



# BRETENHAM

2021 RESIDENTS SURVEY RESULTS



Brettenham Parish Council







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# Brettenham NP Residents' Survey May 2021














Employment please click one				
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Employed		39.06%	25
2	Unemployed		0.00%	0
3	Retired		45.31%	29
4	Self- employed		9.38%	6
5	Student		4.69%	3
6	Homemaker		1.56%	1
			answered	64
			skipped	0

In this section, please tell us about the people that normally live in your household How many people in the following age groups normally live in your household? Tick one box per age group where appropriate						
Answer Choices	1	2	3	4	5 or more	Response Total
0-9	66.67% 4	16.67% 1	16.67% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	6
10-19	40.00% 2	40.00% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	20.00% 1	5
20-29	40.00% 4	60.00% 6	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	10
30-39	85.71% 6	14.29% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	7
40-49	50.00% 1	50.00% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	2
50-59	61.90% 13	38.10% 8	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	21
60-69	67.86% 19	32.14% 9	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	28
70 or over	52.63% 10	47.37% 9	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	19
					answered	64
					skipped	0

**Your Parish How long has your household lived in the parish of Brettenham. Please tick one box only**

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Less than 12 months		6.35%	4
2	1-5 years		22.22%	14
3	6-10 years		19.05%	12
4	11-15 years		14.29%	9
5	16-20 years		7.94%	5
6	Over 20 years		30.16%	19
			answered	63
			skipped	1

**Which of the following attracted you to living in the parish of Brettenham Tick all that apply**

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	A friendly place to live		37.10%	23
2	A safe place to live		37.10%	23
3	Easy access to countryside		66.13%	41
4	Good access to employment		14.52%	9
5	Schools catchment area		8.06%	5
6	Green spaces		67.74%	42
7	Church		11.29%	7
8	Historic setting		22.58%	14
9	Rural Atmosphere		80.65%	50
10	Suitable housing		40.32%	25
11	Village activities/community groups		24.19%	15
12	Village feel		50.00%	31
13	Type of housing		29.03%	18
14	Other (please specify):	<input type="text"/>	24.19%	15
			answered	62
			skipped	2

Other (please specify): (15)

1	Employment in Suffolk
2	Husbands change of job



### Which of the following attracted you to living in the parish of Brettenham Tick all that apply

3	Distance away from busy amenities which attract traffic and noise Focus on character property rather than new builds.
4	Not being on a busy or noisy road was and is extremely important to us. The peace and quiet. It's a relatively unspoiled small village. Period character cottages. Wonderful rural views. Excellent footpaths. Small community. Away from larger villages and more built up areas. Lack of housing development and no plans for expansion.
5	I bought my house and barns to avoid it being sold away from our farm and because I like the quiet and private setting.
6	It was very close to our place of employment and had affordable housing at that time - 1985
7	Proximity to family
8	Near family
9	Born here
10	Feel of isolation and we'll away from the hustle and bustle of towns. The amazing quietness, but that was 33 years ago.
11	Relative proximity to transport nodes (rail stations in Stowmarket, Bury St Ed, Cambridge, Colchester, airport at Stansted), and road links (A14) enabling reasonable access to UK destinations and international networks.
12	Near new job.
13	Affordable compared to South East
14	Born here
15	Born in Brettenham. Lived here for 82 years

### What do you think are the positive features of our community? Tick all that apply

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open and green spaces	88.89%	56
2	Local wildlife and habitats	84.13%	53
3	Friendly and safe environment	77.78%	49
4	The Church	44.44%	28
5	Access to Countryside	92.06%	58
6	Social Activities	57.14%	36
7	Rural Character	80.95%	51
8	Sense of Community	69.84%	44
9	The Village Hall	74.60%	47
10	Footpaths	76.19%	48














### What do you think are the positive features of our community? Tick all that apply

11	Peace and quiet		82.54%	52
12	Anything else?		4.76%	3
			answered	63
			skipped	1

#### Anything else? (3)

1	Friendly and supportive community
2	Attractive period local architecture
3	The views we have from our home. Quiet, safe road. Small and quiet village. Away from busier areas.

### What concerns you in the community? Tick all that apply

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Pedestrian safety		33.87%	21
2	Speed of traffic		77.42%	48
3	Dog fouling		41.94%	26
4	Sewerage treatment and disposal		8.06%	5
5	Poor mobile phone reception		41.94%	26
6	Affordable housing		24.19%	15
7	Volume of traffic		30.65%	19
8	Litter		37.10%	23
9	Light pollution e.g. exterior or security lighting		22.58%	14
10	Poor broadband		37.10%	23
11	Housing		9.68%	6
12	Flooding		6.45%	4
13	Anything else?		20.97%	13
			answered	62
			skipped	2

#### Anything else? (13)

1	Not enough affordable housing.
2	Not enough affordable housing
3	The possibility of future developments ruining the peace and quiet and rural nature of our village

### What concerns you in the community? Tick all that apply

4	My greatest concern is if the peacefulness of the village was compromised by new housing developments. We moved from a more urban area as it was becoming spoiled by developments with noise and general business.
5	Gradual sub-urbanisation of some surrounding villages. I hope Brettenham can avoid this! Dog poo bins/street lights/excessive private flood lighting/inappropriate new housing etc.
6	Any future housing development
7	Speeding school run to OBH
8	The village needs to attract young families to keep a lively and active community
9	Urbanisation of the village
10	Broadband ok when working. Would be good to use village hall or a new hub location with broadband if home broadband is down.
11	People who do not understand the countryside and believe they have free unencumbered access across private ground and use it in a disrespectful way, particularly with dogs
12	I want to emphasise the matter of poor broadband - at the top of Dux Street we are connected to the Felsham telephone exchange - we have terrible broadband as a result - this is a major concern and impacts on a daily basis on the quality of our life - both working and leisure.
13	NB Volume of traffic is included on the online version but not on the printed version issued to households.

### Looking first at the village hall, under normal circumstances how often do you or members of your household visit/attend the following? Please provide one tick for each row

Answer Choices	Daily	Once a week	Once a month	Less often	Never	Response Total
Village hall (the building)	0.00% 0	24.19% 15	35.48% 22	33.87% 21	6.45% 4	62
Parking at the village hall	0.00% 0	12.07% 7	13.79% 8	27.59% 16	46.55% 27	58
Village Inn	0.00% 0	6.56% 4	50.82% 31	31.15% 19	11.48% 7	61
Creative classes (art, music etc.)	0.00% 0	7.69% 4	1.92% 1	17.31% 9	73.08% 38	52
Fitness classes (Pilates, yoga etc.)	0.00% 0	29.31% 17	5.17% 3	8.62% 5	56.90% 33	58
Brettenham Flyers	0.00% 0	18.18% 10	1.82% 1	9.09% 5	70.91% 39	55
Gardening Club	0.00% 0	5.45% 3	7.27% 4	18.18% 10	69.09% 38	55
Cards/Whist/Crib/Bridge group	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	3.77% 2	96.23% 51	53
					answered	63
					skipped	1

**The Playing Field: How often do you or members of your household visit the following? Please provide one tick for each row**

Answer Choices	Daily	Once a week	Once a month	Less often	Never	Response Total
The current play area	1.59% 1	3.17% 2	15.87% 10	33.33% 21	46.03% 29	63
The current seating	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	9.68% 6	46.77% 29	43.55% 27	62
					answered	63
					skipped	1

**Around the village: How often would you or members of your household use/visit the following? Please provide one tick for each row**

Answer Choices	Daily	Once a week	Once a month	Less often	Never	Response Total
Allotments	4.92% 3	1.64% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	93.44% 57	61
Mobile library	0.00% 0	1.61% 1	16.13% 10	6.45% 4	75.81% 47	62
					answered	62
					skipped	2

**The village infrastructure: How often do you or members of your household visit/attend/use the following? Please provide one tick for each row**

Answer Choices	Daily	Once a week	Once a month	Less often	Never	Response Total
Brettenham Village Association	1.59% 1	7.94% 5	28.57% 18	41.27% 26	20.63% 13	63
St Mary's Church community	0.00% 0	8.06% 5	11.29% 7	33.87% 21	46.77% 29	62
Old Buckenham Hall School	1.64% 1	3.28% 2	0.00% 0	21.31% 13	73.77% 45	61
Centre Academy	1.61% 1	0.00% 0	1.61% 1	6.45% 4	90.32% 56	62
Broadband	93.44% 57	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	6.56% 4	61
Phone signals	91.80% 56	3.28% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	4.92% 3	61
Our closest primary school: Rattlesden	3.23% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	1.61% 1	95.16% 59	62
Our closest secondary school: Stowmarket High School	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	3.23% 2	96.77% 60	62

**The village infrastructure: How often do you or members of your household visit/attend/use the following? Please provide one tick for each row**

Other Educational establishment	1.69% 1	1.69% 1	0.00% 0	5.08% 3	91.53% 54	59
					answered	63
					skipped	1

**Which facilities would you use if they were available? Looking first at the village hall**

Answer Choices	Definitely	Possibly	We would not use/join	Response Total
Creative classes (art, music etc.)	10.00% 6	46.67% 28	43.33% 26	60
Fitness classes (Pilates, yoga etc.)	29.51% 18	39.34% 24	31.15% 19	61
Social and leisure opportunities for Under 18s	5.08% 3	8.47% 5	86.44% 51	59
			answered	62
			skipped	2

**Which facilities would you use if they were available? Moving to the playing field**

Answer Choices	Definitely	Possibly	We would not use/join	Response Total
Improvements to play equipment at Village Hall	19.05% 12	20.63% 13	60.32% 38	63
			answered	63
			skipped	1

**Description of improvements (12)**

1	Outdoor exercise equipment
2	I really think the field should be part of the village hall and be owned by the village Outside class like tai chi would be nice Outside gym equipment suitable for all ages would be nice to have
3	A slide!
4	Something for older children would be great such as a basket ball net
5	Just further play equipment - not essential but with young family visiting they would definitely use it!
6	A slide!! Other playgrounds in surrounding villages are better and more age appropriate
7	More equipment for older children/teenagers, e.g. zipwire
8	Activities for older children, zip line



### Which facilities would you use if they were available? Moving to the playing field

9	Additional play equipment
10	More items for younger children such as a traditional slide or seesaw.
11	Zip wire for older children Exercise equipment for adults
12	We would use a shaded area outside village hall for art classes outdoors. We could operate the former shading blind electronically but the new umbrellas are not accessible to the art class, and are heavy and difficult for the members to operate even if we could get them out.

### Which facilities would you use if they were available? Getting out and about

Answer Choices	Definitely	Possibly	We would not use/join	Response Total
Car share schemes	1.61% 1	38.71% 24	59.68% 37	62
Regular bus service	9.52% 6	47.62% 30	42.86% 27	63
Community transport	3.28% 2	47.54% 29	49.18% 30	61
Organised trips to nearby attractions	4.76% 3	57.14% 36	38.10% 24	63
Improved Footpaths	68.25% 43	22.22% 14	9.52% 6	63
			answered	63
			skipped	1

### Which facilities would you use if they were available? The village infrastructure

Answer Choices	Definitely	Possibly	We would not use/join	Response Total
A childcare provision	3.17% 2	6.35% 4	90.48% 57	63
New or Improved community meeting spaces	11.48% 7	44.26% 27	44.26% 27	61
Improved Broadband	77.78% 49	17.46% 11	4.76% 3	63
Improved mobile Phone signals	87.30% 55	9.52% 6	3.17% 2	63
Renewable energy	48.39% 30	40.32% 25	11.29% 7	62

### Which facilities would you use if they were available? The village infrastructure

Business opportunities	4.76% 3	26.98% 17	68.25% 43	63
Employment opportunities	4.84% 3	25.81% 16	69.35% 43	62
			answered	63
			skipped	1

### Services outside the village: Do you find it difficult to access any of the following services? Please tick one box for each row

Answer Choices	Always	Sometimes	Never	Not applicable	Response Total
Doctors (GP)	0.00% 0	15.87% 10	84.13% 53	0.00% 0	63
Chemist/Pharmacy	0.00% 0	9.52% 6	90.48% 57	0.00% 0	63
Optician	0.00% 0	9.68% 6	87.10% 54	3.23% 2	62
Dentist	4.76% 3	14.29% 9	80.95% 51	0.00% 0	63
Vet	0.00% 0	8.06% 5	62.90% 39	29.03% 18	62
Convenience shopping	3.28% 2	13.11% 8	81.97% 50	1.64% 1	61
Supermarket/weekly shop	3.17% 2	4.76% 3	90.48% 57	1.59% 1	63
Public transport connections	4.92% 3	19.67% 12	32.79% 20	42.62% 26	61
Regular Post Office services	1.61% 1	22.58% 14	72.58% 45	3.23% 2	62
Banking	9.52% 6	15.87% 10	61.90% 39	12.70% 8	63
Taxi services	8.20% 5	27.87% 17	44.26% 27	19.67% 12	61
Schools/Nurseries	0.00% 0	3.28% 2	27.87% 17	68.85% 42	61
	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	36.36% 4	63.64% 7	11
				answered	63
				skipped	1
Other, please specify: (3)					

**Services outside the village: Do you find it difficult to access any of the following services? Please tick one box for each row**

1	Obviously all these facilities are within reach if you drive. The difficulty comes if you are too young, old or unable to drive. Also for some of the village the nearest Primary school is Bildeston (Those near Hitcham or Bury road)
2	Riad closures put me off
3	I am still able to drive. However it would be impossible to find access to all the above if I could not drive.

**How often do you go to the following towns and villages? Please tick those that apply.**

Answer Choices	Daily	Once a week	Twice a week	Monthly	Less often	Never	Response Total
Hadleigh	0.00% 0	25.81% 16	0.00% 0	37.10% 23	32.26% 20	4.84% 3	62
Stowmarket	1.59% 1	30.16% 19	1.59% 1	34.92% 22	26.98% 17	4.76% 3	63
Ipswich	0.00% 0	1.59% 1	1.59% 1	11.11% 7	58.73% 37	26.98% 17	63
Bury St Edmunds	4.76% 3	17.46% 11	6.35% 4	50.79% 32	20.63% 13	0.00% 0	63
Sudbury	1.59% 1	17.46% 11	11.11% 7	30.16% 19	34.92% 22	4.76% 3	63
Felsham	3.23% 2	14.52% 9	3.23% 2	20.97% 13	45.16% 28	12.90% 8	62
Hitcham	3.28% 2	29.51% 18	6.56% 4	31.15% 19	22.95% 14	6.56% 4	61
Bildeston	1.59% 1	22.22% 14	6.35% 4	44.44% 28	20.63% 13	4.76% 3	63
Lavenham	6.35% 4	28.57% 18	22.22% 14	26.98% 17	12.70% 8	3.17% 2	63
						answered	63
						skipped	1

**For each settlement, please identify the normal purposes for your visit**

Answer Choices	Work	Education	Food Shopping	Non-Food Shopping	Sport and Recreation	Health Services	Other Leisure Activities	Response Total
Hadleigh	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	41.38% 24	31.03% 18	3.45% 2	10.34% 6	13.79% 8	58
Stowmarket	0.00% 0	1.85% 1	48.15% 26	37.04% 20	1.85% 1	9.26% 5	1.85% 1	54
Ipswich	6.98% 3	2.33% 1	4.65% 2	41.86% 18	9.30% 4	9.30% 4	25.58% 11	43

**For each settlement, please identify the normal purposes for your visit**

Bury St Edmunds	9.68% 6	1.61% 1	29.03% 18	43.55% 27	0.00% 0	4.84% 3	11.29% 7	62	
Sudbury	3.45% 2	1.72% 1	50.00% 29	31.03% 18	1.72% 1	3.45% 2	8.62% 5	58	
Felsham	9.52% 4	0.00% 0	21.43% 9	28.57% 12	9.52% 4	0.00% 0	30.95% 13	42	
Hitcham	4.35% 2	0.00% 0	47.83% 22	30.43% 14	2.17% 1	2.17% 1	13.04% 6	46	
Bildeston	1.67% 1	0.00% 0	6.67% 4	6.67% 4	3.33% 2	68.33% 41	13.33% 8	60	
Lavenham	3.28% 2	0.00% 0	54.10% 33	16.39% 10	3.28% 2	1.64% 1	21.31% 13	61	
								answered	63
								skipped	1

**Your home and household today Please tick to indicate your current tenure type:**

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Private rented	0.00%	0
2	Owned/mortgaged	96.83%	61
3	Social rented	1.59%	1
4	Shared-Ownership	0.00%	0
5	Affordable	0.00%	0
6	Living with Family	0.00%	0
7	Provided with Employment	1.59%	1
8	Other (please describe):	0.00%	0
		answered	63
		skipped	1
Other (please describe): (0)			
No answers found.			

Please tick to indicate the type of home you currently live in:

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Flat/Studio	0.00%	0
2	Detached Bungalow	6.35%	4
3	Detached House	55.56%	35
4	Semi-detached house	28.57%	18
5	Semi-detached bungalow	0.00%	0
6	Terraced house	9.52%	6
7	Other (please describe):	0.00%	0
		answered	63
		skipped	1
Other (please describe): (0)			
No answers found.			

Please tick to indicate the size of your current home:

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	1 bedroom	0.00%	0
2	2 bedroom	4.76%	3
3	3 bedroom	53.97%	34
4	4 Bedroom	33.33%	21
5	5 or more bedroom	7.94%	5
		answered	63
		skipped	1



## What factors influenced your decision to live in your current home? Tick all that apply

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	To move from Urban area to country		46.77%	29
2	To move to a smaller home		16.13%	10
3	Wanted to buy a newly built home		3.23%	2
4	A smaller garden		3.23%	2
5	Free up capital investment		4.84%	3
6	Wanted to rent a home		1.61%	1
7	To be closer to work or a new job		19.35%	12
8	Access problems (e.g., stairs)		3.23%	2
9	To provide care to family/friends		3.23%	2
10	To move to a school catchment area		3.23%	2
11	To move to cheaper accommodation		4.84%	3
12	To move to a larger home		24.19%	15
13	A bigger garden		40.32%	25
14	Easier to maintain house		6.45%	4
15	Wanted to buy own home		19.35%	12
16	To move closer to family and friends		11.29%	7
17	Retirement		14.52%	9
18	To make it easier to receive care/support		1.61%	1
19	To move to a better neighbourhood		25.81%	16
20	To move to a safer area		22.58%	14
21	Other (please specify):		19.35%	12
			answered	62
			skipped	2
Other (please specify): (12)				
1	Loved the views and peaceful place to live			
2	For peace and quiet To be away from increasing housing development in more urban areas/larger & expanding villages To enjoy the countryside, views and nature			

**What factors influenced your decision to live in your current home? Tick all that apply**

3	We loved the the small size of the village, the views, period properties, peace and quiet and low volume of traffic. Brettenham hasn't been spoiled by housing development.
4	Facilities - such as workshop- to work from home
5	It's in the middle of our farm and I didn't want to see it sold outside the family.
6	Marriage
7	Not too far from family or work but very rural and close to Lavenham - Brettenham is in a very nice area and we felt house prices are unlikely ever to dip. Could also make improvements to the house to increase value.
8	move from rural to more rural
9	For a peaceful life, ruined by all the traffic and particularly th light pollution generated by OBH
10	Built my own house on my land
11	To escape the chaos of town living!!!
12	Born here, always lived here.

**As already defined, the Neighbourhood Plan is about the future of the village and its residents. The answers to the following questions will help to determine the housing needs in the future. Our Neighbourhood plan will cover the period to 2037. Whilst no one can predict the future, how might your housing needs change during that time? Do you think that you might move?**





Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes (Go to Question 25)		57.14% 36
2	No (Go to Question 26)		42.86% 27
		answered	63
		skipped	1

**If you think you might move, please tick any situation that might apply**






<b>Answer Choices</b>	<b>Within the next ten years</b>	<b>Beyond 2030</b>	<b>Don't know</b>	<b>Response Total</b>
To move closer to family or friends	43.75% 7	43.75% 7	12.50% 2	16
Wanting to rent a home	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 6	6
To move to cheaper accommodation	36.36% 4	18.18% 2	45.45% 5	11
Wanting to buy own home	33.33% 2	0.00% 0	66.67% 4	6
To be closer to work or a new job	28.57% 2	0.00% 0	71.43% 5	7
To move to a smaller home	47.37% 9	36.84% 7	15.79% 3	19
To move to an accessible home	33.33% 5	40.00% 6	26.67% 4	15
To move to a larger home to make it easier to receive care/support	20.00% 2	20.00% 2	60.00% 6	10
Wanting to buy a newly built home	16.67% 1	16.67% 1	66.67% 4	6
To provide care to family/friends	25.00% 2	12.50% 1	62.50% 5	8
Wanting a bigger garden	40.00% 4	10.00% 1	50.00% 5	10
Wanting a smaller garden	38.10% 8	38.10% 8	23.81% 5	21
To move to a school catchment area	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 5	5
Retirement	40.00% 6	40.00% 6	20.00% 3	15
Wanting an easier to maintain home	47.83% 11	34.78% 8	17.39% 4	23
			answered	34
			skipped	30






**Your children's future housing needs. If you have children who currently live with you, do you think they may want to remain in the village over the next ten years**

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		3.39%	2
2	No (Explain below and then go to Question 28)		8.47%	5
3	No idea		6.78%	4
4	Not applicable		81.36%	48
			answered	59
			skipped	5
If NO, is there a reason for this? (4)				
1	Not enough affordable housing for them. Opportunities for work are limited.			
2	Employment and opportunities for employment are limited in this rural location.			
3	Likkely will move closer to family			
4	Too young to move out in next 10 years!			

**If you answered yes to 26 what housing do you think they may require? (Please tick all that may apply in this time period)**

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Flat/Studio 1 bedroom		0.00%	0
2	Shared ownership/Help to buy scheme type properties		12.50%	1
3	Bungalow 2/3 Bedroom		12.50%	1
4	House 2/3 bedroom		25.00%	2
5	Larger Family home 3+ bedroom		12.50%	1
6	Other (please describe):		37.50%	3
			answered	8
			skipped	56
Other (please describe): (3)				
1	Not applicable			
2	N/a as she will be 16 in ten years			
3	Eco houses (all sizes) with low bills for affordability			

## Future Development in Brettenham Would you like to see additional houses built in Brettenham? (Please tick)

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		39.68%	25
2	No		41.27%	26
3	No preference		19.05%	12
			answered	63
			skipped	1








If NO please give reasons: (23)

1	I think there is a value in keeping some places traditional and unspoilt ... there is a beauty and charm that would change.... the roads and infrastructure does not support more housing
2	In my opinion we have had enough new builds over the last 10 years and Brettenham will change if we keep allowing new properties to be built. It is a lovely community, we look out for each other without being intrusive and we do not have the facilities for housing estates or such like. We moved here to be in a rural village with beautiful countryside and fewer people and Brettenham is lovely as it is.
3	Brettenham is not a sustainable village.
4	Too many new buildings and increase of traffic on minor roads in a village with no amenities
5	<p>The reason we moved to Brettenham was to get away from the increased development of surrounding towns and larger villages. It would be a complete outrage to allow yet another beautiful Suffolk village to be negatively affected by development and lose it's sense of character and identity as a result. Furthermore, the lack of mains drainage and the lack of mains gas/renewable energy options in such a rural position would mean that future development would be un-ecological and would contribute to the strain on an already stretched network of ditches/private drainage solutions.</p> <p>To have more dwellings within the village will increase traffic, increase pollution, increase noise, put strain on narrow country lanes, increase the number of potholes and, overall, decrease the enjoyment of a peaceful rural setting. Further development would, in my view, constitute an unnecessary and unacceptable intrusion into beautiful and protected countryside in an area where there have been plenty of new build properties built in surrounding towns and larger villages already which amply cover the demand for such homes without the need to build more. Working in residential sales myself within the local area, it is clear to me that a number of new build sites (including those in Lavenham by Marden Homes and Hopkins Homes and Elms Croft in Long Melford by Kier) have been very slow to sell indicating the lack of demand for new houses which are intrusive to the visual appeal of the period architecture regularly seen in Brettenham and surrounding villages which have a rich and prosperous history.</p> <p>It goes without saying that further development would obstruct the views of the countryside for many residents within the village. The field and church views which we currently enjoy were the primary reason we moved into our house and we would be utterly devastated for these views to be compromised by unattractive modern architecture which is not commensurate with that primarily seen throughout the village. Brettenham, uniquely, retains it's status as a peaceful and rural village where wildlife and nature thrives and future development would run contrary to the very core of what our beautiful village is about.</p>
6	Absolutely not, I very strongly oppose any more housing in Brettenham. Invading small, historical and characterful country villages to expand and modernise is unacceptable and unfair to its residents, who have specifically chosen to live in a small and quiet rural village for a reason.
7	I'm in favour of sensitively designed new housing. Either development of redundant buildings, replacement dwellings or new builds to fulfil a specific need. I wouldn't like to see new clusters of housing on greenfield sites as I don't think we have the facilities to warrant expansion of the village and the roads are already in poor condition with the current traffic levels. The river Brett already floods regularly towards the OBH end of the village during winter, this will only get worse each time a new house is built, sending more surface runoff down the existing river and culverts.
8	Given the lack of services and amount of traffic already in the village.
9	Maintain small community feel and peace and tranquility of the surroundings

### Future Development in Brettenham Would you like to see additional houses built in Brettenham? (Please tick)

10	Based on other new development, my reasons are poor generic design, poor quality, not carbon neutral and often insensitively sited. Developers seem to be only interested in profit as a consequence of which most new housing is not affordable for those whose need is greatest.
11	New builds would spoil the beauty of the village
12	Do not want mass scale development but I would caveat that the odd new house is great and we in fact have aspirations to build our own so am not against singular developments - just no housing estates!
13	but only a few
14	Village is a nice size at the moment. Many more houses would prevent everyone getting together in village Inn.
15	Insufficient amenities and infrastructure to support this, and to increase such would spoil the current hamlet "feel"
16	Do not wish to change the nature of the village
17	Lack of infrastructure and transport links
18	The lock authority needs to ensure its consistency in what they deem to be acceptable and non acceptable within a conservation area
19	Brettenham is a small rural village, there is no need for more housing which will spoil its rural character. There are few available suitable sites.
20	Not in my back yard
21	Babergh during their continuing delays in finalizing the district plan. Have passed more building applications inside and outside the Brettenham settlement area that would ever be allowed for a hamlet during the entire term of the plan. There is no consistency with the types of housing developments being passed, some blend in suitably while many others have no connection in style or materials used.
22	spoil village feel
23	More housing could lead to drugs and crime










### If your answer above was 'yes' what are your reasons? Tick all that apply

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	To enable young people to remain in the community		84.62% 22
2	To meet the wider need for more housing		42.31% 11
3	To enable older people to move to suitable accommodation		65.38% 17
4	To maintain sufficient use of village services and amenities		50.00% 13
5	To add to the social mix of the community		50.00% 13
6	To fund improvements to community facilities		38.46% 10
7	Other reasons:		3.85% 1

**If your answer above was 'yes' what are your reasons? Tick all that apply**

	answered	26
	skipped	38
Other reasons: (1)		
1	Only a few houses in infill areas of village. The houses built in Brettenham over the last 5 years or so do not local people remain in the area.	

**If future development in Brettenham were to take place what types of additional accommodation would you like to see in Brettenham until 2037? Please tick as many as you like You may find it useful to know that a proportion of affordable housing is normally expected on developments of 10 or more homes.**

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	1-2 bed starter homes (owned)		61.40%	35
2	3-4 bed family houses (owned)		47.37%	27
3	5+ bed houses (owned)		8.77%	5
4	1-2 bed flats		3.51%	2
5	Bungalows		36.84%	21
6	Social rented homes		17.54%	10
7	Private rented homes		3.51%	2
8	Retirement homes and sheltered accommodation		24.56%	14
9	Other (please specify):		14.04%	8
			answered	57
			skipped	7

Other (please specify): (8)

1	We are strongly averse to future development
2	Opposed
3	Conversions of redundant buildings, either for holiday lets or private rental.
4	None
5	Until this is more carefully thought out in terms of genuine need and north v South I don't really have an opinion.
6	One off builds in keeping with the village and conservation area
7	None
8	self build plots for use to build passivehouse eco homes (all sizes)

Please give reasons for your views and suggest any other type of accommodation you feel has been missed (18)

1	As before I would not like to see anymore development but if this was not a choice then maybe some bungalows.
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2	Improve the social mix of the village
3	Recent developments have been smaller than the ten needed to supply us with some affordable housing, which I think is wrong. We need a mixed community to keep it thriving and to support the local schools.
4	I am concerned that the lack of affordable housing in the village means young families will not be able to live here. I also feel that a lot of the housing stock is not user friendly for people with a disability due to the age of the majority of properties in the village.
5	I think there are not many options for people wanting to move out of the old cottages etc due to old age. If they were able to do this it might free up houses for younger people who wish to stay in the village.
6	Although remote the village would be a safe, rural environment for families.
7	The current property prices are prohibitive for most young people wanting to stay or move into the village so affordable housing or social rentals would help address this issue. All the recent new builds have been large and expensive so not suitable for young people or older people wishing to stay in the village but downsize. A more diverse population would enrich village life and the community.
8	The ones I have picked are what I would personally look to buy and done properly can be very attractive and improve the look of the village.
9	Encourage more families to move to the village
10	We live in a rural community and need to encourage young people to stay local to maintain services in our area
11	These are house types currently unavailable
12	The need for starter homes to help young people get on the housing ladder.
13	We should only be building housing to passive house standards and this is currently mainly being driven and delivered by self builders. Land should be made available for self build with planning only for passive house environmentally sound development. Any building or redevelopment work should not use oil fired heating. Current building regulations are low and inadequate for our climate change targets - most building companies/developers are using minimum building regulations which is a poor standard for any new development. I live in a new build (2020) and I have experience of this first hand.
14	There is a need for new homes across the country - Brettenham needs to 'do its bit' within what is manageable for a small rural village - it is important that new housing is proportionate to the size of the village and that the design of any new housing fits in with the aesthetic of good quality Suffolk vernacular. We do not want to see thoughtlessly designed modern bugalows dropped in to the neighbourhood - this doesn't mean that there can never be contemporary architecture but it needs to be of high quality and properly designed. New housing needs to take account of the rural environment and to protect important views but this should not be used in a 'nimby' way to preclude all new development.
15	Lack of facilities in Brettenham
16	The village only has a small number of smaller houses for young couples and families and has no affordable housing.
17	Developmental provision of large (3-4+ / 5+) bed housing has been relatively significant given size of Brettenham. Provision of starter / social home / retirement / sheltered accomodation units to support younger and older residents (in conjunction with necessary transport and media link improvements).
18	We are of an age that we need to down size due to health reasons. There are no suitable places in the village. Out neighbour had to leave two years ago for the same reasons.

If future development in Brettenham were to take place, where would you consider suitable areas for this to take place? The Babergh Local Plan Settlement Boundaries are shown in purple on the map and a complete map of the parish may be seen on the village website [brettenhamonesuffolk.net](http://brettenhamonesuffolk.net)

Answer Choices	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion	Response Total
On sites within Brettenham settlement boundaries	20.69% 12	36.21% 21	6.90% 4	18.97% 11	17.24% 10	58
On greenfield sites outside the existing settlement boundaries	0.00% 0	18.64% 11	15.25% 9	54.24% 32	11.86% 7	59
On Brownfield sites i.e., where there is/was industrial/agricultural activity	25.40% 16	38.10% 24	7.94% 5	19.05% 12	9.52% 6	63
By conversion of existing properties into apartments	6.78% 4	22.03% 13	15.25% 9	30.51% 18	25.42% 15	59
In gardens of existing properties	1.61% 1	37.10% 23	17.74% 11	27.42% 17	16.13% 10	62
					answered	63
					skipped	1
Other (please specify) (6)						
1	On the whole I think any developments should keep within the development areas and brownfield areas, which I think should include barns and old farm buildings rather than building on green field sites. If houses can be fitted comfortably into gardens of existing properties that seems quite reasonable as the ones we have had do that look quite in keeping with the rest of the village. The design is important though.					
2						
3	Would strongly oppose building on any green or brown field sites					
4	Agree that existing buildings such as barns could be converted to dwellings, just not apartments. And my comments about development on other sites still reflect that I think it should only be nice, singular developments, not simultaneous multiple houses or estates.					
5	Please see comments below.					
6	I would be in favour of development beyond the current Settlement Boundaries shown in purple but only on the opposite side of the main road to that currently built - i.e. to have houses on both sides of the road but not in any area otherwise outside the village - i.e. not in areas of unspoilt countryside. I would rather see new housing (one house deep) along the undeveloped side of the road than that any property currently backing on to open farmland has its rural outlook spoilt.					

**If future development in Brettenham were to take place what would you prefer them to look like:**

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Infilling within the defined settlement boundary		71.93%	41
2	Several small developments of 6-10 dwellings		0.00%	0
3	No preference		10.53%	6
4	Individual premises outside the current settlement boundary		29.82%	17
5	Several small developments of up to 5 dwellings		29.82%	17
6	1 or 2 larger developments		0.00%	0
			answered	57
			skipped	7

Do you have any ideas on specific locations for such developments. Please describe the location below:-  
(10)

1	For these small developments to include affordable housing.  I think I might extend the development area a little, on the road to bury road, especially since developments have happened there anyway and it's outside the purple area on the map.
2	In the rare case that a positive argument for a new home can be advanced, in my opinion the least intrusive option would be as infill between existing dwellings within the settlement boundary. However I feel there is no justifiable need to create further housing even in this manner.
3	As above, I wouldn't want to see new clusters of housing except maybe a cluster of 3 or 4 retirement properties similar the ones in Thorpe. Other than that, infill within the settlement boundary or conversion/replacement of existing buildings. I would have thought down the drive towards Park Farm alongside the existing Park Farm cottages would be a discreet and low impact place for a small number of retirement properties or similar. It has good access to the village hall and would not detract from the open feel and countryside views of the village. Otherwise, the former Church Farm yard might be suitable.
4	No
5	Between the church and old school corner but small development The old scrap yard
6	Prefer not to see further development
7	Whenever land is available. Plot sizes should be min 1/4 acre as gardens provide places for wildlife and a safe area away from farmers land where pesticides are used extensively used
8	Limited to only a handful of houses that do not change the overall nature of the village. Too much In filling will totally destroy the nature of a linear village
9	See above - along the main road but not in open country sites.
10	Brownfield sites at Church Farm and the old scrap yard.

### How important do you feel the following issues are, relating to potential new development in Brettenham?

Answer Choices	Very important	Important	Not important	No opinion	Response Total
Speed of traffic in the vicinity of Brettenham	72.58% 45	20.97% 13	4.84% 3	1.61% 1	62
Volume of cars passing through the village	56.45% 35	32.26% 20	9.68% 6	1.61% 1	62
Encouraging sustainable forms of transport (bus, cycling, walking)	44.26% 27	31.15% 19	13.11% 8	11.48% 7	61
Movement of lorries and heavy goods vehicles in the village	55.74% 34	29.51% 18	11.48% 7	3.28% 2	61
Highway safety on narrow roads	66.10% 39	30.51% 18	3.39% 2	0.00% 0	59
Damage caused to the existing roads	63.93% 39	34.43% 21	1.64% 1	0.00% 0	61
Parking within the village	49.18% 30	31.15% 19	11.48% 7	8.20% 5	61
Access to local services	38.33% 23	38.33% 23	15.00% 9	8.33% 5	60
				answered	63
				skipped	1

#### Other impacts of development (please specify) or any comments on the answers you have given: (11)

1	There is no infrastructure for sewerage in general and any increase in housing needs increased support. Broadband is already an issue, so checking that infrastructure is suitable for new housing is vital.
2	New housing development would increase traffic, increase noise, increase pollution, put strain on narrow country lanes making them more dangerous, increase the number of potholes, potentially spoil views, make quiet footpaths busier, modernise a historical and characterful village, remove character from the village, make the community larger than wanted or needed, and overall, decrease the enjoyment of a peaceful rural setting.
3	Light pollution. No on street parking to be allowed.
4	Development is likely to devalue our investment in our property and dilute the community feel of the village
5	I would only add I don't think that sustainable forms of transport are really important, purely because there wot be massive uptake on buses and we're so remote you can't really cycle or walk anywhere of note!
6	More road signs will likely go up and more paint on the roads - unnecessary in my view but seem to appear with new developments
7	Needs to be off road parking in order to free up the road
8	There does not appear to be a question on "No development"
9	More houses = more pressure on roads/nature/natural environment/drainage
10	Impacts of development can be reduced hugely by specifying passive house factory built housing reducing on-site old fashioned building techniques/sites
11	I feel Brettenham's linear form should be respected. In addition I have reservations about how suitable Brettenham would be for development in terms of the limited public transport links. It is only suitable for



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people with cars who are prepared/able to travel out of the village for amenities and the conservation area status can make some elements of sustainable development (for example solar panels) not possible.

## How important do you think each of the following are to maintaining and improving quality of life in Brettenham?

Answer Choices	Very important	Important	Not important	No opinion	Response Total
The relatively small size of the village	71.43% 45	25.40% 16	0.00% 0	3.17% 2	63
The rural and historic character of the village	74.60% 47	25.40% 16	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	63
Protecting the character of the conservation area	66.67% 40	33.33% 20	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	60
Widening the Conservation Area further	27.87% 17	40.98% 25	22.95% 14	8.20% 5	61
Protecting the open countryside around the village	78.69% 48	19.67% 12	1.64% 1	0.00% 0	61
Protecting the Views and Vistas approaching and leaving Brettenham	64.52% 40	29.03% 18	4.84% 3	1.61% 1	62
Preserving views between the existing housing	49.21% 31	34.92% 22	15.87% 10	0.00% 0	63
Preserving views from existing homes	61.29% 38	35.48% 22	3.23% 2	0.00% 0	62
Community spirit, community activities and groups	53.23% 33	38.71% 24	3.23% 2	4.84% 3	62
Improve signposting for visitors, walkers and cyclists	19.67% 12	39.34% 24	34.43% 21	6.56% 4	61
Keeping road, Footpaths and Pavements well maintained	60.32% 38	39.68% 25	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	63
Good footpath signs	53.23% 33	41.94% 26	4.84% 3	0.00% 0	62
Managing Litter/dog fouling	57.14% 36	33.33% 21	4.76% 3	4.76% 3	63
Off road parking	39.68% 25	41.27% 26	12.70% 8	6.35% 4	63
More benches around the village	11.48% 7	32.79% 20	47.54% 29	8.20% 5	61
Parking on pavements and or verges	44.44% 28	30.16% 19	14.29% 9	11.11% 7	63
Preservation of the church and monuments	49.21% 31	42.86% 27	3.17% 2	4.76% 3	63
Use of local building materials	34.43% 21	49.18% 30	9.84% 6	6.56% 4	61

**How important do you think each of the following are to maintaining and improving quality of life in Brettenham?**

Use of local traditional building styles	43.55% 27	35.48% 22	19.35% 12	1.61% 1	62
Modern style housing	12.90% 8	24.19% 15	51.61% 32	11.29% 7	62
				answered	63
				skipped	1

**Are there any other improvements or changes you think may add to the character and environment of the village? (10)**

1	Removing the large and unsightly shipping container at the village hall and replace with an in-keeping timber storage shed.
2	Modern innovative architecture rather than 'one size fits all' bland housing developments
3	I'm not sure what you mean by how important is parking on pavements and verges? For clarity, I think its important that people don't park on pavements and verges rather than important that they do! Re building materials and styles, I don't think these things matter as long as the design is good. It seems stupid to be building with old fashioned building materials and techniques when more eco friendly and longer lasting/low maintenance modern materials are available. I think this is particularly relevant to listed buildings, many of which have evolved over hundreds of years with changes in use/materials etc but are now stuck in their 1980s state, making them expensive and inefficient. If these restrictions are not relaxed they will become of little interest to future homeowners and ironically their protected status will lead to them falling into disrepair.
4	Traffic calming measures past the village hall. Cars speed round the blind corner right by the childrens play park
5	More should be done to improve wildlife habitat and diversity in the village. And to increase interaction between the village inhabitants and the environment such as the creation of a community wildlife area or wood.
6	None that the parish council could control! Some residents choose not to keep their property presentable and it's just a shame when the village is generally very well kept and some property really negatively impacts that.
7	Keeping existing parked cars off the road, pavements and verges
8	Reducing use of pesticides by farmers. Farmers should be encouraged to use no-dig farming methods which will reduce winter flooding
9	Please see comments above on style of housing.
10	Beautiful modern houses like Step Cottage and Dux Hill add to the character of the village.

**We would also be glad to hear of your favourite buildings and areas of the village you think are examples of good building design. Alternatively are there styles you think should be avoided?**

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question	100.00%	31
1	Farm houses, barn conversions No to modern designs		
2	No opinion		
3	The older styles of housing; Houses on the Street near the church and Quality Row.		
4	I think the new small infill buildings near the church have been in keeping with the style of the village with little gable ends.		

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	<p>Mill house is lovely and nicely improved a few years ago</p> <p>What I believe is the headteachers house is lovely (barn like, to the left of the newest large houses)</p> <p>I don't like the large houses near the church as I think they are out of keeping in that setting, the ones near the school are at least in their own little plot.</p>
5	<p>Dux Hill is a beautifully designed house which has sadly been negatively impacted by the bland architecture and close proximity of Old Buckenham Chase (Beales Drive).</p> <p>Buggs Farm is a beautiful detached house along Buxhall Road</p> <p>Popples Farmhouse is beautiful thatched moated house</p>
6	<p>I enjoy the thatched cottages, Suffolk white brick cottages, timber framed medieval properties and Georgian and Victorian architecture. The period properties in the village are what make it beautiful.</p>
7	<p>Individual design and use of natural materials- timber and glass- preferable to stereotypical large housing estate styles.</p> <p>Infill housing in the village has been very effective- matching the scale, design and materials to each house.</p>
8	<p>What should be avoided is what has been built on the land at OBH! Step Cottage opposite and Dux Hill next to it are examples of innovative design and an opportunity to build something that echoed those designs was missed in favour of bland 'off the shelf' housing development.</p>
9	<p>I like the modern extensions done to houses like the Gardens, Buggs Farm etc which retain the character of the original house while updating it for modern living. Similarly the new garage/annexe at Francis House looks great next to the old cottage. The new builds in the style of the old estate cottages opposite Old School House look good as well. I wouldn't want to see the bland modern mini housing estates like those being built on the edge of Lavenham, Cockfield and Rattlesden in our village.</p>
10	<p>Large houses should not built in brettenham</p>
11	<p>All new building should be avoided</p>
12	<p>The two new houses in The Street, Barley View and its neighbour, are particularly sympathetically designed and built. The new development in the grounds of OBH is also well designed.</p>
13	<p>I think the traditional developer 'vernacular' architecture which is not really any style should be avoided.</p>
14	<p>Not to be biased but I very much like our own house: rendered with some brick trim below. Barn style property is very attractive as are partial brick and partial rendered property. The use of timber framing and glass where appropriate is great also, but in some instances solid red brick should be avoided where they are to just look like something off a new build estate. I really enjoy the use of wood, to include fascia boards and windows/ doors, uPVC can in some instances not look good.</p>
15	<p>styles to be avoided: monstrosities like Scandinavian style ugly wooden structures with lots of glass like Tudor buildings but not feasible to reproduce: there are some new builds sensitively constructed on The Street</p>
16	<p>Any new building needs to be in keeping with the style and character of other houses as has been done with Barley View and Bodhi Cottage</p>
17	<p>The new houses seem to fit in well</p> <p>The old coloured cottages and houses on the street</p> <p>Bugg's Farm</p> <p>Thatched houses All in keeping with Suffolk style</p>
18	<p>Step Cottage - modern design but fits in well</p>
19	<p>Pippin cottage and 2 new build houses of similar design</p>



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5	Views between Dux Street and The Street. Views to the east of The Street. Views to the south of Buxhall Road. Views to the west of Church Road and surrounding footpaths. Views between The Street and Buggs Lane. Views of woodland and of the footpaths and fields surrounding Old Buckenham Hall. I would like to see the far-reaching countryside views preserved at all costs.
6	Open fields and woods where possible.
7	I like the open aspect to The Street and how the road becomes more 'woody' as you head towards OBH. I love walking along Dux Street for its open vistas
8	I wouldn't want to see building on the west side of the street from Sparrows Pond to Mill corner as it would ruin the views of open countryside for the houses in the village and the open feel of the village as you go along the road.
9	All views. This survey is clearly designed to be skewed in favour of development which I find underhand. There is nothing that in any way would cause me to be in favour of any development in or around the village, regardless of build style, housing type or any amenities or services it may bring.
10	There should not be development in Dux Street or along The Street between The Shambles and Sparrows Pond. These open areas contribute significantly to the character of the village. The remaining grounds surrounding OBH and Centre Academy should also be left undeveloped to maintain the historical setting of these buildings.
11	Unless there is to be a huge amount of development, all views should be preserved.
12	All fields behind main strip of housing, and also opposite where appropriate; both immediately behind and beyond.
13	The view in the centre of the village: ie the field opposite Sir Christopher Clarke's house, also the church
14	All existing views as much as possible
15	Meadow next to The Limes
16	The view from the back of my house on the street
17	Views across woodland (Thorpe Woods, Dove Wood, Jubilee Wood) Farmland and fields along Brett Valley (between Thorpe and Brettenham) open countryside around Thorpe and Brettenham Church Open fields and countryside along the road between Church and Village Inn Views across paddocks and woodland between Popples Farm and OBH
18	Where possible, infill sites as to maintain views of existing homes
19	Rolling countryside and farmland as all too often this is being taken over by large developments.
20	It is a rural village and what remains of the existing views and vistas should be preserved as they are. Enough views have gone already.
21	My house
22	Open fields surrounding the village. The views from Lavenham to Brettenham.
23	The view over the meadow land between The Limes and Highlands,
24	Village Green / St Mary's Church / along and beside The Street / down Bury Rd to OBH Conservation / Parkland. Maintain established village BUAB envelope.

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25 | Open views to the front and back of properties along The Street

answered	25
skipped	39

**What Principles would you like to see influencing the design of any new houses?**

Answer Choices	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Response Total
Use of modern energy and eco-friendly technology	68.85% 42	29.51% 18	1.64% 1	0.00% 0	61
Have off street parking	73.77% 45	26.23% 16	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	61
Be limited to no more than 2 storeys	77.05% 47	21.31% 13	1.64% 1	0.00% 0	61
Have pavements and kerbstones by the roadside	41.38% 24	36.21% 21	20.69% 12	1.72% 1	58
Have hedges on roadside boundaries	37.29% 22	45.76% 27	16.95% 10	0.00% 0	59
Have Gardens	59.02% 36	40.98% 25	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	61
				answered	61
				skipped	3

Other (9)

- 1 | Have design in keeping with this rural community
- 2 | We are averse to the creation of additional dwellings but in the narrow set of circumstances where one would be permissible we would want them to be built in a style in keeping with the period architecture of the village with traditional methods whilst remaining eco-friendly and not negatively impacting the ecology, nature and countryside of it's surroundings.
- 3 | New builds need better traffic management during the construction phase. This was badly managed during the OBH development. Visibility assessments also need to take better account of tree/hedge planting once the property has been sold and account for the fact that there will always be speeding traffic. Roadside planting in some new houses has led to previously safe junctions becoming quite dangerous, particularly when drivers ignore the speed limit.
- 4 | This survey is clearly designed to be skewed in favour of development which I find underhand. There is nothing that in any way would cause me to be in favour of any development in or around the village, regardless of build style, housing type or any amenities or services it may bring.
- 5 | Modern, stylish design
- 6 | I would just add I think the houses should have some boundary to the road but if that's not a hedge, a tree or suitable fencing would be agreeable.
- 7 | See answer to question 30
- 8 | Gardens must be large to support more wildlife with additional tree planting or common site green areas to be 50% of total site area.

## What Principles would you like to see influencing the design of any new houses?

No more oil heating to be installed for new or existing property redevelopment  
Water recovery systems should be required for all new builds.

9 They should not overlook neighbouring houses.

## Please tell us what importance you place on the following considerations

Answer Choices	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion	Response Total
Our hedgerows and mature trees need to be protected	80.95% 51	15.87% 10	1.59% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	1.59% 1	63
We have plenty of accessible green spaces to walk in and enjoy	77.78% 49	19.05% 12	0.00% 0	1.59% 1	0.00% 0	1.59% 1	63
Replanting/replacing hedges	68.85% 42	21.31% 13	8.20% 5	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	1.64% 1	61
We need more footpaths and bridleways	22.95% 14	19.67% 12	21.31% 13	24.59% 15	4.92% 3	6.56% 4	61
I value the wildlife and biodiversity in our community	84.13% 53	14.29% 9	1.59% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	63
Open views across fields and woods are important assets to be protected	85.71% 54	12.70% 8	1.59% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	63
Our community woodlands are an important part of the community	69.84% 44	22.22% 14	3.17% 2	0.00% 0	1.59% 1	3.17% 2	63
The dark night sky is an asset	74.60% 47	19.05% 12	1.59% 1	1.59% 1	1.59% 1	1.59% 1	63
If faced with the choice, our housing need should take priority over protection of the environment	1.59% 1	9.52% 6	11.11% 7	36.51% 23	38.10% 24	3.17% 2	63
I use our churchyard to walk in and enjoy like any other green space	19.35% 12	35.48% 22	17.74% 11	11.29% 7	3.23% 2	12.90% 8	62
Our history and built heritage are important	58.06% 36	33.87% 21	6.45% 4	1.61% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	62
Our peace and rural quiet are important	78.69% 48	19.67% 12	1.64% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	61
I am in favour of developments which harvest energy from natural sources	46.77% 29	30.65% 19	8.06% 5	4.84% 3	6.45% 4	3.23% 2	62
I think we should invest in renewable energy sources in a project organised	31.15% 19	22.95% 14	24.59% 15	6.56% 4	4.92% 3	9.84% 6	61

Please tell us what importance you place on the following considerations

Atmospheric pollution	41.67% 25	28.33% 17	8.33% 5	5.00% 3	3.33% 2	13.33% 8	60	
Flood risk in the village	24.19% 15	35.48% 22	17.74% 11	4.84% 3	3.23% 2	14.52% 9	62	
Noise pollution	52.46% 32	27.87% 17	6.56% 4	4.92% 3	4.92% 3	3.28% 2	61	
Keeping the character of your parish	61.29% 38	35.48% 22	1.61% 1	1.61% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	62	
Protecting Ponds and ditches	65.57% 40	31.15% 19	0.00% 0	3.28% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	61	
Protecting green spaces	79.03% 49	17.74% 11	1.61% 1	1.61% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	62	
Protecting local rural footpaths	75.81% 47	24.19% 15	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	62	
Protecting your parishes traditional buildings and other heritage	70.49% 43	26.23% 16	1.64% 1	1.64% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	61	
Protect important views of the village and of the surrounding countryside	69.35% 43	25.81% 16	4.84% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	62	
Create new areas of trees, shrubs, flowerbeds	45.90% 28	26.23% 16	19.67% 12	1.64% 1	0.00% 0	6.56% 4	61	
Create more wildlife friendly areas	54.84% 34	33.87% 21	3.23% 2	3.23% 2	1.61% 1	3.23% 2	62	
Preserving farmland for sustainable agricultural use	66.13% 41	27.42% 17	1.61% 1	0.00% 0	1.61% 1	3.23% 2	62	
Maintaining the balance between the needs of the agricultural community and village life for its residents	46.77% 29	33.87% 21	9.68% 6	1.61% 1	0.00% 0	8.06% 5	62	
							answered	63
							skipped	1

Please share any other views you may have on these matters: (9)




1	Don't understand the renewable energy project question
2	I am very happy with how the village currently is, as long as it remains well-maintained and quiet for residents.
3	I think the churchyard should be a quiet, respectful place for people to remember the dead, definitely not somewhere to take their dog for a walk and enjoy like any other green space. I'm not aware of any imbalance between the needs of the agricultural community and village residents. Most agricultural work takes place on private land, I can't see how this would change or what this question is referring to.
4	Perhaps we could look at more community based projects to improve our environment or provide more eco friendly ways of living. I would like Brettenham to make a commitment to being a peat free village. Minimal use of chemicals on the land by farmers and gardeners. In some places, where the fields were sprayed last autumn, it not only killed all the weeds on the fields but the grass on the footpaths too and it hasn't recovered.



## Please tell us what importance you place on the following considerations

- |   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|---|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5 | As mentioned, I agree views should be maintained but where no views are materially affected I think self-build type housing can be good. Equally changes from agricultural to uses like equestrian is also acceptable                                      |
| 6 | Not aware of the existence of any community woodland. This is a rural area where the continuation of agricultural activity is extremely important.                                                                                                         |
| 7 | Local farming is one of the main contributors to climate change with extensive use of pesticides, We should recommend that the conservation area should be extended to all farming land in the Brettenham area to reduce the removal of hedging and trees. |
| 8 | There is far too much light pollution from OBH, both the signs and all through the night from the main site .                                                                                                                                              |
| 9 | We do not have any community (owned) woodlands.<br>The question asks what we value. I do not value atmospheric and noise pollution. I value a LACK of atmospheric pollution and LACK of noise pollution.                                                   |

## Have you been affected by localised flooding?

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		14.29% 9
2	No		85.71% 54
3	If Yes, please state the location:		12.70% 8
		answered	63
		skipped	1

### If Yes, please state the location: (8)

- |   |                                                                   |
|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Near Felsham                                                      |
| 2 | Ip7 & Pa Crownings                                                |
| 3 | The Street                                                        |
| 4 | Churchyard and road outside church                                |
| 5 | BOTTOM OF GARDEN IN THE DITCH                                     |
| 6 | Flooding in The Street towards OBH just before Dux Street turning |
| 7 | 14 The Street                                                     |
| 8 | Out buildings                                                     |






### What was the main reason for the flooding? (8)

- |   |                                                                                                            |
|---|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Drainage                                                                                                   |
| 2 | Blocked drains in the road with leaves and debris                                                          |
| 3 | Anglian Water incompetence, compounded by their refusal to alleviate flooding while it was happening       |
| 4 | Blocked drains                                                                                             |
| 5 | POOR DITCH CLEARENCE BY FARMERS AND LOCAL RESIDENTS WHO FILL IN THE DITCHES AT THE BOTTOM OF THEIR GARDENS |
| 6 | Rain coming off fields; Blocked ditch.                                                                     |

## Have you been affected by localised flooding?

7	The ditch opposite our house is blocked which prevents the water which enters our garden from the road draining away (through a drain under the road)
8	Volume of water

## Renewable sources of energy and sustainability Which of the following renewable sources of energy would you encourage in Brettenham?

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Solar		71.67% 43
2	Wind turbine		28.33% 17
3	Biomass		30.00% 18
4	Ground Source heat pumps		83.33% 50
5	Other (please specify):		10.00% 6
		answered	60
		skipped	4
Other (please specify): (6)			
1			
2	Air source heat pumps, individual solar panels		
3	Do not feel we know enough about any of the above to comment but feel it is something that we should research		
4	The above options should be mandatory for new housing/redevelopment (no more oil heating systems to be installed)		
5	Air source heat pump		
6	Air source heat pumps		

## Recycling opportunities How could we improve our commitment to sustainability in our community? What would you like to see being available in Brettenham.

Answer Choices	Yes	No	No opinion	Response Total
Bottle Bank	58.06% 36	33.87% 21	8.06% 5	62
Clothing bank	39.34% 24	42.62% 26	18.03% 11	61
Recycling point for small items such as batteries and cartridges	51.61% 32	33.87% 21	14.52% 9	62
Upcycling opportunities for furniture, tools and materials	55.74% 34	27.87% 17	16.39% 10	61
Repair service for items such as lawnmowers, strimmer's and hedge cutters	59.68% 37	25.81% 16	14.52% 9	62



**Recycling opportunities How could we improve our commitment to sustainability in our community? What would you like to see being available in Brettenham.**

Virtual village secondhand shop	61.29% 38	19.35% 12	19.35% 12	62	
				answered	63
				skipped	1
Other, please specify: (4)					
1	I'd love some of these things, but there is very limited space.				
2	These services are all available locally. From the Felsham facebook page, they seem to have a constant problem with people using their facility as a general dumping ground. I would suggest we are better off using the facilities currently available in supermarkets and other villages to avoid this problem!				
3	Shared lifts for school runs, work or shopping.				
4	Other villages in the area complain that their banks are used as random tipping areas and we don't want that.				







**What other things would you like to see to enable the village to become more energy efficient and eco-friendly?**

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question	100.00%	12
1	More rechargeable points for electric cars in the surrounding towns		
2	Solar panels on the village hall.		
3	Relaxation of planning guidance to allow sensitive modernisation of old and listed buildings.		
4	Any new build to be as near 100% energy efficient as possible. Existing properties surveyed to assess potential improvements available.		
5	Fast electric vehicle charging points		
6	It might be useful to have an informal taxi service, like a list of people that are willing and able to give occasional lifts to local places like Lavenham, in return for a lift another time or money if they don't intend to use the service themselves. It would save taxi services driving long distances to get here to then take people 7 minutes down the road, and again by return! It would also save money too...		
7	Village Pond Community Woodland Hedge planting along roads		
8	Future car charging points fed by village solar pv systems		
9	The majority of properties have no option but to be on oil. This is not how we should be designing future housing in the village and alternative green alternatives should be insisted on for future developments.		
10	Idk		
11	Electric car charging points		
12	Electric car charging point		
		answered	12
		skipped	52





### Do you run or own a business in Brettenham? (please tick)

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		19.05% 12
2	No		80.95% 51
		answered	63
		skipped	1
Please give any comments on your experience of this issue including access and communication (6)			
1	Both good		
2	phone signal is a problem		
3	We rent out commercial units half a mile outside the village. There does seem to be a need for such facilities in this rural location . The size of any such enterprise is dictated to by the local environment. Fortunately we do have good broadband service to the units which is crucial.		
4	the communication issue is god-awful internet & poor phone signals (all providers)		
5	Broadband ok when working but require and alterative location when down		
6	Good access to my property where I work		



### If so, please describe your main business area? (please tick)

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Office/professional service		7.69% 1
2	Internet based		15.38% 2
3	Workshop		15.38% 2
4	Agricultural		38.46% 5
5	Health and Beauty		7.69% 1
6	Other (please specify):		15.38% 2
		answered	13
		skipped	51
Other (please specify): (2)			
1	Education		
2	Building services		





### How important do you think it is to provide better employment opportunities in Brettenham?

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Very important		4.76%	3
2	Important		23.81%	15
3	Not important		39.68%	25
4	No opinion		31.75%	20
			answered	63
			skipped	1

### Would you like to see any additional business premises in Brettenham? (Please tick)

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		41.67%	25
2	No		58.33%	35
			answered	60
			skipped	4

### If so, what type? (Please tick)

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Offices		48.00%	12
2	Workshops		60.00%	15
3	Retail		16.00%	4
4	Other (Please add your thoughts on this issue):		36.00%	9
			answered	25
			skipped	39

#### Other (Please add your thoughts on this issue): (9)

1	Shop, Pub
2	Small low impact light industrial units/workshops on brownfield sites/farmyards similar to those in Pie Hatch Wood should be allowed if applied for.
3	Local produce outlet
4	I don't know how realistic this is
5	Village shop and post office











### If so, what type? (Please tick)

6	Post Office/Shop
7	Small light industrial
8	local business hub with shared facilities/meeting rooms
9	Leisure eg B&B

### How do you find out what is happening in the Brettenham parish? (please tick all that apply)

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Parish Notice board		14.29%	9
2	Facebook Page		19.05%	12
3	Parish council meetings		31.75%	20
4	Talking to friends		49.21%	31
5	Parish newsletter		87.30%	55
6	Email circulation list		77.78%	49
7	Brettenham website		42.86%	27
8	None		1.59%	1
9	Other (please specify):		9.52%	6
			answered	63
			skipped	1
Other (please specify): (6)				
1	Village magazine			
2	Parish Magazine			
3	Parish magazine			
4	BVA monthly newsletter			
5	BVA meetings			
6	Neighbours			

## What forms of communication do you use?

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Letter		55.56% 35
2	Email		95.24% 60
3	Internet		88.89% 56
4	Gaming device		0.00% 0
5	Twitter		9.52% 6
6	Mobile phone		92.06% 58
7	Home computer		73.02% 46
8	Tablet device		58.73% 37
9	Facebook		42.86% 27
10	Instagram		22.22% 14
11	Other social media (Please specify)		7.94% 5
		answered	63
		skipped	1
Other social media (Please specify) (5)			
1	LinkedIn		
2	Whats App		
3	Zoom, Teams		
4	Whatsapp		
5	WhatsApp		
Other. (Please specify) (3)			
1	Landline telephone		
2	Land-line still: Noah calls me from the Ark....		
3	Talking to people FTF!		

## Please provide information of your internet service provider and mobile phone operator

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question	100.00%	54
1	Vodaphpne		
2	Sky and Vodafone		
3	BT and Tesco's mobile		

**Please provide information of your internet service provider and mobile phone operator**

4	Bt
5	Plus net for internet Virgin for mobile phone
6	Plus net broadband. O2 mobile
7	BT & O2
8	BT and O2
9	Bt
10	I use EE for our broadband which is reliable and of a good speed and EE for mobile.
11	EE for broadband, Vodafone for mobile.
12	Vodafone- for mobile. BT Broadband
13	BT and Tesco
14	O2 and Three
15	BT Vodafone
16	BT
17	TalkTalk internet and phone line (terrible) Plusnet mobile
18	Vodafone for mobile and TalkTalk for landline and Internet
19	Sky for broadband Virgin for mobile
20	Plus net, Vodafone and O2
21	EE for mobile and BT for internet
22	ISP= BT Mobile= BT & Vodafone
23	BT
24	BT Landline and internet EE (mobile)
25	Vodafone for both
26	Sky
27	Talk talk
28	BT/ Vodafone
29	BT Apple
30	BT
31	BT
32	BT broadband / EE for mobile
33	BT
34	BT
35	BT
36	Chess Broadband and Internet
37	BT Vodafone



**Please provide information of your internet service provider and mobile phone operator**

38	Vodafone John Lewis Broadband		
39	Mobile phone = Vodafone Internet = BT OPem Reach and satelite		
40	Bt. Vidaphone		
41	BT are very good, Sky are cheaper		
42	Vodafone and BT		
43	BT & Vodaphone		
44	BT and EE		
45	BT Broadband		
46	Vodafone and EE		
47	Internet BT Mobile phone Virgin		
48	Sky		
49	Internet BT Mobile phone Vodaphone		
50	BT for internet. Vodafone		
51	Talk Talk and Vodafone		
52	TalkTalk, Vodaphone		
53	BT internet. Tesco Mobile		
54	O2		
		answered	54
		skipped	10

**How reliable is your internet and mobile phone service?**

Answer Choices	Good / very good	Poole / very poor	Response Total	
Internet	76.67% 46	23.33% 14	60	
Mobile phone service	55.00% 33	45.00% 27	60	
			answered	61
			skipped	3

### How important to you is your internet and mobile phone service?

Answer Choices	Very important	Important	Not important	No opinion	Response Total
Internet	83.87% 52	14.52% 9	1.61% 1	0.00% 0	62
Mobile Phone	79.37% 50	15.87% 10	4.76% 3	0.00% 0	63
Business use	46.94% 23	6.12% 3	18.37% 9	28.57% 14	49
				answered	63
				skipped	1

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Answer Choices	Response Percent	Response Total
1 Open-Ended Question	100.00%	14
1 Some allotments would be great!		
2 Just to point out that our small village is served by two very good state primary schools, as well as the private schools. It would be good to involve them in some way. I also think a village which doesn't allow for some small developments could lose the few amenities we do have, and that after this pandemic we must have learnt to really value them, from Hitcham post office and other shops and services to the fish and chip van!		
3 Traffic calming measures would be useful.		
4 I am very happy with how the village is currently run and maintained, it is a beautiful rural village with a small and friendly community. As stated throughout we are very strongly opposed to any new housing in the village for reasons mentioned in previous answers. We love living here and feel very lucky to be part of a peaceful rural community and would be truly devastated if the village were to change its character or grow in size. Ultimately we do not want Brettenham to suffer the same problems that so many other quaint Suffolk villages have endured and for it to lose its strong sense of identity as a small rural piece of countryside.		
5 We already have an extensive footpath network in the village, we don't need more. There is a serious problem in the countryside generally with irresponsible dog owners ruining enjoyment of the footpaths for others. A lot of the problems are from people outside the village who drive out to use the footpaths, although there are also sometimes problems with some village residents. Dog fouling is one issue, particularly on the first few hundred metres of footpath from the roads. An increasing number of people also allow their dogs to hunt the hedges and ditches alongside the footpaths as well as running further afield, seemingly oblivious or ignorant of the damage they are doing. Any hedge or ditch next to a footpath is effectively a write off for nesting birds and small mammals. Putting in more footpaths in areas which are currently protected from dog walkers would lead to further wildlife loss.		
6 I was not sure where to mention this earlier so I will mention it now, I would be very supportive of a village wildlife project such as a community woodland. Although we have some beautiful woodland around Brettenham it is all privately owned so not accessible to the public. I think a community woodland would greatly enhance the lives of people in Brettenham and the environment we are in.		
7 I would just add that I would prefer there not to be any masts like there isn't currently than having better phone service. It works enough and I have WiFi that works really well for when it doesn't!		

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8	The questions regarding housing suggest that consideration is being made for additional housing.	
9	Some local villages have been ruined by too much development and have lost their rural character, eg Rattlesden, Lavenham, Cockfield, and Hitcham looks as though it is going that way.	
10	At the risk of being repetitive:- lack of Broadband is a really important issue; we cannot stream any films or TV shows and Zoom calls are wobbly.	
11	No	
12	<p>It would be lovely to have more publicly accessible wildlife areas, such as a community woodland or wild flower meadow within the village. There are so many grants from the government for tree, hedging and wildflower planting. It is clear to improve the health of the planet these things are needed and quickly. There are many responsible land owners in the village that are planting but it would be great to be able to do this as a community and manage something for the future of the village and residents. Land could be bought as a community asset by the parish council and then managed by a defined voluntary group.</p> <p>It seems that many new houses now are designed with such little thought or imagination. It would be great to see any new houses built in keeping with the local area or built in a very different modern way perhaps a similar design to Step Cottage, using great technology for making the most of energy efficiency and good quality materials. The houses in Lavenham as you leave the village to come towards Brettenham I think are a great example of best use of the land and space, affordable housing and interesting design, and the development has really stood the test of time, with good landscaping and accommodation that is very cared for.</p>	
13	<p>Other options were needed eg attending the Village Inn twice a month.</p> <p>Question 34 asked about the conservation area. However, to find where the conservation area is, it was necessary to look online, as the map provided did not have a key to the conservation area and did not show its full extent. Villagers without online access are excluded from accessing this information. Nor did Question 34 make reference to the red outlined area on the map showing part of the conservation area. Also the red outline behind the houses on The Street did not show up.</p> <p>Question 8 includes an option of "volume of traffic" which only appears on the online version, it does not appear on the hard copy printed versions circulated to households.</p>	
14	A lot of the questions relate to new homes. Why was an agricultural field given over to a new home? First permission was granted for stables which probably had permitted development rights. Then a house is built in the middle of the plot. Brettenham PC should be ashamed of what they have allowed to happen.	
	answered	14
	skipped	50