people  Convert redundant farm buildings to new small business premises	·
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Start ups for young people	Not in village hub
	Only on small scale basis
Convert redundant farm buildings to new small business premises	Start ups for young people
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E3) What additional types of business do you feel would benefit Assington?
None
Rural craft businesses
More retail
n/a
N/A
N/A
Independent retailers / skilled trades



Skilled trades, small scale retail
I honestly think we have enough and cannot cope with more traffic or noise
Commercial use of redundant farm buildings
The road network is not suitable to support having additional businesses in the
village
None
None as there would be too much traffic and there's not room for any more
businesses
NONE
Butchers shop with bakery attached
Learning workshops
Small businesses with a low impact on the residential nature of the village
Artisan workshops
Better village shop
A village shop - not like the over priced farm shop
Fish and chip shop please
A co-op store maybe
A co-op store
Playgroup/nursery. Bakery
Playgroup possibly run on a NFP basis
Riding centre / Care home around houses
Craftsman e.g. blacksmith
Post Office
Better provision of broadband to support working from home premises
Better community services such as a post office and shop/facilities to support
residents not tourists e.g. garage repairs
I'd love a bakers
Garden nursery: plants, pots
Can't think of any small businesses and we have enough large businesses
(Hoggers yard, scrapyard and caravan park blighting the village already)
Childcare/Creche
Physiotherapy clinic?!
Bryn can have a workshop
Nothing We do not need anything else. We have a perfect village already



We need no more businesses. We have a shop and a church. This is a small
community not a TOWN.
Artisan / craft business
Craft, pottery etc that might encourage visitors
rural crafts/workshops/courses similar to the ones that used to be held at the
mill.
Cottage industries inc. work @ home -> less car use
Studios for rent to artists and crafts people. There are already many artists in the
village and we could become an artists colony!
Bookshop
Rural crafts
None
None
Designer/maker workshops. Artist studios

# E4f) Current and future businesses should have regard to their village location in terms of:

Appearance e.g. large entry gates
Ensuring employment of local residents. Contributing/enhancing the village.
Scrapyard!!!
These have not been observed recently
Employing local people
carbon neutral
Not upsetting or threatening local residents
respect for woodland/verges and rubbish disposal
Minimising traffic in the village
Access Bures and shops



#### F5) General Comments

Relative to its size the village has had a lot of development over recent years. If population growth will be 8% over the next 20 years, further expansion should not exceed this. The current schedule for future housing of 46 new/converted buildings represents over 25% expansion. Is Assington a soft touch for planning proposals > if so this must end. Plenty of us south of the village still have no broadband. This needs to be a priority too.

There is far too much traffic through the village now and any more houses or businesses would just make this worse.

Until recently, when you stood in the street, it was like you were still in the country. Now it's like suburbia.

Very new to the area!

Any additional developments inside the village should remain small, affordable housing should be given to long term residents, I myself have been priced out of the village despite being here for 25+ years.

We live in a very special village which should be preserved for today and future generations. Let's not spoil it and lose it. Everyone is talking about how many new houses are being built in one small village street.

Keep new developments sympathetic to older properties to protect the street scene. Support existing businesses. Including scrap yard.

Bearing in mind that I and possibly others have answered 'too many already' perhaps there is no point in responding to the rest of the questions. However, I realise this is not realistic but would it not be useful to WAIT and see what the current situation looks like in a few years before building more houses?

Thank you Helen. ? Xxx

Vitally important - ensure preservation of the village character, whilst maintaining/enhancing village environment for benefit of all residents and visitors alike

Lack of bridleways and connecting footpaths

There are a lack of bridleways and connecting footpaths within the village

53 years ago I came to the village because it was a quiet, rural backwater. If my choice was today, the answer would be NO.

I strongly urge that something is put into motion regarding the speed with which people travel through the village, no heed is taken to pedestrians or parked vehicles, first hand experience

Controlled development and growth is vital to a sustainable community with emphasis to providing truly affordable housing. Larger executive type houseing is already well provided for.

NP should receive the full support of APC

Stop so called hare corsing they also kill all types of deer, badgers, foxes, and damage to farmers freshly drilled crops with heavy vehicles on Averley Hall, Park Farm, Home Farm, Hill Farm, Severals

Farm and East Farm. Disgraceful!



With reference to D4 "improved surfaces of existing pavements", whilst I do understand that prams/wheelchairs find present surfaces difficult, I think that asphalt will urbanise the village. It is, and should continue to be rural, with all that that entails. If people want "proper pavements" and "proper" surfaces to pavements they should consider whether rural lifestyle is for them, or whether urban facilities are more appropriate. I feel we should retail the rural feel, especially in small areas such as this.

Every effort should be made to improve what we have i.e. the disgraceful scrap tippinmg around and behind the fishing lake

Improvement to properties should be regarded differently to entirely new properties

Insufficient infrastructure for present developments, inadequate accessibility for pedestrians, poor use of playing field and no use save for the fete for Assington parishioners.

Property type; Farm buildings and Barn conversions to be of eco credentials "were possible", not of non-standard construction. All properties to be of solid brick wall construction, due to issues with cavity wall insulation and mortgagability. Ref A5: Ensure different type of properties so that younger members can grow and be developed within the village. To retain them socioeconomically within the parish. Properties with bigger garden plots.

We must have more smaller and lower cost houses to give the yound a start on the housing ladder and for our seniors to downsize. We should consider building a small development ourselves with help from CLT

Assington is a quiet village and should remain that way. Lets see how many cars turn up in the new builds in the street. In my opinion there are too many cars using the street as it is. And more to come is just not good for village life. I would also like to see some signs put up at the main junction from A134 asking people not to throw their litter from their car's / van's / lorries, as it does look unsightly and ruins the look as you enter the village. My opinion on more housing is that Assington is a village and should remain so. That is why I chose to move here, because of the peace and quiet, having seen my former place of residence grow so much and is now the size of a small town. I would hate to see the same happen in Assington. But if too much housing is incorporated I would most likely have to move, as sad as that would be!

The beauty of village life should be protected at all cost and new buildings and businesses should be sympathetic and enhance what we have

Keep new buildings in keeping with the older and historic buildings, no big developments to make estates, help support existing business, e.g. pub, shop, barn, scrapyard and agriculture and haulage

Very important to have a NP to enable the local community to have control over planning etc and supports local needs

Assington has character - unlike Leavenheath. I want to retain that. I would like to see swing/slide in playing field

Dismayed at current rate of new build houses - hope this can be vastly reduced in future

Thank you for gathering residents' thoughts and opinions

Regrettably I feel this is all too late, with far too many large properties being given permission and hedges being removed. Eyesore garages.



A3) Sewerage - some residents have to pay towards expansion of system. Is this covenant in the deeds of the new houses when added? Why should we pay for others to profit?

The neighbourhood plan are doing lots of really great work which I respect. When I am home from uni I would like to help out. Let's stop building in the village!!! Its unneccessary.

Yet another questionnaire and another pointless exercise! The village has already been spoilt through over development. Locking the stable door after the horse has bolted springs to mind!

The rural and environmental aspects of Assington should be considered, preserved and improved. It is a small pocket of genuine Suffolk countryside whose characteristics are becoming ever more rare.

Too late village already spoilt.

I really worry about the impact of the houses that are currently under construction in terms of volume of cars / school provision / Drs provision etc. The housing being built is executive luxury 3-5 bed homes, each of which will presumably have a couple of cars and children, which will impact upon volume of traffic plus Drs surgeries + school places which are already maxed out. The last questionnaire that came out about villagers views on housng, voted overwhelmingly in favour of 'infil' housing and smaller, affordable homes, neither of which are being built - whilst the developers and those selling land for development are making a fortune and cashing in without addressing or contributing towards ameities, therefore (in my view) each development makes it harder to get an appointment at the Drs / obtain a school place etc. Developers and those cashing in, should be made to contribute something to the community. \*Thank you for taking the time to do this\*

Private building should get priority over large companies building. The wild life should be protecte from Agricultural development and material used for building should not lead to pollution and waste in the future regardless of profit and cost in the present.

Excellent and comprehensive questionnaire!

Well 'put together' plan. Hope that info will be utilised

We need a more mixed age group on the parish council, to help broden views on the future of Assington



#### Other Comments (placed throughout questionnaire)

A7) Not sure, infill first

Any larger developlemts need to be outside the village off the A134, as traffic coming into the village has become a problem in recent years. The road from Bures through to Marshalls green has noticeably increased with traffic in the last couple of years. With the breakers yard contributind to this. So developments need to consider this, as this road is a narrow single track lane. Thw coucil also need to have guidelines imposed on them for creating new roads for developments. Too often as many houses as possible are crammed into a development and the access roads are an after thought, and no widening of existing roads which they join on to are considered. See the new Woorlands Rise development in great cornard, houses have been built right next to a very narrow road without any consideration for widening of the road and increased furture traffic.

25 years ago you could ride a yound and inexperienced horse from Assington to Bures via road to Dorking. Now it is too dangerous. Also riding through the village and back roads to Leavenheath too many fast cars. Very sad

Pavements terrible for mobility scooters / More houses could be allowed if 1-2 bed Sites: Infill along road frontage only! Small developments, character appropriate to village, max 5 per site. Traffic calming appropriate for village character e.g. pinch points/chicanes. Enhanced 'village gateway' signs, footway for peds (but not adding to street furniture clutter/excessive signage). Playing field seems adequate as-is?

There has been a 10% increase in households since 2011 and a further 25% increase approved already - e.e. 35% increase in total - this is sufficient and in line (exceeds) with Babergh targets.

C3) We are in the right place for each way

I will not answer section C below as road safety is more important in Further St. We NEED 40mph but I have been told the parish council do not think its important!!! Please reply aksmithplastering@hotmail.co.uk

D1) notice boards could be virtual on FB

C2) Speed level through further street - possible helpful for those residents and businesses

A3e) As long as I don't pay

C3) Strongly disagree with this divisive measure pitting one villager against another. Usually a 'do as I say, not as I do' thing. Job for police only.

A7) allocate sites "if it has to"

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D4) There is no access to the fishing lake. Dog bins needed to the north

Building along the A134 wouldn't clog up the village as much in terms of traffic etc.

I'd like the village allotments protected along with the pasture land around it.

B1) A lot already? New play area on village field needed

