

**HADLEIGH
NEIGHBOURHOOD
PLAN**

Shaping Hadleigh's Future



Consultation Statement



*Hadleigh Neighbourhood Plan
2023 - 2037*

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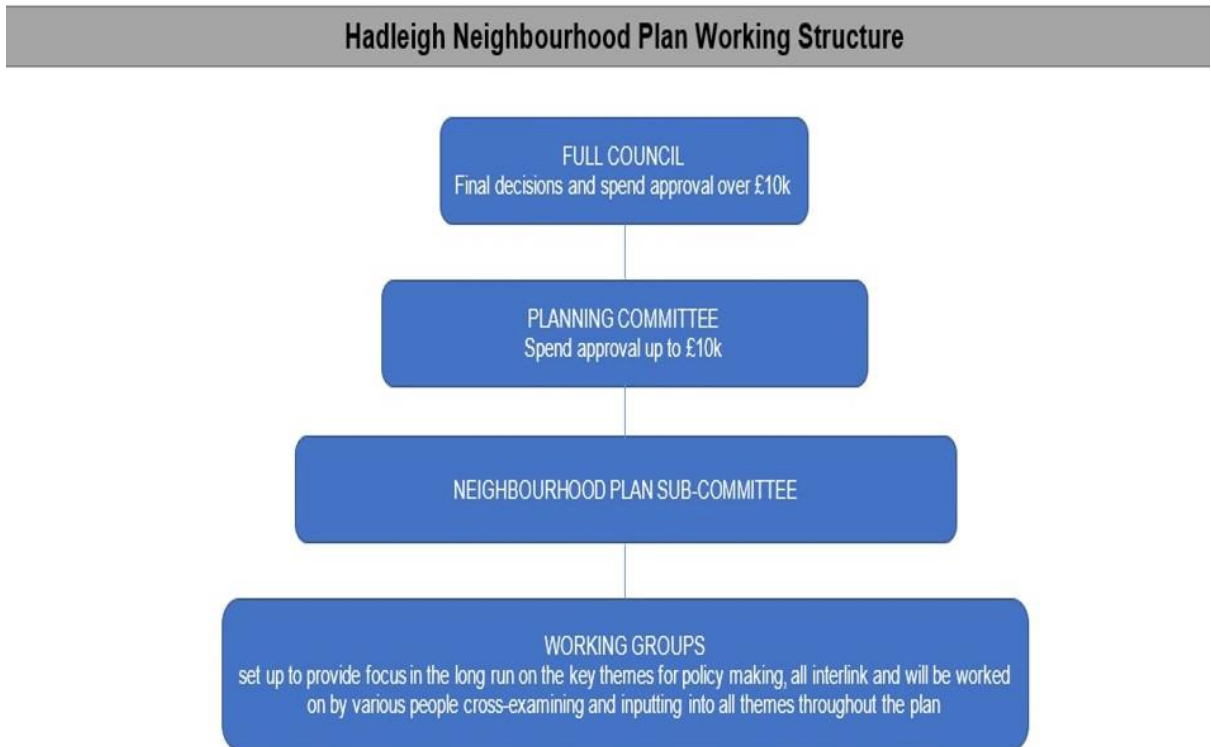
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This Consultation Statement has been prepared to fulfil the legal obligations of the Neighbourhood Planning regulations 2012 (as amended) in respect of the Hadleigh Neighbourhood Plan (HNP).
- 1.2 The legal basis of this Consultation Statement is provided by Section 15(2) of Part 5 of the 2012 Neighbourhood Planning Regulations (as amended) which requires that a consultation statement should:
 - contain details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed plan;
 - explain how those persons were consulted with;
 - summarise the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted with;
 - describe how these issues and concerns have been considered and where relevant addressed in the proposed neighbourhood plan.
- 1.3 At the start of the process Babergh District Council had a Local Plan, adopted in 2006. In 2017 Babergh and Mid-Suffolk District Councils formed a partnership and have been preparing a Joint Local Plan since. This process is ongoing.
- 1.4 The policies and non-policy actions contained in the HNP result from interaction and consultation with residents, community groups, businesses and landowners within the town over a period of more than seven years. Consultation methods included public meetings and events, surveys, group meetings, updates at community organisations' meetings and many emails and phone calls. This has been overseen and coordinated by the Neighbourhood Plan Sub-Committee established by Hadleigh Town Council. Many other sub-groups of this were formed throughout the process focussing on individual tasks with a wider group of residents. A consultant was contracted to help the group through the process and to put the policies together.
- 1.5 The need for a Hadleigh Neighbourhood Plan was agreed at a Town Council meeting in 2014 and a working group initiated with consultants appointed; this halted in 2018. The Neighbourhood Plan designated area was submitted and approved by Babergh District Council in July 2025.
- 1.6 Further details of the consultations undertaken thereafter are in the body of this statement document. A meeting of the council in July 2019 heard that a group had been talking with the District Council and wanted to take the planning of The Plan further. Following another hiatus due to the impacts of the Covid-19 Pandemic, in May 2021 with almost a full complement of new Council Officers and revised committee structures to the Council, the Planning Committee resolved that the Neighbourhood Plan will recommence and that consultations with the public to commence. Work has been ongoing in earnest since then.
- 1.7 Working group meetings with members of the Council, Officers and interested individuals, as well as views and interactions with the businesses and groups/clubs/societies in Hadleigh, led to the vision and objectives in the HNP and subsequently therefore form the basis for the key policies set out in the Plan.
- 1.8 The Town Council chose this structure to manage the production of the Neighbourhood Plan, rather than a traditionally used "Steering Group" for the following reasons:
 - to ensure the Plan was able to operate to be made under the legally agreed Town Council Standing Orders;
 - so that all financial transactions would be managed by the Town Council's Responsible Finance Officer; and

- to ensure a proper reporting and recommendation structure to the responsible body, the Town Council. Given the stop-start relationship previously, it had been difficult to recruit volunteers and with the implications of social distancing and pandemic-related measures in place in 2021, it was appropriate that the Town Council take the lead on this project to drive it forward after 6 years.

1.9 Organisational structure to create the HNP from 2021 onwards:



1.10 There were around 17 stalwart members of the public fluctuating between tasks and meetings as they dipped in and out regarding areas that did or did not interest them and dependant on the time they had available to contribute to the process.

1.11 All volunteers, and consultations where pictures or information were provided, signed the Adopted Photograph Policy, Photograph Copyright License Agreement and the Adopted Volunteer Policy (see Plan Appendices).

2. Community Awareness and Statutory Stakeholders

2.1 Alongside the detailed consultation activity explained from section 3 onwards, these communications were a regular part of the process throughout:

- Reports and updates and notification of events appeared most months in Hadleigh Community News, which goes to every household at the beginning of each month
- Reports, updates and notifications appeared on the Neighbourhood Plan page of the Town Council website
- Reports, updates and notifications on the Neighbourhood Plan Facebook page
- Hadleigh Community Forum updates via the Town Clerk
- Posters to notify people of meetings and events put up on the Town Council notice boards in the High Street x 2 and Market Place
- The primary school's email list to all parents was used several times to reach out and inform parents and children
- Updates at most Planning Committee meetings with all meeting minutes (HNP Sub-Committee and Planning Committee) uploaded to the Town Council website.

2.2 Throughout the process, HNP S-C worked with Babergh District Council. Updates of the work were taken from 2022 to the Invest In Hadleigh Board meetings by Council Officers. The specified contact at Babergh District Council was approached when assistance and advice was needed. Officers were consulted with regard economic development and the Active Travel Strategy and Joint Parking Strategy.

2.3 Other consultees that the group engaged with included:

- Groups and clubs in Hadleigh
- Local landowners and developers
- Local business owners
- Schools
- Consultants instructed to carry out work on the Neighbourhood Plan.

2.4 Early Communications Strategy:

- During the early stages of developing the Plan (in 2015 and again in 2021) the communications strategy focussed on informing and educating people about what a neighbourhood plan is and how it benefits the community; the process of creating a Plan and the terms that are often used. The consultations also focussed on general aspects to strategy the vision and objectives discussions.
- As awareness increased and the work progressed, it was important to keep the townsfolk informed of progress, carry out further detailed consultations and provide feedback where appropriate.
- The Neighbourhood Plan Group adopted a Communication and Community Engagement Strategy before any consultations were conducted and can be viewed in the Plan Appendices.

3. Key Consultations

3.1 The following engagement log summarises the consultations undertaken with the general public:

Date	Title	Who was consulted	How many people were engaged	How were they consulted / engaged?	Where was the engagement?
25/11/2014 to 19/12/2014	Housing Needs	Hadleigh Residents	3,785 households in receipt of survey with just 374 responses	Survey	Letterbox drop
2018	Post-it thoughts	Hadleigh residents	unknown	In person	Hadleigh on show
10/02/2020	Hadleigh Community Forum feedback	Hadleigh Community Forum	unknown	In person	Forum meeting
Jun-21	Email outreach for engagement and volunteering	Chairs/secretaries of clubs/groups approached	14 clubs/groups approached, responses received from 6	Email	Email
October & November 2021	Young People's thoughts on Hadleigh	11-16 year olds	603 young people	Through High School - survey	via the High School organised through the Town Council's Youth Strategy Working Group
11/03/2022	Raising profile and awareness	General public of Hadleigh, ages ranged from 18 to over 65 with majority over 65	51 adults	In person chats and post-it notes and a questionnaire	Hadleigh Market Day
26/04/2022	General update and introduction chapters	Adults in Hadleigh	34 adults	In person chats and questionnaire	Open day at The Guildhall
21/05/2022	Raising profile and awareness	Adults and children attending the show (not all living in Hadleigh)	Over 100	In person	Hadleigh Show
May & June 2022	Character Assessment	Volunteers who live in Hadleigh	16 adults	Through a meeting and emails	Hadleigh Guildhall and email
June & July 2022	Objectives/Vision consultation	Hadleigh residents / business owners	46	Online	Online
09/07/2022 to 31/08/2022	Photograph competition	Young people up to the age of 16 (and their parents!)	Reach was about 200, entries were from 5 individual young people	online, through the schools, on noticeboards, market day and co-op days	In the town and online
29/07/2022	Raising profile and awareness of photo comp	Hadleigh residents & visitors	unknown	In person	Hadleigh Market
27/08/2022	Raising profile and awareness of photo comp	Hadleigh residents & visitors	about 50	In person	Co-Op
Aug-22	Allotments Conversation	Allotment owners	7 adults	In person	Gallows Hill Allotments
03/12/2022 to 15/01/2023	Transport Study	Hadleigh residents, businesses & visitors	447	In person & online survey	At the Hadleigh Christmas Fair & follow up online survey
06/02/2023 to 12/03/2023	Local Green Spaces Designations	Hadleigh residents & visitors	114 30 29 197	Facebook, HCN, noticeboards, website 11/02/2023 Survey flyers handed out at Holbecks entrance 21/02/2023 Survey flyers handed out at St Mary's School and Leisure Centre	Online Survey
22/02/2023	Local Green Spaces Designations	Hadleigh residents & visitors	147	In person	Morrisons (promoting the online survey)
24/02/2023	Local Green Spaces Designations	Hadleigh residents & visitors	114	In person	Hadleigh Market Day
04/03/2023	Local Green Spaces Designations	Hadleigh residents & visitors	300+	In person	Morrisons (promoting the online survey)
Apr/May 2023	Local Green Spaces Designations	Landowners	6	Letter / email	Letter / email
May-23	Sustainable Transport	Hadleigh Community Transport	1	In person	Meeting discussion regarding the Plan in general and specifically regarding transport and sustainable transport ahead of topic paper workshop
May-23	Raising profile and awareness	Adults and children attending the show (not all living in Hadleigh)	100+	In person	Hadleigh Show
May-23	Usable Green Spaces	Young People	56	Email via High School	Online Survey
Jun-23	Local List	Property owners	161	Letter and email	Letter and email

3.2 Full response reports can be viewed in the appendices.

3.3 The Transport Study and Local Green Spaces survey results are included within the reports (pages 80 – 100 in the transport Study and pages 37-40 in the Local Green Spaces Report) so are not duplicated in this report.

4. Initial Plan Productions and Consultation

4.1 Vision and Objectives:

- The overall vision and the nine objectives for the Plan was produced by the Neighbourhood Plan Sub-Committee and working groups with guidance from Navigus Consultancy.
- Once agreed the by the Sub-Committee, the vision and objectives were published for two months online, in a drop-in session as well as presented at Hadleigh Market, to raise awareness of the vision and objectives, garner support where provided and receive comments and feedback.

4.2 The Council worked with a working group of approximately 20 people contributing at different times and employed a planning consultant to produce the first version of the policies and provide advice for the supporting documents. This was based on outputs from multiple Working Group workshops, public engagement (see table on previous page) and feedback received from the Sub-Committee and councillors.

4.3 Drafts 1 and 2 were circulated to the Sub-Committee members and those in the working group who had expressed an interest in reviewing the drafts and it was reformatted and extended to produce this draft.

4.4 Draft 3a was passed to Babergh District Council ahead of the formal consultation process who highlighted a couple of errors in Joint Local Plan references and advised they would begin undertaking the Habitat Regulations Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment screening immediately. They also advised that apart from those area identified they would carry out a full review as part of the formal consultation exercise. Their comments were included with and considered with other comments raised against this draft.

5. Regulation 14 Pre-Submission Consultation

5.1 The draft Neighbourhood Plan was agreed by the Town Council on 21st September 2023 and approved for a six-week consultation period to begin thereafter.

5.2 The consultation ran from Monday 6th November to Sunday 18th December 2023.

5.3 The approach:

- The provision of an online survey and the production of hard copies for distribution if requested
- The provision of a Regulation 14 Neighbourhood Plan page as an offshoot of the main Neighbourhood Plan webpage, with information, the Neighbourhood Plan, and a link to an online survey.
The page can be viewed at <https://hadleightowncouncil.gov.uk/hadleigh-neighbourhood-plan/reg14>
- Statutory consultee letters were dispatched via email with links to the webpage
- Landowners previously engaged with were email with links to the webpage
- Posters were produced drawing attention to the Regulation 14 consultation and these were placed on noticeboards throughout the designated area
- Space in the monthly Hadleigh Community News publication that is distributed to all households and business (5,000 circulation) in the designated area, in November 2023. The publication carried an editorial giving an overview of the Regulation 14 Consultation, where the plan could be found and how to make comments.
- A letter delivered to 5,000 properties was distributed in November 2023.
- Hard copies of the Plan were printed and were posted to persons who requested a copy.
- The Town Council shared the Regulation 14 consultation across its networks and on its website and Facebook pages.
- An in-person drop-in session was held open to the community and the consultant presented on the plan on Wednesday 29th November between midday and 2pm and again between 5pm and 7pm.
- Four ways to make comments were advertised to try to catch all and a feedback form was created to prompt comments as it is often the case that a blank canvas can stifle thoughts; Google Forms, form or comments via email, via post, or via the open drop-in sessions.

5.4 What we did and when:

5.4.1 Statutory Consultees - the following organisations were provided by the local planning authority and emailed on 6th November 2023:

- MP for South Suffolk
- Suffolk County Councillor to Hadleigh
- Suffolk County Councillor to Cosford
- Suffolk County Councillor to Samford
- Suffolk County Councillor to Belstead Brook
- Ward Councillor to Hadleigh North
- Ward Councillors to Hadleigh South
- Ward Councillors to North West and South East Cosford
- Ward Councillor to Brett vale
- Ward Councillor to Copdock and Washbrook
- Clerk to Semer, Kersey, Polstead, Layham, Hintlesham, Aldham, and Whatfield Parish Councils

- Babergh and Mid Suffolk Community Planning Officer
- Suffolk County Council Neighbourhood Planning
- Natural England
- Environment Agency
- Historic England
- National Trust
- Network Rail Infrastructure Limited
- Highways England
- Marine Management Organisation
- Vodafone and O2 EMF Enquiries
- Three
- Ipswich and East Suffolk CCG & West Suffolk CCG
- National Gas Transmission
- UK Power Networks
- Anglian Water
- Essex & Suffolk Water
- Defense Infrastructure Organisation
- National Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups
- Communities & Environmental Services
- Diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich
- Suffolk Chamber of Commerce
- Freeport East
- RSPB
- Sport England (East)
- Suffolk Constabulary
- Suffolk Wildlife Trust
- Suffolk Preservation Society
- Community Action Suffolk
- Dedham Vale Society
- Suffolk Coast & Heath AONB
- Theatres Trust
- East Suffolk Internal Drainage Board
- Lawson Planning Partnership Ltd
- James Bailey Planning Ltd

5.4.2 The Town Council's Officer also shared the email on 6th November with consultation details with the churches, sporting groups, and other societies in Hadleigh, as well as landowners previously contacted about the Plan and all individuals who had previously expressed an interest in being kept up to date with the progress of the Plan.

5.4.3 The content of the email was:

To whom it may concern,

Hadleigh Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 Consultation – Statutory Consultee

The community of Hadleigh has published the draft Neighbourhood Plan for public consultation. The consultation period runs for 6 weeks from 6th November to 18th December.

The plan and supporting documents and appendices can be viewed online at <https://hadleightowncouncil.gov.uk/hadleigh-neighbourhood-plan/> and subpage titled Reg 14, and hard copies can be posted to you if requested.

Comments on the plan should be by written submission, or completion of the Google Form (link on Reg 14 webpage), to the Projects & Finance Officer at Hadleigh Town Council by reply to this email or to The Guildhall, Market Place, Hadleigh, Suffolk, IP7 5DN.

If you require further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me on this email or by phoning 01473 823884.

Kind regards,

- 5.4.4 The following poster was placed on the town's noticeboards for the general public from 6th November to 18th December:



Pre-Submission Regulation 14 Consultation

Don't miss out on your chance to comment!

Formal consultation is open until midnight on 17th December

If you can go online, visit the Town Council's page hadleightowncouncil.gov.uk and navigate to the Neighbourhood Plan Reg 14 page

If you cannot go online, contact the council during office hours on 01473 823884 for details of how to view a hard copy and submit comments



- 5.4.5 The following letter was delivered to 5,000 properties in Hadleigh alongside an editorial in Hadleigh Community News (circulated on 1st of each month) posted :



Hadleigh Town Council



Dear Resident / Business Owner,

Each household and business is being notified of the final consultation draft of **Hadleigh Neighbourhood Plan** as part of the formal consultation period. The Plan is based on community-led aspirations for the town for the next 15 years and your views and comments are important.

What is Hadleigh Neighbourhood Plan?

On behalf of Hadleigh Town Council, officers and volunteers have worked to bring together this plan. This has included over 22 consultation opportunities with the public. The plan defines local policies to help influence and guide development in the parish and once integrated will become a statutory consideration in all **District Council planning decisions** that affect the parish of Hadleigh. Policies have been based on volunteer workshops, findings from surveys and advice from consultants.

What is next?

The pre-submission draft and accompanying documentation is available to be viewed on the Town Council's website (hadleightowncouncil.gov.uk/hadleigh-neighbourhood-plan/) during the consultation period and all residents, workers, and business owners in Hadleigh are invited to make comment on this final draft.

The Plan document can also be read at the Town Council offices by appointment (email projects@hadleightowncouncil.gov.uk or telephone 01473 823884) or at an open [drop in](#) session, see below. A copy will also be left at the library on High Street and [Abbeycroft Leisure Centre](#). Formal consultees include Babergh District Council, Suffolk County Council, Natural [England](#) and others.

Feedback

You can submit your feedback form, between Monday 6th November and Sunday 17th December:

- online via the webpage
- by email to projects@hadleightowncouncil.gov.uk
- by post addressed to Projects & Finance Officer, delivered to the letterbox in the white door at The Guildhall, [Market Place](#), Hadleigh, IP7 5DN
- at an open drop-in session on Wednesday 19th November 2023 in the [Guildroom](#) at The Guildhall between midday and 2pm or between 5pm and 7pm where the Neighbourhood Plan volunteers will be on hand to answer questions and note down your feedback.

All comments received on the draft Plan will be taken into consideration when a revised version of the Plan is prepared and the decisions on the comments will be published after.

Following this six-week consultation, the Town Council will then formally submit the revised final draft to the district Council who will review it, take into consideration the comments received and then undertake a further six-week consultation themselves and appoint an independent examiner to review the final Plan.

Please note that the Neighbourhood Plan cannot comment on any building already started such as Weavers Meadow and Rose Manor or those allocated to Hadleigh as part of the emerging Joint Local Plan.

A neighbourhood plan is a very important document that will help shape the future of local development in Hadleigh along-side the district's Joint Local Plan and strategic policies of the National Planning Policy Framework.

Please take the time to read the document and supporting papers. The Consultation will be open from [Monday 6th November and will close on 17th December 2023](#).

With thanks,

Hadleigh Neighbourhood Plan Group |

5.4.6 On 29th November, two open drop-in sessions were held at The Guildhall in the centre of Hadleigh. These ran from midday to 2pm and again from 5pm to 7pm, so that there was an opportunity for those out in the day and who have commitments on weekdays so could only get to consult in the evening, to attend. Policies were picked out and highlighted on display boards with copies of the full Plan and topic papers as summaries of the evidence base, available. The date was publicised on Facebook, websites and to any phone calls and emails received asking for clarification of the drop in session date.



5.4.7 The community feedback form which was available to download from the webpage or link to on Google Forms, physically given to members of the public to complete at or after the drop-in sessions, and which was left beside the Plan copies at Abbeycroft Leisure Centre and the Library, consisted as shown overleaf. Respondents were asked to enter their email address so that they could be kept up to date in the future and to ensure the responses were legitimately entered.

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Filling in this form

You are being requested firstly to enter your email address - you will need to do this to carry on with the form. This is to ensure if there is any ambiguity in the feedback, it can be clarified with you. If you wish to receive updates about the Neighbourhood Plan by email after this feedback form, please select "Yes" to the last question.

This consultation will end on Sunday 17th December 2023.

Email *

Valid email address

This form is collecting email addresses. [Change settings](#)

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Do you agree overall with the policies in the Hadleigh Neighbourhood Plan? *

- Yes I agree with the policies set out in the draft plan
- I agree with most of the policies set out in the draft plan
- No

Do you think the Plan has captured the critical aspects of planning and infrastructure within Hadleigh? *

- Yes
- On the whole
- No

Please provide any comments you have on the Hadleigh Neighbourhood Plan draft.

Long-answer text

Do you wish to receive updates about the Neighbourhood Plan by email after this feedback form? *

- Yes
- No

5.5 Responses and Consideration of Responses

Regulation 14 representations

Ref.	Name of body/ 'Resident'	Representation	Response by Responsible Body	Amendment to Plan
1	Member of HUFC	"expected to see the draft Plan specifically acknowledge the evidenced need for the provision of more Open Spaces for sport to support the growing Sporting Community in Hadleigh."	This is acknowledged. A new policy will address this.	New sport and leisure policy added.
2	Member of HUFC	"does the NP Sub Committee not consider HUFC to also be a thriving Club not worthy of any comparable mention of the Millfield history as a former Mill Site and currently the largest Sports Club in Hadleigh with multiple teams at mens, ladies and junior level run by 90 volunteers?"	Noted.	Additional information about the club provided on page 49.
3	Resident	<p>"I was disappointed at the lack of information about education and our growing population of young families. I feel greater research and information should be provided. we have a growing population and very many young families in Hadleigh and looking at what is available now and what might be needed is very important in my view in also accessing housing needs.</p> <p>I was also disappointed at the lack of mention of clubs and societies and the importance of these to the Town. The benefits of mental health, social interaction and wellbeing as activities for all ages is an important element of our culture and society.</p> <p>Hadleigh is a unique place and this document did not capture that.. We have very many charities and supportive clubs. The charities and clubs in themselves are not pertinent to the NP but do offer a glimpse of our town and what we seek to portray.</p> <p>I would like to see further information on the above which I think will round the document off"</p>	<p>Housing needs (new sites and housing mix) will be addressed through the Babergh Joint Local Plan Part 2.</p> <p>Noted</p>	New text added to Section 3.
4	Resident	<p>Yes I agree with the policies set out in the plan</p> <p>"On the whole thinks the plan has captured the critical aspects of planning and infrastructure within Hadleigh</p> <p>I think it is very important to protect the existing green spaces including those on the housing developments, and that any future developments should include green areas</p>		

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		<p>for play, mental health assistance etc and not just be crammed with as many houses as possible.</p> <p>Also, when new housing is built thought should be given to the increase in number of people using schools, GP/Health surgeries etc which could come under pressure if these do not expand to accommodate extra use.”</p> <p>“New developments which have any size of play area included should have to ensure the play parks are fenced for safety of children and dog owners so they can have a sign and bins and therefore discourage dog owners allow to poo in the fenced off play areas.”</p>	<p>The point is noted but in practice, it is very hard to prevent irresponsible dog owners from allowing their dogs to poo in a play area or anywhere else.</p>	
5	Resident	<p>I agree with most of the policies set out in the draft plan</p> <p>On the whole I think the plan has captured the critical aspects of planning and infrastructure within Hadleigh.</p> <p>“Allotments, three follow the line of the river but <u>not</u> now modified in light of eastward expansion of town so, results in extra traffic necessarily through town centre. Suggest one or more eastern allotments and conversion of (say) bridge street allotments to riverside walk / park</p> <p>We have lived in Ann Beaumont Way since 1986 and remember the Bridge St Allotments and adjacent car park being flooded as they were earlier this month of November 2023</p> <p>Trees. Little thought given to planting and in some locations saplings lost to vandalism time after time.</p> <p>Variation in trees planted safely and securely needs. Out oldest tree spgcy – the yew – has a likely life of over 2000 years (Kingsley Vale near Chichester) while providing greenery all year round also Chinese oak (indistinguishable from English oak) is green all year round (found on Isle of Wight)</p> <p>Accessibility to and on riverside walk is limited. Hadleigh is now a care home town but irrespective of whether our many disabled are ambulant with walking stick, self</p>	<p>The wide range of comments are noted. However, the Neighbourhood Plan is a land use plan so cannot address many of these issues. Issues such as flooding are addressed through the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan.</p>	

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		<p>ambulant on a mobility scooter, or propelled in a wheelchair, by visiting or local relatives the approaches are poor and the surface degraded by over 20 years of non maintenance</p> <p>The proposed plan takes no account of the immense amount of mud on it after heavy rain and its limitations for walkers cyclists <u>and</u> foreign cyclists believing (because it has a number designation) that it is up to the standards found in say the Netherlands</p> <p>The concreting / paving slab over of front gardens continues apace. This even where cars will not be parked as seen (example) on private house gardens facing into Calais st park. It is insufficient to merely try to stop new houses with hard frontages and HTC should liaise with BDC to stop this</p> <p>The recent flooding underlines the need for resources to offset global warming to be at least partially transferred to achieving resilience against flooding, this is because even if we achieve “net zero” we are at the mercy of actions / lack of action globally It is worrying that no action will be taken re, flooding leaving the doctors surgery and staff vulnerable to being cut off from patients due to proximity to river overflows. A long term new site should be planned in.</p> <p>Facilities for tourists are poor. Unlike many towns there is a lack of 1. plaques re. buildings, streets, persons 2. Non-existent historical data ranging from pre-roman times up to the present. (burial ring circles east of Brett River / South of bypass) The roman era. / Anglo Saxon era / Danish era / middle ages / cardinal pykenham's proposed palace</p> <p>There is no recognition of the flooding risks to the two roads leading to the bypass i.e, Bridge St and Morrisons bypass; or to Doctors Surgery. Plan needs to be rebalances and an alternative site found for the future for Doctors Surgery Alternative road provision needs to be considered when the two names roads are flooded”</p> <p>“Lets aim to make Hadleigh less dismal. Our prominent streets are paved in grey yet some other towns with coloured sets / slabs in harmony with their coloured buildings. And let us resist new blocks of buildings with black tiles</p>		

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		<p>Shopping for food more choice (and value) needed preferably close to 91 bus route, on the north side of Lady Lane and with western access next to monastery court is an ideal site as would the triangle of land bounded by the roundabout at top of A1071 / industrial estate.</p> <p>More needs to be done in insulating public buildings and town commercial premises and private historic buildings. Bryn Hurren (BDC Councillor) is on some kind of working party (source: online edition of "Box Valley News" looking into this and whether the town plan could include this."</p>		
6	Sustainable Development Officer, Water Management Alliance	"Thank you for your consultation on the above planning application. Having screened the application, the site in question lies outside the Internal Drainage District of the East of Suffolk Internal Drainage Board as well as the Board's wider watershed catchment, therefore the Board has no comments to make."	Noted	
7	Suffolk Wildlife Trust	<p>"Thank you for contacting Suffolk Wildlife Trust regarding the hadleigh Neighbourhood Plan. Please find attached our comments regarding the draft.</p> <p>I'd like to reaffirm the comments in the attached, Suffolk Wildlife Trust support the inclusion of an aspiration for development to deliver a 20% Biodiversity Net Gain. If there is anything further can do to offer further support, please let me know."</p> <p>Thank you for sending us details of the Hadleigh Neighbourhood Development Plan. We are pleased to see that the Hadleigh Neighbourhood Plan recognises the importance of biodiversity and greenspaces and proposes measures to protect and enhance these within Policies HAD3, HAD4, and HAD5. Please see our comments below:</p> <p>Policy HAD3 Biodiversity-led and Wildlife Friendly Design</p> <p>Suffolk Wildlife Trust support the community of Hadleigh in stating that Biodiversity Net Gain should go further than the national minimum, and that development should achieve a minimum of 20% net gain (Point A of HAD3). We are happy to see this reflected in the wording of HAD3 and encourage stronger wording to support net gain</p>		

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		<p>of at least 20%. We offer our support to Hadleigh Parish Council in this matter. We also offer our support for points B and C of HAD3.</p> <p>We support wording of the importance of planting in maximising biodiversity opportunity, although note that in addition to planting consideration of natural regeneration could also be considered; natural regeneration is of significant biodiversity benefit, supports plants of local provenance, and may provide higher levels of resilience to climate and disease impacts.</p> <p>The proposed examples to benefit protected and important species, noted in Section 5.5, is also welcomed. Consideration for Natural England's <i>Green Infrastructure Framework 2023</i> is a good inclusion. We support reference to highlighting the opportunities for green roofs and rainwater harvesting.</p> <p>The policy could be further improved by highlighting the need to protect the County Wildlife Sites within the parish and identifying these on map or plan.</p> <p>Policy HAD4: Green/Blue Corridors and Verges The importance of ecological connectivity is clearly identified, through both green and blue corridors. This policy also identifies the nine County Wildlife Sites in Hadleigh, as well as priority habitat and Natural England's <i>Network Expansion Zone</i>. Ecological networks are clearly mapped within the plan and link towards the wider landscape. Policy HAD4 A is clear in supporting, protecting, and enhancing the ecological network within the parish.</p> <p>Policy HAD5: Local Green Spaces This policy clearly identifies local greenspace, including sites, including County Wildlife Sites and Local Nature Reserves. Access to nature is hugely important in engaging more people with the natural environment, offering physical and mental health benefits to individuals and communities, while also raising awareness of the need to protect and enhance the natural world.</p> <p>Additional Information Supporting HAD3: Biodiversity Net Gain</p>	<p>County Wildlife Sites are already protected by Policy LP16 in the Babergh Joint Local Plan Part 1.</p>	

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		<p>The new Environment Act 2021 requires development proposals to achieve a minimum 10% net gain in biodiversity; whilst not yet required in law, this level is already being implemented as good practice across the country and is well referenced within the plan which includes reference to this national minimum level, which will be required on most developments from early 2024.</p> <p>The Wildlife Trusts, as well as other organisations, are advocating for a minimum 20% Biodiversity Net Gain where this is possible. Suffolk Wildlife Trust support Hadleigh in setting an aspiration for achieving a higher percentage of net gain, helping to ensure that the biodiversity assets of Hadleigh are conserved and enhanced for future generations. Suffolk County Council's recent commitment to 'deliver a further 10% biodiversity net gain in aggregate across the housing programme, in addition to the 10% biodiversity net gain that will be required on each site.'¹, show that it is reasonable to include this aspiration within the Hadleigh Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>There are further examples of district councils outside of Suffolk requiring more ambitious BNG requirements within their Local Plans and these have been evidenced with viability studies. For example, Swale Borough Council completed a viability study and found that doubling the percentage of biodiversity net gain from 10% to 20% increased the cost of delivery by just 19%, so then included a minimum 20% BNG requirement in their local plan². The Greater Cambridge Draft Local Plan also includes a requirement for a minimum 20% BNG³. We reiterate, Policy WHB9 could, we believe, be strengthened in its delivery for wildlife, by including reference to a level of net gain above the current national minimum. Delivering 20% BNG ensures there is more confidence that a significant and meaningful uplift in biodiversity will be achieved, which will help protect the high-quality biodiversity assets and ecological networks within and surrounding Hadleigh.</p>		
8	Resident	<p>I agree with most of the policies set out in the draft plan.</p> <p>On the whole I think the plan has captured the critical aspects of planning and infrastructure within Hadleigh.</p> <p>"I would like attention given to the danger of the River Brett flooding as it has recently in Hadleigh, and in particular the fields adjacent to Ann Beaumont Way. An officer</p>	Noted. It is not within the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan to appoint officers.	

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		should be appointed and instructed to lower the sluice barrier in Tinkers Lane so that houses are not ever put at risk of flooding. Dredging of the river in Hadleigh should be resumed and clearance of the arches made every year on the bridges as this was done regularly until about ten years ago. The person made responsible for this task should be made known to everyone concerned in Hadleigh."		
9	Resident	<p>I agree with most of the policies set out in the draft plan.</p> <p>I do not think the plan has captured the critical aspects of planning and infrastructure within Hadleigh.</p> <p>"Landscape and Design (Design of drainage SUDs etc)</p> <p>Over development with inadequate surface water disposal overflow ponds caused run off down the hills which caused flooding in the town to both, homes, roads and businesses. With another 1117 houses to be built + any future permissions the character homes of Hadleigh will be further under threat thus spoiling peoples lives and our beautiful town."</p>	Paragraphs 5.5, 5.7, 5.9 and 8.5 all refer to SUDs and/or flooding mitigation measures	
10	Resident	<p>I agree with most of the policies set out in the draft plan</p> <p>On the whole I think the plan has captured the critical aspects of planning and infrastructure within Hadleigh.</p>	Noted	
11	Resident	<p>Yes I agree with the policies set out in the draft plan</p> <p>On the whole I think the plan has captured the critical aspects of planning and infrastructure within Hadleigh.</p> <p>"The Character Assessment July 2022 makes reference to the Coram Street countryside area, that the footpaths and bridleways are well used by the residents of Hadleigh - which is all really valuable and warrants protection for future generations to enjoy. Local Policy LP19 makes reference to Landscape and is also applicable with regards to protecting and enhancing the landscape character of the Grade II listed building/wall on the north boundary of the grounds of the Castle/Folly which was listed</p>		

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		<p>by Historic England on the 22nd May 1972. This is the only remains of the Old Folly. The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee will need to look at the Joint Local Plan Part 2 from January 2024 and should include budget provision and in addition, should look at utilising any remaining funding from Groundworks UK (using this grant can be justified) to look at the Call for Sites with a view to responding back to the LPA. If this piece of work is not utilised then it will undo some of the valuable Neighbourhood Plan work completed so far.”</p>	<p>The Joint Local Plan Part 2 is not proposed for consultation until late-2024. HTC will engage with this process, including the sites proposed for allocation. However, there is no remaining Locality Funding in the current scheme and such funding is not permitted for use in responding to a local plan consultation.</p>	
12	Former chairman and member of HUFC	<p>I agree with most of the policies set out in the draft plan</p> <p>On the whole I think the plan has captured the critical aspects of planning and infrastructure within Hadleigh.</p> <p>“Whilst the plan mentions leisure, sports facilities have been improved and expanded to meet modern demands I assume this is at the time of this draft was written , However it has to be noted that the 600 + houses for Land North East of Frog Hall Lane , this once completed along with additional houses possibly being built once completed (Hook Lane) proposed development springs to mind , in the draft plan there is no provision for the expansion of Sport & Leisure Facilities for example the Youth Section at Hadleigh United Football Club are having to turn LOCAL RESIDENTS CHILDREN AWAY due to lack of sports fields. Hadleigh Hares Running Club are in desperate need of better Facilities permanent " home " along with a proper hard surface running track these are just 2 examples of the needs for the Sporting Clubs of the Town It must be remembered as I have stated as the Town grows with more and more housing Sports Facilities MUST grow accordingly as other facilities such as Health Centre , Schools etc , many years ago Governments were encouraging people of all ages to take up sports as a form of exercise , but how on earth can they if the facilities are not available . Another Club / sport is Badminton , they hire the Sports Barn at the High School which is fine until the High School need this area for holding exams in then the Badminton Club has to cease whilst this is being used So please take my comments into consideration and MAKE SURE areas are set aside</p>	<p>This is acknowledged. A new policy will address this.</p>	<p>New sport and leisure policy added.</p>

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		for expansion of Sports Facilities for all , rather than saying we have enough at present this Draft Plan is looking to the future not the now”		
13	Resident	<p>Yes I agree with the policies set out in the draft plan</p> <p>On the whole I think the plan has captured the critical aspects of planning and infrastructure within Hadleigh.</p> <p>“One aspect seems to be not well covered - allocation of land for development. Although this is in the BMS JLP and SHELAA, there are certainly some Hadleigh neighbourhood comments that could be added.</p> <p>In the neighbourhood plan SS0909 is noted as not desirable for development from the landscape preservation point of view, but recent flooding suggests that it would be madness to build houses here. Instead this land should be developed as water meadows to assist with managing high rainfall run off and also improve biodiversity.</p> <p>SS0298 and SS0303 between them are allowing for another 900 homes. That is unfortunately outside the neighbourhood plan control, but again in the light of recent flooding, the neighbourhood plan can propose that any development includes even more stringent rain water capture and management to prevent the run off flowing down the hill to swell the Brett even further. This should include a lower density of development so that there is more landscaping area designed to hold water.”</p>	<p>The NP considered whether to allocate sites. The decision was taken that this was best undertaken through the local plan process. Accordingly, the Joint Local Plan Part 2 will allocate sites for Hadleigh.</p> <p>Paragraphs 5.5, 5.7, 5.9 and 9.5 all refer to SUDs and/or flooding mitigation measures.</p>	
14	Resident	<p>Yes I agree with the policies set out in the draft plan</p> <p>Yes I think the Plan has captures the critical aspects of planning and infrastructure within Hadleigh</p> <p>“Complements on a wonderfully presented document. I know how hard and how much work goes into these things and have been following it for a few years. You’ve done so well.</p> <p>I think housing is needed to build funds + to bring infrastructure with it.</p>	Noted	

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		<p>However employment opportunities / land should come with housing + would bring people for the new housing.</p> <p>Transport + road infrastructure is our biggest issue. Glad to see that included as a section in the Plan."</p>		
15	Resident and Hadleigh Society member	<p>"p14 para 3.2 should be Deanery Tower as Grade 1, not The Deanery which is only Grade II.</p> <p>P46 para 5.30 Diagram 11 Green space includes health centre car park and 4 blocks of flats of Toppesfield Gardens - THESE ARE NOT PART OF GREEN SPACE</p> <p>P49 para 5.33 Diagram 14 YET AGAIN - the extension to the cemetery is excluded from the Green Space although it is quite clearly part of that space and even referred to in the text</p> <p>P51 para Diagram 16 Why is the lighter green space bordering back of Dyer Court properties and up to Pond Hall Road not include as it is contained and fenced in with the rest of the green space and so should be shaded same dark green as part of the Green Space to be protected</p> <p>P57 para 6.3 NEEDS updating to 97 non designated assets</p> <p>P58 figure 6.1 the plan needs updating to show 97 units</p> <p>P59 figure 6.2 the plan needs updating to show 97 units</p> <p>Appendix A need to add Bacon Lane as 97th asset"</p> <p>"I find the apparent complete absence of any section dealing with highway improvements both required for safety or desirable to improve the environment amazing, particularly as so much evidence and proposals collected and which could be used to required new developments to contribute to, Also there is little on car parking which still needs to be provided to retain the viability and vitality of the town</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Agreed.</p> <p>Agreed.</p> <p>P57-59 and Appendix A – agreed.</p> <p>Highway matters are generally not issues that can addressed through a land use plan such as a neighbourhood plan. Car</p>	<p>Amend para 3.2</p> <p>Amend LGS11</p> <p>Amend LGS16</p> <p>Amend p57-59 and Appendix A.</p>

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		businesses and services - I consider the absence of both a serious deficiency of the Neighbourhood Plan which needs to be corrected before the Reg 16 consultation”	parking is addressed through the Joint Local Plan Policy LP29.	
16	Anonymous	Yes I agree with the policies set out in the draft plan Yes I think the Plan has captured the critical aspects of planning and infrastructure within Hadleigh.	Noted	
17	Resident	“I am really pleased and relieved to see that places such as Broom Hill and the surrounding area are being kept as green spaces. Very much appreciated by myself, family, friends and I am sure the wildlife. Also, the parks being kept such as Cox’s Park is brilliant to see too, we all need green spaces to go to. I am concerned about the growth of the town though in the number of houses that are being built. It feels like Hadleigh is creaking to capacity with the amount of traffic and general footfall everywhere. Although still providing a good service the doctors, chemists and schools have difficulty coping with the new influx of population. The market town feel of the place is slowly disappearing. I have lived in the area for just over 40 years and have family going back 200 years or so here. I am sad to see the surrounding fields disappear to yet more concrete and houses, so pushing our important nature and wildlife further away. If I wanted to live in a big town, I would have chosen to move long ago but have chosen to remain due to the unique market town Hadleigh is but as, I mentioned earlier, this is sadly rapidly disappearing. I really hope that housing development stops very soon before the character of the town is obliterated completely.”	Noted	
18	Resident	Yes I agree with the policies set out in the draft plan On the whole I think the Plan has captured the critical aspects of planning and infrastructure within Hadleigh No other comments	Noted	
19	Resident	I agree with most of the policies set out in the draft plan	Noted	

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		<p>Yes I think the Plan has captured the critical aspects of planning and infrastructure within Hadleigh</p> <p>“Item 7.12 Action Points (p 8 of 10)</p> <p>You refer to the currently speculative proposal for a vast housing/sportspark etc development which I understand has not yet been submitted for Planning Consent.</p> <p>Two years ago the developer exhibited the proposals to the public and this attracted a lot of concern/objections from residents for a number of reasons, not least the fact that Hadleigh is presently meeting its new housing provision targets and this development is not required.</p> <p>The wording used in your reference to this as yet hypothetical proposal implies that, because the development offers community hub/sporting facilities etc, the Council will support the proposed development.</p> <p>I feel that you are implying unconditional support for this development as long as community features are included and you ought to be looking at the overall picture. Perhaps your wording could be redrafted.”</p>	<p>Unclear where this is being referred to in the plan. However, no support is given for any specific proposals by the plan.</p>	
20	Resident	<p>I agree with most of the policies set out in the draft plan</p> <p>On the whole I think the Plan has captured the critical aspects of planning and infrastructure within Hadleigh</p> <p>“some sections exhibit a lack of understanding about what makes Hadleigh a safe and happy town to live in. While I agree with some aspects of the plan unfortunately I disagree in some essential areas.</p> <p>Firstly I totally disagree with the Working Party using out of date documents to back their proposals. Particularly the Carter Jonas document from 2015, Town Centre Health check which has a number of errors and was produced when Tesco had not totally given up on the Brett Works site. More importantly the 1999 Halcrow Fox report on pedestrianizing the High Street. It was thrown out by the town 24 years ago, traffic flows have changed and the changes to QD, arrival of Morrisons plus home delivery services have reduced the footfall in the High Street. Regretfully many shoppers will</p>	Noted	

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		<p>not stop in the High Street if they can not park outside the shop they wish to visit. Pedestrianizing or making the High Street one way will reduce the parking and further reduce the footfall.</p> <p>Changing the traffic flow would require some major restriction of the Benton Street, Station Road and High Street junction.</p> <p>Areas in the roads designated for cyclists whilst admirable to not fit into Town Centre roads which were built in the medieval period. To 'cycle track' High Street, George Street and Angel Street will virtually turn them into one way streets.</p> <p>Secondly. The section Visitor - Services - Economy. Section 7.12 appears to support the Hook Lane development as long as the Town gets the new community facilities. The Hook Lane development, not only is not needed within the housing requirement, the suggesting of giving a new community centre to the town Council is I believe is bribing the Town council.</p> <p>A new Community Centre with presumably access on Pond Hall Road is not within walking distance for most of the residents, has no transport service and not within easy cycling, plus the problems for Hook Lane itself.</p> <p>The comparisons on High Street vacancies, and the change over of shops needs further understanding. Many of the shops have only two or three years leases initially and have barely stabilized their business when a new, and often, increased lease is required. Knowing the High Street well one can list the ever changing shops and indeed those that have served the public for a number of years, approximately half of the shops are on short leases.</p> <p>There are a number of minor errors, for example changing names. Formerly Cock Meadow, now called Cox's Meadow or Park which classed with Cox's Corner. Bridge Meadow does not have public access across and there is no evidence that it has ever been open to the public."</p>		
21	Resident	<p>I agree with most of the policies set out in the draft plan</p> <p>On the whole I think the Plan has captured the critical aspects of planning and infrastructure within Hadleigh</p> <p>"More detail required on</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Social infrastructure – social care, community provision on new housing areas as population increases. 	Noted	

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		<p>2) Retention and preferably expansion of Bridge Street Parking Area</p> <p>3) Condition of pavements in High Street needs to be priority</p> <p>4) Availability for the disabled is critical"</p>		
22	Resident	<p>I agree with most of the policies set out in the draft plan</p> <p>On the whole I think the Plan has captured the critical aspects of planning and infrastructure within Hadleigh</p> <p>"1. The HNP does not adequately propose infrastructure in terms of shops, schools, medical facilities, roads & parking to service the expected 30% rise in population expected in the immediate future.</p> <p>2. Bridge Street car park must be available to all, extended if poss, Added storey?</p> <p>3. Services for surrounded 8 villages is inadequate in terms of parking, community transport could be set up?"</p>	<p>Hadleigh already has Hadleigh Community Transport.</p> <p>The existing car parks owned and managed by Babergh District Council are outside the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan.</p>	
23	Resident	<p>I do not agree overall with the policies in the Hadleigh Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>I do not think the plan has captured the critical aspects of planning and infrastructure within Hadleigh.</p> <p>"I'm very concerned about the amount of housing that's been allowed to happen. I do not agree with the idea about our High Street – you have only to look at Ipswich main street – its dead and they have spent thousands on it – water fountains etc – it's killed Ipswich High Street dead – It's empty shops and the very same will happen to Hadleigh.</p> <p>USE THE CAR PARK THAT THE COUNCIL offices had – it's full every day – MISTAKES HAVE BEEN MADE USING The Council Offices."</p>	Noted	
24	Historic England (stat consultee)	<p>"Thank you for consulting Historic England about your Regulation 14 draft Neighbourhood Plan. This is the first opportunity Historic England has had to review your neighbourhood plan. As the Government's adviser on the historic environment, Historic England is keen to ensure that the protection of the historic environment is fully taken into account at all stages and levels of the local planning process.</p>	Noted	

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		<p>Neighbourhood Plans are an important opportunity for local communities to set the agenda for their places, setting out what is important and why about different aspects of their parish or other area within the neighbourhood area boundary, and providing clear policy and guidance to readers – be they interested members of the public, planners or developers – regarding how the place should develop over the course of the plan period.</p> <p>At this point we don't consider there is a need for Historic England to be involved in the detailed development of the strategy for your area, but we offer some general advice and guidance below, which may be of assistance. The conservation officer at your local planning authority will be the best placed person to assist you in the development of the Plan with respect to the historic environment and can help you to consider and clearly articulate how a strategy can address the area's heritage assets.</p> <p>We note a desire to improve the streetscape within the Plan. You may find our guidance Streets for All of assistance...</p> <p>... We recommend the inclusion of a glossary containing relevant historic environment terminology contained in the NPPF, in addition to details about the additional legislative and policy protections that heritage assets and the historic environment in general enjoys.</p> <p>Finally, we should like to stress that this advice is based on the information provided by Hadleigh Parish Council in your correspondence of [Date]. To avoid any doubt, this does not reflect our obligation to provide further advice on or, potentially, object to specific proposals which may subsequently arise as a result of the proposed neighbourhood plan, where we consider these would have an adverse effect on the historic environment."</p>		
25	Resident	<p>I agree with most of the policies set out in the draft plan</p> <p>On the whole I think the Plan has captured the critical aspects of planning and infrastructure within Hadleigh</p>		

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		<p>“Have major concerns over parking in the historic core of the town (namely George Street, Angel Street and the side roads off the main road through the town). The residents of the lower half of George Street particularly are very supportive of a residents parking scheme. Non-resident vans and visiting cars are already parking in the historic streets, taking up valuable space for residents. There also needs to be a dedicated overnight parking area for drivers of commercial vehicles which are littering the streets in the historic part of the town - particularly overnight and at weekends / holiday times. With the size of the town set to increase rapidly in the coming years, it is critical that parking is addressed as part of the overall plan. Hadleigh is a beautiful historic town, and the street scene is very important. We don't want to see it turned into a dumping ground for commercial vehicles in particular.”</p>	Existing parking is within the remit of the District Council. The Plan does address off street parking within new developments and the town centre under policies HAD1, HAD4, HAD7, HAD12	
26	Resident	<p>I agree with most of the policies set out in the draft plan</p> <p>On the whole I think the Plan has captured the critical aspects of planning and infrastructure within Hadleigh</p> <p>“I and many of my neighbours have growing concerns over parking in the town, especially George Street where I live but also Angel street and other historic streets. We residents of George Street particularly are very supportive of a residents parking scheme. Non-resident vans and visiting cars are already parking in the historic streets, taking up valuable space for residents, at times we have been unable to park and have had commercial vehicles blocking our entrances and shared access. It would be better if there was a dedicated overnight parking area for drivers of commercial vehicles which are littering the streets in the historic part of the town - particularly overnight and at weekends / holiday times. With the size of the town set to increase rapidly in the coming years, it is critical that parking is addressed as part of the overall plan. Hadleigh is a beautiful historic town, and the street scene is very important. We don't want to see it turned into a dumping ground for commercial vehicles in particular which it is fast becoming.”</p>	Existing parking is within the remit of the District Council. The Plan does address off street parking within new developments and the town centre under policies HAD1, HAD4, HAD7, HAD12	
27	Resident	<p>I do not agree overall with the policies in the Hadleigh Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>I do not think the plan has captured the critical aspects of planning and infrastructure within Hadleigh.</p>	Noted	

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		<p>"My one concern is that building on flood planes and pouring tonnes of concrete on the land causes the river etc to flood it doesn't make sense .We also have limited places at our schools and GPS and roads I think it's time to stop building Hadleigh done its bit !"</p>		
28	Resident	<p>I agree with most of the policies set out in the draft plan</p> <p>On the whole I think the Plan has captured the critical aspects of planning and infrastructure within Hadleigh</p> <p>"It seems there will be a lot more housing but not adequate services such as doctors and schools. Also a woeful lack of public transport."</p>	Noted	
29	Resident	<p>Yes I agree with the policies set out in the draft plan</p> <p>I think the Plan has captured the critical aspects of planning and infrastructure within Hadleigh</p> <p>"It's a great representation of Hadleigh today and a wonderful vision for the future"</p>	Noted	
30	Resident	<p>Yes I agree with the policies set out in the draft plan</p> <p>I think the Plan has captured the critical aspects of planning and infrastructure within Hadleigh</p> <p>"Very comprehensive plan"</p>	Noted	
31	BDC Councillor & resident	<p>Yes I agree with the policies set out in the draft plan</p> <p>I think the Plan has captured the critical aspects of planning and infrastructure within Hadleigh</p> <p>"I think it is very well thought out and has some interesting ideas."</p>	Noted	

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		<p>"I noticed a couple of typos which I highlighted at the time. Sadly, I didn't save it (thought I had!) so can't find them both now. The one I can re-find is on page 43 about the Cricket Ground. The first sentence mentions the 'woodens industry' and I assume it should read 'woollens industry'. I'm sure others have picked up on this. If the other one comes to mind, I'll let you know.</p> <p>The SHELAA map of Hadleigh, which was discussed at the last Community Forum meeting, includes a site which I'm concerned about. The site numbered SS0909 between B1070 Gallows Hill, A1071 and Aldham Mill Hill is partially flooded again today. Although I know that the land immediately next to the river wouldn't be part of any development, I'm wondering whether it would be prudent to leave all of that land undeveloped. I'm thinking of run-off from hardstanding if the site is built over adding to problems of flooding."</p> <p>"On page 43 about the Cricket Ground, the first sentence mentions the 'woodens industry' and I assume it should read 'woollens industry'. I'm sure others have picked up on this."</p>		
32	Resident	<p>Yes I agree with the policies set out in the draft plan</p> <p>I think the Plan has captured the critical aspects of planning and infrastructure within Hadleigh</p>	Noted	
33	Defence Infrastructure Organisation (stat consultee)	<p>"The area covered by Hadleigh Neighbourhood Plan will both contain and be washed over by safeguarding zones that are designed to preserve the operation and capability of defence assets and sites. Wattisham Station is location to the North of the Hadleigh Neighbourhood Plan authority area and benefits from safeguarding zones drawn to preserve the airspace above and surrounding the aerodrome to ensure that development does not form a physical obstruction to the safe operation of aircraft using that aerodrome. New development may have detrimental impacts depending on site location relative to safeguarded sites and assets. Additionally, Wattisham Station is washed over by a statutory birdstrike safeguarding zone, designed for birdstrike risk to be identified and mitigated.</p>	This is not relevant to the Hadleigh area as the NP is not allocating sites.	

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		<p>To provide an illustration of the various issues that might be fundamental to MOD assessment carried out in response to statutory consultation, a brief summary of each of the safeguarding zone types is provided below. Depending on the statutory safeguarding zone within which a site is allocation or proposed development falls, different considerations will apply.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The airspace above and surrounding aerodromes is safeguarded to ensure that development does not form a physical obstruction to the safe operation of aircraft using that aerodrome. Zones are drawn that trigger consultation on development of various heights to ensure that their effect on the protected airspace above and surrounding an aerodrome is assessed and, if necessary, mitigated. These zones also indicate areas where development might reduce the capability or otherwise compromise the operation of technical assets such as communications, navigation, or surveillance systems including radar. In addition to permanent physical development within these zones, the use of cranes, piling rigs or other tall plant or equipment to implement development may also be of concern. • Birdstrike safeguarding zones with a radius of 12.87km are designated around certain military aerodromes. Aircraft within these zones are most likely to be approaching or departing aerodromes and therefore being at critical stages of flight. Within the statutory consultation areas associated with aerodromes are zones that are designed to allow birdstrike risk to be identified and mitigated. The creation of environments attractive to those large and flocking bird species that pose a hazard to aviation safety can have a significant effect. This can include landscaping schemes associated with large developments, such as green and/or Bio-solar/brown roofs/roof gardens on flat roof buildings, as well as the creation of new waterbodies such as ponds and/or attenuation basins. Sustainable Drainage Systems (SUDS) additionally provide an opportunity for habitats within and around a development. The incorporation of open water, both permanent and temporary, provide a range of habitats for wildlife, including potentially increasing the creation of attractant environments for large and flocking bird species hazardous to aviation and therefore may be subject to design requirements or for management plans to be applied. <p>In addition to the safeguarding zones identified, the MOD may also have an interest where development is of a type likely to have any impact on operational capability.</p>		

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		<p>Usually this will be by virtue of the scale, height, or other physical property of a development. Examples these types of development include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solar PV development which can impact on the operation and capability of communications and other technical assets by introducing substantial areas of metal or sources of electromagnetic interference. Depending on the location of development, solar panels may also produce glint and glare which can affect aircrew or air traffic controllers. • Wind turbines may impact on the operation of surveillance systems such as radar where the rotating motion of their blades can degrade and cause interference to the effective operation of these types of installations, potentially resulting in detriment to aviation safety and operational capability. This potential is recognised in the Government's online Planning Practice Guidance which contains, within the Renewable and Low Carbon Energy section, specific guidance that both developers and Local Planning Authorities should consult the MOD where a proposed turbine has a tip height of, or exceeding 11m, and/or has a rotor diameter of 2m or more; and, • Any development that would exceed a height of 50m above ground level. Both tall (of or exceeding a height of 50m above ground level) structures and wind turbine development introduce physical obstacles to low flying aircraft • Development, regardless of height, outside MOD safeguarding zones but in the vicinity of military training estate or property. 		
34	Grand Feoffment Charity	<p>"Gallows Hill Allotment</p> <p>The allotments are part owned by the Ann Beaumont Charity and part by Hadleigh Grand Feoffment Charity.</p> <p>Bridge Meadow</p> <p>Is not a public recreation area; the Trustees are unaware if there is access from the Calais Street side to the east end of Gallows Hill allotments, but there is certainly no</p>	Private land can be designated as a Local Green Space whether or not there is no right of way.	

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		<p>access through our land. We do not know who owns the piece of land to the east of our meadow. Bridge Meadow area is fenced and rented locally to a sheep farmer. Members of the public should not be walking through the fenced land.”</p> <p>“In addition to our letter dated 12th December 2023 please accept this letter as the charities formal objection that the ‘land at the southeast of Ann Beaumont Way’ is not included within the neighbourhood plan (currently on page 44, paragraph 15).</p> <p>The area is a private, locked, fenced, commercial field which is let locally to house sheep and is a source of income for the charity. There is no public right of way through this fenced field and is not an area used for ‘informal recreation’. The ‘important walking route’ is to the left of the charity’s land and not through the fenced area.</p> <p>The Trustees would also like it to be documented that the charity has not received any prior notice that the land has been designated as a local green space.”</p>	<p>The LGS document had already been updated to include the official name as well as the locally used name which the HGFC were made aware of. The point about access is noted and will be amended to clarify. However this does not change the justification for the designation of the land.</p> <p>The Trust was sent a letter which included a map showing the Bridge Meadow site.</p>	
35	National Highways (stat consultee)	<p>“National Highways is responsible for the operation, maintenance, and improvement of the Strategic Road Network (SRN) in England on behalf of the Secretary of the State. In the area within and surrounding Neighbourhood Plan area, National Highways have responsibility for the trunk roads A12 and A14, part of the Strategic Road Network (SRN).</p> <p>We have completed review of the supporting document titled, “Hadleigh Neighbourhood Plan 2023 – 2038”, Pre-Submission Regulation 14 Draft Version dated October 2023. This draft Neighbourhood Plan will cover the same period (2023 – 2038), which also correspond with the period applicable to the emerging Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan.</p> <p>It has been noted that once adopted, the Neighbourhood Plan will become a material consideration in the determination of planning applications. Where relevant, National Highways will be a statutory consultee on future planning applications within the area and will assess the impact on the SRN of a planning application accordingly.</p>	Noted	

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		<p>The vision, objective, and proposed policies within this draft neighbourhood plan 2023-2038 would not have any predicted adverse impact on the Strategic Road Network (SRN).</p> <p>We do not have any more comment of this.”</p>		
36	Resident	<p>“Corrections need to be made to the page references for 11 POLICIES MAPS that should read 76 and not 756. 12 IMPLEMENTATION – Review should read 79 and not 749.</p> <p>Paragraph 2.32 states that Ipswich and Sudbury train stations are the closest to Hadleigh at respectively 10 & 11 miles away. In fact, Manningtree rail station is the closest being only 8 miles away and the closest to London which most rail travellers to London use. This is important when considering commuter traffic congestion to and from Hadleigh along Benton Street and the B1070.</p> <p>Attractive Natural Environment</p> <p>3.10 The reference to – Wolves Wood providing support to local businesses is not fully understood and needs clarification.</p> <p>Key Challenges</p> <p>3.17 This paragraph is unclear. Line 3 requires “ ... area it is within...”</p> <p>Dynamic Town Centre</p> <p>3.5 Mention should be made of the several successful service industries operating from the Hadleigh Business Park, off the Pond Hall Road and within the Hadleigh boundary. A number of employees working at businesses on the Hadleigh Business Park access the A12, along Hook Lane. This route needs to be considered.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Agree</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>Amend contents</p> <p>Amend para 2.32.</p> <p>Amend para 3.10</p> <p>Amend para 3.17</p>

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		<p>Document – 2015 Town Centre Healthcheck – Hadleigh Excerpt</p> <p>the Retail Study of “Hadleigh Town Centre: Health Check” is dated September 2015 is now 8 years out of date and needs to be updated.</p> <p>It is suggested that a new survey be conducted to update the 2015 report to establish the current views of residents.</p> <p>Document – Hadleigh Transport Study 2023</p> <p>The obvious errors in the Hadleigh Transport Study 2023 tend to undermine its validity. For example, on page 46 – 6.22 Town Centre Gateways, the key recommendation (listed No. 2 as an immediate implementation measure) is to site gateways at the major entry points. These would “- highlight the sense of place and importance of Hadleigh - “. The 2020 Consultancy failed to note that Hadleigh already has gateway signs. Where they suggest they should be put is close to where they are already. These signs were funded by residents and a local manufacturer – Hadleigh Castings Ltd. many years ago.</p> <p>Document - BDC & MSDC Car Park Strategy 2022 – 2042</p> <p>The BDC report failed to cover all parking availability in Hadleigh and ignored the on-road parking options. The report tried to quantify the current and future capacity of only the BDC car parks. No consideration was given to the imminent growth in residents in Hadleigh. Hence capacity levels are likely to be reached far sooner than predicted in the report. No reference was made to the increase in the average width of vehicles and the need to widen the existing car park spaces. This would reduce the number of spaces available.”</p>	<p>This document is just for information purposes and is not referenced in the Plan. It wasn't work carried out by the current NP group or previous NP group directly, as was contracted work so is background information only.</p> <p>The Transport Study undertaken by 2020 Consultancy for the NP Group had its own consultation period during its creation. The final version was accepted in a meeting of the NP SC.</p> <p>This is not a document commissioned by HTC for the Neighbourhood Plan.</p>	

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		<p>"I am concerned that nowhere in the draft Hadleigh Neighbourhood Plan is there an attempt to quantify the impact on Hadleigh of the growth in new houses. Based on an analysis of planning applications already approved, and being built at present, Hadleigh's population will increase by well over 30% in just a few years to 2030.</p> <p>Any neighbourhood plan must first quantify the number of residents in the neighbourhood. Then the growth in number, their demographics and their needs. Next, any new developments in neighbouring parishes need assessing to determine those extra people who might come into Hadleigh to use the various facilities.</p> <p>Plans need to ensure that the infrastructure meets future growth requirements.</p> <p>Hadleigh Town Council's first priority should be to focus on the transport facilities. Without clear thoroughfares, adequate parking, cycleways and pavements large enough for mobility scooters, the town will grind to a halt. This will impact on air pollution and the economy of the town if not given a priority.</p> <p>Ipswich is a classic example of failure to meet public needs, through lack of planning and excessive parking charges. As a result, its centre has become a ghost town as shoppers, and then key shops and major multiples, have withdrawn.</p> <p>The Hadleigh Transport Management Working Group should be revived to assist HTC study and recommend actions to meet the town's future needs.</p> <p>HTC should ensure that the external authorities, responsible for providing schooling, medical facilities, water and sewage, should be challenged to prove that their plans meet the need for Hadleigh's significant growth. Confirmations from the appropriate public bodies should be sought by the HTC and then published."</p>	<p>Please refer to section 8 of the Plan.</p> <p>This is not a HTC working group so cannot be revived by HTC and is outside the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan group.</p> <p>These comments will be passed to the HTC Planning Committee.</p>	
37	Hopkins Homes	<p>"Hopkins Homes are providing this consultation response in reply to the Hadleigh Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 Consultation by the requested submission deadline of 17th December 2023.</p>	<p>The NP considered whether to allocate sites. The decision was taken that this was best undertaken through the local</p>	

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		<p>Hopkins Homes Ltd is the largest independent house building company in East Anglia with a reputation for delivering well designed, high quality residential and mixed-use development harmonising with its local context. In the past decade the company has succeeded in delivering sustainable developments which improve neighbourhoods, improve local infrastructure and add to local distinctiveness throughout East Anglia.</p> <p>In respect of the content of the Neighbourhood Plan Consultation, whilst ensuring 'housing meets the range of needs of the community and is well integrated with it' is identified as one of 9 key objectives of the Plan, somewhat disappointingly, there appears to be very little reference to proposals to deliver new housing within the Plan. No specific further allocations of land to deliver additional housing for Hadleigh are proposed, with the sole Policy reference (Policy HAD11) given over to 'Co-housing' schemes – albeit with no specifically identified sites upon which to deliver these.</p> <p>In order to successfully deliver the similarly identified key objectives of 'a full range of community services and facilities for residents and visitors of all ages' and 'ensure that Hadleigh's town centre continues to thrive and serves the community' additional residential growth will be required to provide the necessary economic and social support.</p> <p>Hopkins Homes Ltd have previously promoted land West of Gallows Hill/North of Coram Street, Hadleigh, in order to provide for a wholly logical and sustainable area of residential growth for Hadleigh, as detailed upon the Plan overleaf.</p> <p>The available area of land would enable the delivery of approximately 300 new dwellings, along with significant areas of new public open space, enabling the provision of a range of new housing to meet the needs of the community, providing 'low carbon development' incorporating 'usable green spaces' which would also 'expand and enhance areas of nature and biodiversity and linkages between them' and 'provide additional safe cycling and walking infrastructure to reduce car dependency'.</p> <p>Notwithstanding the relatively limited evidence base and justification for its identification, the proposals would also acknowledge and incorporate the identified 'Key View e' of Policy HAD2. As can be readily seen from the Plan overleaf, the</p>	<p>plan process. Accordingly, the Joint Local Plan Part 2 will allocate sites for Hadleigh.</p>	

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		<p>proposals have specifically been designed to ensure that they respect 'the landscape, landscape features, streetscape, heritage assets and important spaces and valued views into, out of and within Hadleigh' and incorporate mitigation measures which will 'ensure development is sensitively screened and assimilated into its surroundings'.</p> <p>It is therefore strongly recommended that the Neighbourhood Plan gives serious consideration to the identification and allocation of specific sites upon which to deliver the required residential growth to support the future economic and social well-being of the town.</p> <p>As outlined above, the land West of Gallows Hill/North of Coram Street, Hadleigh provides the most logical and sustainable location to achieve this."</p>		
38	Pegasus Group (on behalf of Ballymore Group development company)	<p>Yes I agree with the policies set out in the draft plan</p> <p>On the while I think the Plan has captured the critical aspects of planning and infrastructure within Hadleigh</p> <p>"3.1. These comments are made on behalf of Ballymore Group, in the context of interests at Land South of Pond Hall Road, Hadleigh ('the site'). Extensive engagement has been undertaken with the Town Council, local stakeholders and the local community in general regarding Ballymore's proposals for a sensitively designed and landscape-led scheme on this site that will enable the delivery of a sports, community and social hub, sports facilities and around 285 very high quality new energy efficient homes (including 35% affordable homes of various sizes, types and tenures).</p> <p>3.2. The purpose of these comments is primarily to respond to the emerging vision, objectives and policies of the Neighbourhood Plan where of specific relevance to the site.</p> <p>Vision and Objectives</p>		

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		<p>3.3. The vision for the emerging Neighbourhood Plan is supported in principle; it aims to ensure new development respects the character of Hadleigh and delivers tangible economic, social and environmental benefits is commendable.</p> <p>3.4. The Neighbourhood Plan objectives are similarly supported in principle, and align well with Ballymore's own aspirations to deliver community and leisure facilities alongside high-quality, sustainably designed homes that can provide a range of private market and affordable accommodation types and tenures in response to identified local housing needs.</p> <p>3.5. The Neighbourhood Plan aims to ensure Hadleigh remains an active town with long-term vitality. There is some recognition that vitality and housing growth go hand in hand, with paragraph 2.11 noting that the strong increase in Hadleigh's population to its current levels of 9,000 residents has brought 'with it a growth in prosperity not seen for centuries'. It is therefore disappointing then that the Neighbourhood Plan does not contain any policies seeking to allocate land for the delivery of new homes.</p> <p>3.6. The Neighbourhood Plan could take a more proactive role in shaping how future housing and growth in the town is delivered, particularly in the context that the Joint Local Plan Part 2, which will confirm spatial strategy and distribution of development, is still in the early stages of preparation. The recently adopted Joint Local Plan Part 1 identifies a District-wide need of 1,191 homes. Being one of the largest settlements in the District, Hadleigh is a plainly sustainable settlement with the required facilities to support the day-to-day needs of a new community. Hadleigh is also evidently a very attractive place to live and work. The Neighbourhood Plan is therefore well placed to deliver some of this need in a manner that also helps to achieve its Neighbourhood Plan objectives, such as objective 1 (new community services) and objective 9 (housing to meet a range of needs).</p> <p>3.7. Land South of Pond Hall Road represents one of those opportunities. The site is a deliverable (suitable, available and viable) prospect, capable of contributing towards local Neighbourhood-level housing needs and District-wide housing needs in a sustainable manner – both in terms of locational sustainability and accessibility (walking and cycling), and in respect of sustainable, low carbon construction.</p>	<p>3.6 - The decision was made not to allocate sites and to change strategy at this stage would be unlikely to deliver a plan significantly ahead of the Joint Local Plan Part 2.</p> <p>Agreed. This will be removed from the NP evidence base.</p>	

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		<p>3.8. It is noted that the evidence base for the Neighbourhood Plan includes the SHELAA (2020), which assessed Land South of Pond Hall Road. This is not a sound approach to take; the Inspectors examining the Joint Local Plan were clear in stating that the site assessment process undertaken in the SHELAA was not supported by appropriate evidence. Babergh and Mid Suffolk Councils have been requested to undertake the site assessment process again as part of the preparation of the Joint Local Plan Part 2. The SHELAA (2020) should thus be removed from the evidence base for the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>3.9. Primarily though, Ballymore's proposals for the site are led by the community sports hub, which is very much central to the development of this scheme. This comprises of facilities which have been specifically designed to respond to meet and compliment local demand. The hub will be endowed for community benefit, comprising of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village green that can also function as a cricket pitch in the summer season; • Various sports pitches (including capability to be used for rugby, football, 3G pitch, athletics track, and recreation facilities) as appropriate seasonally; • Community building with facilities such as changing rooms to serve the sports pitch uses, as well as a multi-use hall for indoor sport (badminton court), stage and community facilities; • Commercial building of a flexible use, details of which are to be confirmed following further assessment of the local occupational market. <p>3.10. Paragraph 10.9 of the Neighbourhood Plan clearly articulates the importance of providing community infrastructure that meets the needs of the population. Given as examples are leisure facilities, community rooms, sports facilities and arts centres. Paragraph 3.17 also makes reference to growing pressure on local facilities. The Neighbourhood Plan recognises that existing provision of societies and clubs plays a key role in the vitality of the town, even attracting non-residents to the town (paragraph 3.13).</p> <p>3.11. It is disappointing then that the Neighbourhood Plan does not include a specific policy on the provision of new community facilities, with paragraph 10.11 only stating that 'it will be important moving forward that further work is done to identify the specific community infrastructure needs of the community of Hadleigh'.</p>	<p>This is acknowledged. A new policy will address this.</p>	<p>New sport and leisure policy added</p>

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		<p>3.12. Ballymore fully agrees with this statement, and has already undertaken an extensive series of engagements with local stakeholders, involving local residents, community groups, sports clubs, and other clubs and societies over a number of years, with the very aim of understanding what the current needs of the local population are in terms of new facilities. The facilities at Land South of Pond Hall Road are proposed in direct response to compliment the demand that has been identified – exemplified by the level of support this proposal has from a significant number of the active sports clubs and societies in Hadleigh. Ballymore’s engagement with the local community has clearly revealed that there are currently no existing facilities in Hadleigh that have the ability to offer the facilities that are offered on this site and accommodate the extent of future local needs that the Neighbourhood Plan aspires to.</p> <p>3.13. Ballymore would welcome further engagement with the Neighbourhood Plan working group on the identification of this need, and how the proposals at Land South of Pond Hall Road have been tailored to meet that need in a manner that meets the wider objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan. The proposals are still evolving, however it should be recognised that there are no other sites that are being promoted in Hadleigh (whether allocations or not) proposing such a significant level of community, sports and social provision. In addition to meeting local community needs, this provision will also contribute directly towards the challenge identified at paragraph 3.16 of attracting younger people – two issues which are directly interrelated.</p> <p>3.14. In addition, the placement of the site means it has the ability to deliver the new community infrastructure in a sustainable location that is very accessible and closely related to the existing settlement and schools. The site is within easy walking and cycling distance from the town centre and its cluster of existing services and facilities. There are plentiful opportunities available, which are being actively explored, to increase the connectivity of the site through several pedestrian and cycle links to adjacent streets and the Railway Walk. Any new facilities provided on the site would thus integrate well with the town, and provide positive support towards the continued vitality of the town’s community facilities in a sustainable manner.</p> <p>3.15. As well as the direct provision of new community and leisure facilities, the proposed development would also generate CIL and S106 receipts. Ballymore is</p>		

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		<p>supportive of financial contributions, especially those required by CIL, being directed towards local projects. Having a Neighbourhood Plan in place will ensure a greater proportion of CIL receipts will be allocated directly to the Town Council. Specifically identifying infrastructure requirements in the Neighbourhood Plan, supported by evidence collated from the local community, will greatly assist in securing funding for local infrastructure projects.</p> <p>3.16. In summary, the site as proposed by Ballymore is capable of delivering development that is clearly much needed in Hadleigh right now. The table below illustrates that the proposed development is able to meet all of the objectives stated within the draft Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>✓✓✓ Provide a full range of community services and facilities for residents and visitors of all ages. Based on the unmet demand as explained above, the proposed development will make a significant contribution towards this objective.</p> <p>✓ Enhance existing visitor/heritage attractions, making Hadleigh a 'destination of choice'. The long-term vitality of a market town requires the right growth – which the proposed development will deliver, attracting both visitors through the new facilities and allowing those with connections to Hadleigh to buy a new home in the town.</p> <p>✓✓✓ Protect, expand and enhance areas of nature and biodiversity and linkages between them, both in public and private spaces. As explained above, the green infrastructure elements form a key feature of the scheme at Pond Hall Road.</p> <p>✓✓✓ Protect existing green spaces and provide usable green spaces in new development. The scheme will provide new green space of various typologies, open to and usable by all.</p> <p>✓✓ Maintain the essential character of Hadleigh as a historical market town. The site is located away from the historic core and conversation area of Hadleigh.</p>		

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		<p>✓✓✓ Ensure that Hadleigh's town centre continues to thrive and serves the community as its needs change. The long-term vitality and viability of Hadleigh will be maintained by the proposed scheme.</p> <p>✓✓✓ Deliver low carbon development, both in new build and renovation. The new homes are designed to maximise sustainability, and reduce energy consumption and therefore carbon emissions as far as reasonably practical.</p> <p>✓✓ Provide additional safe cycling and walking infrastructure to reduce car dependency. The accessibility and connectivity of the site has been thoroughly assessed to ensure new walking and cycling connections are provided that fully integrate the new facilities and homes with the existing community.</p> <p>✓✓✓ Ensure housing meets the range of needs of the community and is well integrated with it. A variety of homes can be provided on the site, capable of meeting local housing need.</p> <p>3.17. The Town Council is encouraged to consider the results of the engagement that has been undertaken on this site and the positive contribution that can be made towards achieving Neighbourhood Plan objectives before finalising the Plan for submission.</p> <p>Policy HAD1: Design and Character</p> <p>3.18. The principle of Policy HAD1 is welcomed, insofar as it encourages high quality design which respects the local character. This is in line with the NPPF (2023) and the importance given in this national policy document to good design as a key aspect of delivering sustainable development, and creating better places to live and work.</p> <p>3.19. Ballymore has assessed the constraints and opportunities of the site and undertaken detailed contextual analysis of the wider area to inform the proposal for Land South of Pond Hall Road. This detailed exercise and assessment of the local character has ensured new homes are designed which respond positively to the architectural styles, design and materials of the local area. Extensive technical</p>		

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		<p>assessment work has been undertaken which demonstrates that there are no constraints that cannot be overcome or appropriately mitigated.</p> <p>Policy HAD3: Biodiversity-led and Wildlife-friendly Design & Policy HAD4: Green / Blue Corridors and Verges</p> <p>3.20. In addition to well-designed homes, Ballymore are committed to the delivery of a minimum of 10% biodiversity net gain, and supports the creation of new and / or improved habitat and wildlife corridors. The layout which has been designed for Land South of Pond Hall Road respects existing green infrastructure and retain green space adjacent to the Railway Walk which is noted on Figure 5.2 as part of the ecological network. The objective of retaining and enhancing existing habitats is already a key principle of the proposals in line with this emerging policy.</p> <p>3.21. Such provisions are essential to encourage nature recovery in line with objective 3, but will also help to create an attractive place, new green spaces (objective 4) and support the health and well-being of new and existing residents. The provisions of Policy HAD3 and Policy HAD4 are therefore fully supported.</p> <p>Policy HAD7: Low Carbon Development</p> <p>3.22. The objective (7) of delivering low carbon development is supported. Ballymore has set itself the aim of designing development (both homes and non-residential buildings) that performs to a high level in terms of energy and sustainability performance. This includes provision of air source heat pumps alongside high quality insulation, glazing and solar panels."</p>		
39	Reveal Projects	<p>2.1. These comments are made by Alastair Watson of Reveal Projects who are a local business based in Hadleigh with local employees who use many local facilities and who in the context of proposals at Land South of Pond Hall Road, Hadleigh ('the Site') by Ballymore Group for a sensitively designed and landscape-led scheme on this Site that will enable the delivery of a sports, community and social hub, sports facilities and around 285 very high quality new energy efficient homes (including 35% affordable homes of various sizes, types and tenures). These proposals have been designed following extensive engagement with local community groups, and the</p>	See response to representation #39 (Pegasus Group on behalf of Ballymore)	

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		<p>purpose of these comments is to confirm support for the sports, community and social facilities proposed at this Site. There is a real need for these new facilities, and we encourage the Neighbourhood Plan to take a proactive approach in recognising the ability for this Site to meet those needs in a suitable and sustainable manner.</p> <p>Vision and Objectives</p> <p>2.2. The vision for the emerging Neighbourhood Plan is supported in principle; its aims to ensure new development respects the character of Hadleigh and delivers tangible economic, social and environmental benefits is commendable.</p> <p>2.3. The Neighbourhood Plan objectives are similarly supported in principle, and align well with the Site Owner and Developer's own aspirations to deliver community and leisure facilities alongside high-quality, sustainably designed homes that can provide a range of private market and affordable accommodation types and tenures in response to identified local housing needs.</p> <p>2.4. The Neighbourhood Plan aims to ensure Hadleigh remains an active town with long-term vitality. There is some recognition that vitality and housing growth go hand in hand, with paragraph 2.11 noting that the strong increase in Hadleigh's population to its current levels of 9,000 residents has brought 'with it a growth in prosperity not seen for centuries'. It is therefore disappointing then that the Neighbourhood Plan does not contain any policies seeking to allocate land for the delivery of new homes.</p> <p>2.5. The Neighbourhood Plan could take a more proactive role in shaping how future housing and growth in the town is delivered, particularly in the context that the Joint Local Plan Part 2, which will confirm spatial strategy and distribution of development, is still in the early stages of preparation. The recently adopted Joint Local Plan Part 1 identifies a District-wide need of 1,191 homes. Being one of the largest settlements in the District, Hadleigh is a plainly sustainable settlement with the required facilities to support the day-to-day needs of a new community. Hadleigh is also evidently a very attractive place to live and work. The Neighbourhood Plan is therefore well placed to deliver some of this need in a manner that also helps to achieve its Neighbourhood Plan objectives, such as objective 1 (new community services) and objective 9 (housing to meet a range of needs).</p> <p>2.6. Land South of Pond Hall Road represents one of those opportunities. The Site is a deliverable (suitable, available and viable) prospect, capable of contributing towards local Neighbourhood-level housing needs and District-wide housing needs in</p>		

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		<p>a sustainable manner – both in terms of locational sustainability and accessibility (walking and cycling), and in respect of sustainable, low carbon construction.</p> <p>2.7. It is noted that the evidence base for the Neighbourhood Plan includes the SHELAA (2020), which assessed Land South of Pond Hall Road. This is not a sound approach to take; the Inspectors examining the Joint Local Plan were clear in stating that the Site assessment process undertaken in the SHELAA was not supported by appropriate evidence. Babergh and Mid Suffolk Councils have been requested to undertake the Site assessment process again as part of the preparation of the Joint Local Plan Part 2. The SHELAA (2020) should thus be removed from the evidence base for the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>2.8. Primarily though, proposals for the Site are led by the community sports hub, which is very much central to the development of this scheme. This comprises of facilities which have been specifically designed to respond to meet and compliment local demand. The hub will be endowed for community benefit, comprising of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village green that can also function as a cricket pitch in the summer season; • Various sports pitches (including capability to be used for rugby, football, 3G pitch, athletics track, and recreation facilities) as appropriate seasonally; • Community building with facilities such as changing rooms to serve the sports pitch uses, as well as a multi-use hall for indoor sport (badminton court), stage and community facilities; • Commercial building of a flexible use, details of which are to be confirmed following further assessment of the local occupational market. <p>2.9. Paragraph 10.9 of the Neighbourhood Plan clearly articulates the importance of providing community infrastructure that meets the needs of the population. Given as examples are leisure facilities, community rooms, sports facilities and arts centres. Paragraph 3.17 also makes reference to growing pressure on local facilities. The Neighbourhood Plan recognises that existing provision of societies and clubs plays a key role in the vitality of the town, even attracting non-residents to the town (paragraph 3.13).</p> <p>2.10. It is disappointing then that the Neighbourhood Plan does not include a specific policy on the provision of new community facilities, with paragraph 10.11 only stating that 'it will be important moving forward that further work is done to identify the specific community infrastructure needs of the community of Hadleigh'.</p> <p>2.11. We fully agree with this statement, and note the Site's Owners and Developers have already undertaken an extensive series of engagements with local stakeholders,</p>		

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		<p>involving local residents, community groups, sports clubs, and other clubs and societies over a number of years, with the very aim of understanding what the current needs of the local population are in terms of new facilities. The facilities at Land South of Pond Hall Road are proposed in direct response to compliment the demand that has been identified – exemplified by the level of support this proposal has from a significant number of the active sports clubs and societies in Hadleigh. The Site's Developers and Owners engagement with the local community has clearly revealed that there are currently no existing facilities in Hadleigh that have the ability to offer the facilities that are offered on this Site and accommodate the extent of future local needs that the Neighbourhood Plan aspires to.</p> <p>2.12. We understand that whilst the proposals are still evolving, it should be recognised that there are no other Sites that are being promoted in Hadleigh (whether allocations or not) proposing such a significant level of community, sports and social provision. In addition to meeting local community needs, this provision will also contribute directly towards the challenge identified at paragraph 3.16 of attracting younger people – two issues which are directly interrelated.</p> <p>2.13. In addition, the placement of the Site means it has the ability to deliver the new community infrastructure in a sustainable location that is very accessible and closely related to the existing settlement and schools. The Site is within easy walking and cycling distance from the town centre and its cluster of existing services and facilities. There are plentiful opportunities available, which are being actively explored, to increase the connectivity of the Site through several pedestrian and cycle links to adjacent streets and the Railway Walk. Any new facilities provided on the Site would thus integrate well with the town, and provide positive support towards the continued vitality of the town's community facilities in a sustainable manner.</p> <p>2.14. As well as the direct provision of new community and leisure facilities, the proposed development would also generate CIL and S106 receipts. We understand the Developer and Owner are supportive of financial contributions, especially those required by CIL, being directed towards local projects. Having a Neighbourhood Plan in place will ensure a greater proportion of CIL receipts will be allocated directly to the Town Council. Specifically identifying infrastructure requirements in the Neighbourhood Plan, supported by evidence collated from the local community, will greatly assist in securing funding for local infrastructure projects.</p> <p>2.15. In summary, we believe the Site as proposed by Ballymore is capable of delivering development that is clearly much needed in Hadleigh right now. The table</p>		

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		<p>below illustrates that the proposed development is able to meet all of the objectives stated within the draft Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>✓✓✓ Provide a full range of community services and facilities for residents and visitors of all ages. Based on the unmet demand as explained above, the proposed development will make a significant contribution towards this objective.</p> <p>✓ Enhance existing visitor/heritage attractions, making Hadleigh a 'destination of choice'. The long-term vitality of a market town requires the right growth – which the proposed development will deliver, attracting both visitors through the new facilities and allowing those with connections to Hadleigh to buy a new home in the town.</p> <p>✓✓✓ Protect, expand and enhance areas of nature and biodiversity and linkages between them, both in public and private spaces. As explained above, the green infrastructure elements form a key feature of the scheme at Pond Hall Road.</p> <p>✓✓✓ Protect existing green spaces and provide usable green spaces in new development. The scheme will provide new green space of various typologies, open to and usable by all.</p> <p>✓✓ Maintain the essential character of Hadleigh as a historical market town. The Site is located away from the historic core and conversation area of Hadleigh.</p> <p>✓✓✓ Ensure that Hadleigh's town centre continues to thrive and serves the community as its needs change. The long-term vitality and viability of Hadleigh will be maintained by the proposed scheme.</p> <p>✓✓✓ Deliver low carbon development, both in new build and renovation. The new homes are designed to maximise sustainability, and reduce energy consumption and therefore carbon emissions as far as reasonably practical.</p> <p>✓✓ Provide additional safe cycling and walking infrastructure to reduce car dependency. The accessibility and connectivity of the Site has been thoroughly assessed to ensure new walking and cycling connections are provided that fully integrate the new facilities and homes with the existing community.</p> <p>✓✓✓ Ensure housing meets the range of needs of the community and is well integrated with it. A variety of homes can be provided on the Site, capable of meeting local housing need.</p> <p>2.16. The Town Council is encouraged to consider the results of the engagement that has been undertaken on this Site and the positive contribution that can be made towards achieving Neighbourhood Plan objectives before finalising the Plan for submission.</p>		

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40	Resident	<p>"Low lying ABW [Ann Beaumont Way] are at greater risk from flooding from R. Brett, as was demonstrated recently _</p> <p>We have lived in ABW for over 50 years and the water rose higher this year than I can previously remember. I've read the info – in the Hadleigh newsletter and underestimated the complications of flood management along the River Brett but would like to draw attention to the increasing risk to houses in ABW."</p>	Noted	
41	Resident	<p>I agree with most of the policies set out in the draft plan</p> <p>I do not think the Plan has captured the critical aspects of planning and infrastructure within Hadleigh</p> <p>"In recent storm we were surrounded by flood water on both sides, an annexe actually flooded and, literally, flood water up to ½" of our doorstep. The footpath around Ann Beaumont Way needs to be protected with an earth barrier similar to that on the other side of the river which protects the road from A1071 bypass to Morrisons and we hope Hadleigh Town Council will engage with Suffolk CC and Environment Agency."</p>	Noted	
42	Resident	<p>1) I agree with most of the points and policies set out in the plan</p> <p>2) I consider the scale of growth in housing in Hadleigh over the next 15 years to be excessive. The road networks in this area are mainly rural and will not cope with the excess growth. Similarly there will be massive pressure on the few resources Hadleigh has - i.e. car parking, doctors, school places, quiet lanes to walk and cycle in.</p> <p>3) The value of natural space is commented on in the plan but no concrete plans to enhance natural space.</p> <p>4) No concrete plans were evident to develop safe cycling, Quiet Lanes or walking areas</p>	Noted	
43	Football Club Youth Manager	I agree with most of the policies set out in the draft plan	This is acknowledged. A new policy will address this.	New sport and leisure policy added.

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		<p>On the whole I think the Plan has captured the critical aspects of planning and infrastructure within Hadleigh</p> <p>“The HNPD was an interesting read and gave great detail to the history of our town which stimulates motivation to have input into the towns future.</p> <p>My biggest concern is the amount of sport and leisure facilities that the town has now, and the lack that is detailed for the towns future growth, As I am involved heavily in youth football within the town, and I have experienced that in the last 5 years the demand for extra teams and pitches has grown. So much so that we are turning away children of our town to play elsewhere. Meaning they are having to travel to out of town teams twice a week for training and matches. With the town growing so rapidly this situation is only going to get worse. As Chairman of Hadleigh United Youth FC I know as a club we already have to travel out of the town to use other facilities to carry out weekly training sessions and matches in order to meet current demand. I do not see enough detail that this is going to be addressed in the HNPD. I am sure in order to be seen to help global emissions we should look to prevent numerous weekly car journeys for sport and leisure activities.”</p>		
44	Hadleigh United Football Club Official Representation	<p>I do not agree with most of the policies set out in the draft plan</p> <p>I do not think the Plan has captured the critical aspects of planning and infrastructure within Hadleigh</p> <p>“Hadleigh Draft Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 Response from Hadleigh United Football Club (HUFC) On behalf of the members and as Chairwoman of Hadleigh United Football Club(HUFC), I ask that the Hadleigh Town Council (HTC) considers the following feedback when updating the Draft Neighbourhood Plan (NP). HUFC has at the time of writing, 389 registered players from age 7 to 45, 248 (89%) of whom are boys and girls age 16 or under. From our “Minis & Diddies” Saturday morning provision to U16s playing in the Suffolk Youth Football League; U18s, U23s and 1st playing in the Thurlow Nunn League and our ever popular “Dragons” playing in the Suffolk & Ipswich League. For the start of this season, we have re-set up a girls provision, currently at U11 and playing in the Suffolk Girls & Women’s League. Next</p>	This is acknowledged. A new policy will address this.	New sport and leisure policy added.

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		<p>year we have plans to create another girl's team at the age group below. A very large proportion of our players are residents of Hadleigh and the immediate surrounding areas.</p> <p>All our teams are affiliated to the Suffolk FA and we enjoy a three star rating with the FA, indicating tight governance and varied provision. We have the support of 90 volunteers committed to the many various roles within a team or acting as a Club Officials helping with an ever-growing burden of football club administration, maintaining our facilities, managing finance etc.</p> <p>This is my first year in the role of Chairwoman of HUFC having served as Secretary of the Club's Youth Section for a number of years. I have encouraged our members to read the Draft NP and provide their feedback directly to HTC as well as to me so that I can summarise and provide this response on behalf of the Club.</p> <p>It is a matter of fact that in over 50 years the space available for outdoor sports in Hadleigh has not increased, yet the number of people living in Hadleigh has grown significantly and continues to grow. It should therefore come as no surprise to HTC that the biggest single issue that HUFC faces, is a lack of pitches in Hadleigh. This situation is compounded in the winter months when the lack of a full size 'All Weather' floodlit pitch in Hadleigh (other than a heavily subscribed, old and dilapidated 'Astro' pitch at the High School, (often with the lights out of action) means that our youth teams have to train in less than ideal circumstances. In the case of our senior teams, they go to train on 'All Weather' pitches in Colchester or Ipswich.</p> <p>Abbeycroft Leisure who are responsible for managing the High School pitches has proved to be a very difficult organisation to work with, resulting in a great deal of stress and additional work for our youth section. We are now being asked to pay "up front" for astro bookings, an unacceptable situation given the troubles we have had in the recent past. Our annual fees to Abbeycroft Leisure for the use of the astro and to book use of the grass pitches on weekends amounts to around £xxxx per annum. A not insubstantial amount. We are not happy with the service we receive considering the level of fees we are charged. I feel this will always be the case with Club using school facilities as opposed to having dedicated Community Facilities. Car Parking arrangements at the High School have never been adequate for visiting teams on Saturday mornings and even more so since the loss of car parking space to the temporary classrooms.</p> <p>Councillors may not be aware that currently several of our Hadleigh youth teams are using nearby village facilities to plug the lack of facilities in Hadleigh; Hintlesham,</p>		

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		<p>Raydon, Elmsett and by virtue of having several Services families, Wattisham Air Base. We have maxed out the space we have at the Millfield, using the area to put pitches inside other pitches using different colour markings, we have no more space. When we start the next girl's team next year, we will need to seek further facilities outside of Hadleigh. As a club, we have had, in a lot of cases, to turn away young players, as we cannot increase our numbers of mixed teams at each age level (we currently have two at most age levels). The need for more open space for us and the wider sporting community has never been more acute. It has been demonstrated to the Town Council since 2017 yet it is this dimension that has thus far been largely ignored by those involved in producing the Draft NP.</p> <p>All we can see in the draft Neighbourhood Plan documentation in the vision section, a statement that says by 2038 "the range of community facilities for leisure, culture, sports and learning will have been improved and expanded to meet modern demands". However, this is a distant future and it is unclear how this will be achieved.</p> <p>The Club believes that the Draft NP should contain more information about the status, the needs and the visions of our local sports clubs and recognise that the lack of space for sporting facilities in Hadleigh is a real issue. The draft NP should indicate a desire to support the sporting community going forward particularly those who need open spaces to operate. HUFC believes that there should be policy statements that are supportive and will help our district planners address the needs of the local sports clubs. For example, a Policy Statement "New housing or other developments that fund and help deliver additional land allocation for the enjoyment of the Hadleigh sporting community, will be considered favourably by HTC".</p> <p>All we see in the Draft NP are statements that HTC owns the land that is used by the Cricket, Rugby and Football Club. This information demonstrates that HTC has a historic responsibility as a landowner for the provision of land for these three Hadleigh Sports Clubs to enjoy. The club believes that HTC, as the established owner of land for HUFC to lease, should therefore recognise in the draft NP the need for more land to support our expanding club.</p> <p>We believe Clubs such as HUFC deserve a section in the Draft NP with more factual information and supportive policies than have thus far been expressed in the Draft NP. We all volunteer our time to provide footballing opportunities for all in Hadleigh and particularly for our young people to participate in a sport from a young age. Councillors may be aware there is a growing national demand, through national FA initiatives, to encourage specifically more girls and disabled football teams but also to encourage</p>		

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		<p>wider participation in the sport. Attracting volunteers to run teams is not normally an issue; attracting major funding for infrastructure costs for sports facilities is not normally an issue; the issue is obtaining the land with security of tenure.</p> <p>I would request, in the strongest terms to Hadleigh Town Council, on behalf of all who would like to enjoy sport, as players, spectators and volunteers, to please consider our response and update the current draft NP to demonstrate that you care and share our ambitions to facilitate the undoubted growth in demand for participation in sport in Hadleigh and define some policies that indicate you will explore every opportunity to work with us to expand the sports facilities available.</p> <p>With many thanks and kind regards.”</p>		
45	Resident	<p>Yes I agree with the policies set out in the draft plan</p> <p>On the whole I think the Plan has captured the critical aspects of planning and infrastructure within Hadleigh</p> <p>“I attended a presentation from "Healthy Streets" and I think that the assessment process that the organisation uses to evaluate urban streets would be of value to those engaged with improving Hadleigh High Street. Details of the process can be found at: https://www.healthystreets.com/resources. With regards to housing development on the outskirts of the town, I think that serious thought needs to be given to integrating them with the main residential and retail areas in Hadleigh. The new development close to the bypass (inc Rose Manor) feels entirely cut off from the town and has no amenities. 3/4/5 bedroom developments which are entirely reliant on the private car will ultimately damage the town as well as the planet. I note that Rose Manor advertises " a range of amenities close to hand" and features a car symbol. It seems inconceivable to imagine the new residents making the journey from this outpost to the High Street on foot or by bike.”</p>	Noted	
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		<p>"I would like even greater focus on transport issues, in particular the aim to reduce use of cars for short 'in town journeys' and the present domination of cars in the High Street. High Street should be a welcoming safe space for people on foot or those using some form of mobility aids, who should all have priority over vehicles."</p>						
47	Resident	<p>Yes I agree with the policies set out in the draft plan</p> <p>On the whole I think the Plan has captured the critical aspects of planning and infrastructure within Hadleigh</p> <p>"I am particularly concerned about development sites which have been re-introduced for consideration as part of the Babergh Mid Suffolk Local Plan e.g. the Castle Field at the back of Castle Road. This field provides an important view of Hadleigh from both the direction of Sudbury and Kersey and fits with the Neighbourhood Plans desire to protect important town vistas. It's not only the views on the approaches but also the medieval footpath which runs along the field to Kersey, known as the Monks Footpath (a footpath to the former Kersey Priory) and the Bacon Lane, now formally recognised by SCC as a Monument - Medieval Hollow going back to the 1400's. The latter is also included in the Local List part of the Neighbourhood Plan."</p>	Noted					
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		<p>Joint Local Plan (JLP) references</p> <p>There are many references to our 'emerging' Joint Local Plan (the 'JLP').</p> <p>Part 1 of the JLP was adopted by Babergh District Council on 21 November 2023. Consequently, any references to this will now need to be updated in your submission draft plan. This should be a straightforward exercise as detailed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paragraph 1.4 should read: <i>'The Policies in the Plan contribute towards the achievement of sustainable development, and they conform with the strategic policies in the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Part 1 BDC's Local Plan, adopted 2014. BDC are currently working on a Part 2 Joint Local Plan an updated Joint Local Plan.'</i> • Delete the word 'emerging' in paragraphs 1.6, 4.5, 4.7, 5.8, 7.3, 7.4, 7.9, 7.10, 8.6, 9.1, 9.3, 9.6, and 10.10 • Delete the word 'emerging' from Policy HAD7 and from Policy HAD11 • Paragraph 7.9 should be updated to read: <i>'It is expected that Hadleigh will be required to deliver a significant amount of new housing development, with the majority of this like to come forward through large sites. These sites create the opportunity to provide space that can accommodate renewable energy generation...'</i> • Paragraph 7.10 should refer to JLP Policy 'LP25' (not DP25) 	<p>Amendments relating to adopted Local Plan are noted and agreed.</p>	<p>Various amendments</p>

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		The Plan Period	<p>Our JLP has a plan period of 2018 - 2037. We recommend that you align your plan to have the same end date. When making the change, do not forget the front cover.</p> <p>The references to 'fifteen-year' period in the bullets could be amended to just refer to the 'plan period'</p>	Plan end date – point noted and agreed.	Various amendments
		Settlement boundary	<p>A settlement boundary is referred to in Policy HAD2. It is also shown on the Policies Maps, and on other maps in this plan (Fig 4.4, Fig 5.3, Fig's 6.1 to 6.3, and Fig 8.1). The boundary appears to follow that adopted by the 2006 Babergh Local Plan which, of course, is the current default position following the decision taken to split the JLP into a Part 1 and Part 2 document.</p> <p>Other than the single policy and various map references, no explanation is given as to why this NP uses that boundary. It would therefore be helpful if you explained that in supporting text. This should also acknowledge that the boundary is likely to be reviewed when Part 2 of the JLP comes forward.</p>	<p>Settlement boundary - The NP does not allocate sites for development and as such, there is no clear rationale or evidence to justify changing the boundary.</p> <p>It is noted that the boundary is likely to change as a result of the JLP Part 2. The NP will be amended to include text which explains this.</p>	New para added at end of Section 4.
		Pre-Chapter 1 text	<p>Just before the Introductory chapter, there is a page that lists, in the first instance, the Supporting Evidence Documents, and then a list of Appendices to the Plan.</p> <p>Qstn: Are the latter meant to be taken as Appendices to the Plan, in the same way that you have Appendix A and Appendix B, or should this list be titled 'Other Information Sources' ?</p>	Agreed	'Supporting Documents' amended

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		Para 1.5	<p>We remind you that the area designation application was made in April 2015 and that, following our consultation on this, we confirmed the designation in June 2015. Para 1.5 therefore requires some modification.</p> <p>We suggest: <i>'Hadleigh Town Council submitted an application to BDC in April 2015 to define the boundary of its Neighbourhood Plan area. The Area Designation Application was approved in June 2015 (see Chapter 2). Work on the plan was then halted in 2016, and not resumed until 2021'</i></p>	Amendment agreed	Para 1.5 amended
		Stage of the Plan (page 2)	A simple flow chart, showing which stage the NP is at, and which stages still need to be completed, would be a helpful visual addition. It will need updating as your NP progresses.		
		Figure 3.1	<p>Figure 3.1 is linked to para 3.2, which provides information on the towns historic buildings. The quality of the reproduced map is poor, and it also identifies 'Leisure Facilities' which are not relevant in this context.</p> <p>To assist you, we have recreated the map, with the Leisure Facilities removed, and will send this to you separately as a PDF and Jpeg file.</p>	<p>This isn't considered necessary.</p> <p>Noted and new map received.</p>	New figure 3.1 map inserted.

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		Para 3.12	This refers to a 'Conservation Adoption: Prevailing & Former Usage' document. If this is the 'Conservation Area Appraisal' that we produced and adopted in September 2008, please refer to it by its correct title.	Agreed The NP Group considers that the wording in the Vision is appropriate and was carefully drafted following community consultation.	Para 3.12 amended
Vision (page 17)	<p>This detailed vision clearly points towards the desire for a bright, clean, and green future for Hadleigh, but it could be further improved by adopting a 'less is more' approach. For example, the penultimate sentence in the last paragraph adds little. Using your words we have tried to express your vision's key components in a more succinct way (see below) but will leave the final wording to you.</p> <p><i>"In 2037, Hadleigh will still be recognisable as a small, rural market town. Its development will have placed sustainability at its heart, capturing and building on the social, environmental, and economic benefits that the town and its growth has to offer to both current and future generations.</i></p> <p><i>Hadleigh's rich heritage will have been recognised and respected for all to enjoy. It will also be a greener place in which to live and work. Its centre will be a bustling hub of pedestrian activity where a wide range of shops and other community</i></p>				

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			<i>facilities that will support the town's residents and allow them to thrive. Our existing green spaces will have been protected and enhanced, giving nature a chance to recover and thrive, and new green spaces will be created for the benefit of all."</i>		
		Vision & Objectives	The Vision, Objective 9, and the Housing & Infrastructure Topic Paper all refer to housing needs, so it is surprising that there is no policy on affordable housing (to support first time buyers and young families perhaps?) or the need for a range of house types and sizes to meet the needs of the population in Hadleigh, both now and in the future. We understand not wishing to duplicate policies in the Local Plan but you may want to re-visit this section.	This would require a considerable body of new evidence to be assembled. The NP Group does not have to resources to do this.	
		Para 4.5	We suggest deleting the first sentence (it adds little) and, instead, start this paragraph with ' <i>To ensure high quality design, ... [etc]</i> '	Amendment agreed	Para 4.5 amended
		Policy HAD1	For clarity, you should refer to the ' <i>Design Guidance and Codes</i> ' document by its full title. [Nb, the same applies to the supporting text.] In criterion A., add a full stop after '... successor document.', and start a new sentence; in brackets if you wish, that	Amendments agreed	Policy HAD1 and supporting text amended

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		Landscape & Views (page 22)	<p>Please note the following:</p> <p>Para 4.8 implies that your Landscape Character Assessment was prepared because this is a required by JLP Policy LP17.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Plan Groups are not required to prepare a 'Landscape Assessment' but this would be necessary if they have landscape policies. JLP Policy LP17 simply compels developers to demonstrate that they have addressed landscape matters as part of their proposals. Instead of saying 'Accordingly', we suggest you say:</p> <p><i>'To provide an additional level of local detail, the Town Council commissioned a Landscape Character Assessment. Its two main parts (see below) have directly informed policy in this Neighbourhood Plan:</i></p> <p>To avoid confusion in para 4.9, it would be helpful if the reference to the nine town character areas is taken as you already discuss these in para 4.4 and in Policy HAD1. The reference to Figure 4.2 could also be incorporated into a re-worded version of para 4.9 [see below], thus rendering para 4.10 obsolete.</p> <p><i>'The Landscape Character and Sensitivity</i></p>			

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			<p><i>Assessment (May 2023) identified eight distinct Rural Character Areas (RCAs) across land adjacent to but outside of the main town. These are shown in Figure 4.2. For each RCA, the assessment considers both landscape value and visual sensitivity. It relies on the premise that development or change should be more readily acceptable in the least sensitive areas, and where appropriate forms of mitigation would be possible.</i></p> <p><i>Development would be least acceptable in areas of higher landscape value and where visual sensitivity is high, and/or where conditions are such that the landscape would be sensitive to available mitigation measures.'</i></p> <p>The first sentence in what is currently para 4.11 simply repeats what is now explained above, so could be deleted.</p>	<p>Amendment agreed</p> <p>Amendment agreed</p>	<p>Para 4.12 amended</p> <p>AGLV changed to ALLS</p>

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		<p>Policy HAD2 [B.] - AGLV Para 4.12</p> <p>We have no objection to the designation of the Hadleigh Area of Greater Landscape Value (AGLV). The approach taken is like that employed in other neighbourhood plans, i.e., it seeks to ensure the continuation of what was previously recognised by us as a 'Special Landscape Area' (SLA).</p> <p>In para 4.12, the insertion of a short, second sentence ... <i>'The SLA designations were carried forward into the 2014 Babergh Local Plan but have not been carried forward into the JLP'</i>. ... would be a helpful addition.</p> <p>Finally, a minor observation. Had we been consulted on this from the outset, our preference would have been that you use the term 'Area of Local Landscape Sensitivity (ALLS)' to describe this redesignated area. ALLS is the term commonly used in the majority of adopted NPs.</p>	<p>Amendment agreed</p> <p>Amendments agreed</p> <p>Amendments agreed</p>	<p>Fig 4.4 and Policies Map amended</p> <p>Policy HAD3 amended</p> <p>Policies Map amended</p>
		<p>Policy HAD2 [C.] - Key Views & Policies Map</p> <p>The Key Views map (Figure 4.4) refers to these by letter, (a, b, c, etc.) but Policy HAD2, and the relevant assessment document, refer to these views by number (1, 2, 3 etc.). It would be sensible if both Figure 4.4 and the Policies Maps also used the number system.</p>		

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		Policy HAD3	<p>Paragraph 5.2 states that if biodiversity net gain is not achievable on-site, it should be delivered off-site but within Hadleigh. It would be beneficial to include this expectation in the policy itself.</p> <p>Also, check the paragraph numbering at paragraph 5.2 - the second paragraph does not currently have a number.</p>		
		Policy HAD4 [A.]	<p>This part of the policy provides guidance on development proposals that may impact on the green or blue corridors. It goes on to say that these are identified on the Policies Map. Unless this specifically means the Local Green Spaces (identified in Policy HAD5), these corridors do not appear to be mapped as claimed. In particular, we refer you to the 'Calais Street Green Corridor' mentioned in para 5.12 and shown in Figure 5.1.</p> <p>There is a much stronger relationship between the River Brett blue corridor mentioned in para 5.15 and the various Local Green Spaces identified along this route so that may be less of a concern as far as the Policy Maps are concerned.</p>		

		<p>Policy HAD5 [A.] Local Green Spaces</p>	<p>This policy identifies 19 Local Green Spaces (LGS). Their locations are shown on Figure 5.3, with more detailed site maps and representative photographs preceding both this and the policy text box.</p> <p>A number are familiar, particularly those around the former council office buildings on Corks Lane, as they provided opportunities for lunchtime walks.</p> <p>The NPPF warns that LGS should be local in character and not an extensive tract of land. Collectively, the LGS along the River Brett could be seen as representing an extensive track of land. However, we have seen elsewhere that where these appear as distinct areas on the ground, their individual designation can be considered acceptable¹</p> <p>For all the above reasons we are supportive of the LGS as proposed but please consider / note the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Think about moving the Policy text box to sit after para 5.19 • Para 5.19 could be modified to read: <i>'Policy HAD5 below identifies 19 spaces that have been identified as meriting Local Green Space designation. Figure 5.3 (which follows) shows their locations.'</i> • You could then follow with the individual site maps etc. or explain (in para 5.19) that these are set out in 	<p>Amendment agreed</p> <p>Amendment agreed.</p> <p>Amendment agreed</p> <p>Amendment agreed</p>	<p>Policy HAD5 moved</p> <p>Para 5.19 amended</p> <p>Sizes added to text</p> <p>Various LS maps amended</p>
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			<p>Appendix 'X'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On the site maps themselves ... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a scale-bar would be helpful or, start each descriptive paragraph with '<i>This site covers an area of xx hectares</i>' ○ exclude any buildings, other fixed structures, areas of hard- standing (such as car-parks). This is particularly relevant with regard to: LGS-1 [the farm buildings], LGS-8 [the Club pavilion and car park], LGS-9 [the playgroup building and approach road], LGS- 10 [the Leisure Centre Building and car-park]; LGS-13 [the Football Club car park and Stand, the Rugby / Tennis Club and car park, and the Sea Scout Hut]; and LGS-14 [the Lodge] 		<p>Amendment agreed</p>	<p>HAD5B amended</p>
					<p>Amendment agreed</p>	<p>Figs 6.1-6.3 amended</p>

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		Policy HAD5 [B.]	<p>Regarding part B, the most widely accepted text is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>'Development in the Local Green Spaces will be consistent with national policy for Green Belts'</i> <p>or you might prefer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>'Development proposals within the local green spaces will be consistent with national policy for Green Belts.'</i> 	<p>IDs 94-96 need to added</p> <p>In regard to ID42 St Mary's C.of E. Primary School &</p>	<p>IDs 94-96 added</p>
Figures 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3	<p>The keys all refer to 'local heritage assets'. As per HAD6, and the map titles, this should be amended to read 'Non-designated Heritage Asset'.</p> <p>For convenience, you may want to shorten this to 'NdHA'.</p>				

		<p>Policy HAD6 - NdHAs Appendix A Figures 6.1 to 6.3</p>	<p>Our Heritage Team have reviewed the list of proposed NdHAs. Their observations and our other comments are set out below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Showing the details for each proposed NdHA via a website platform is a novel but practical approach given the numbers involved. With the on-going cooperation of the Hadleigh Society, it should be easy to keep the list updated as and when required. • IDs 94, 95, & 96: These do not appear to be marked on any of the maps. Figure 6.1 would appear to be the most relevant map to show these. If we have overlooked them, we apologise. • ID 42 and ID 63: Whilst these two entries would meet Historic England’s ‘Landmark Status’ and ‘Social & Communal Value’ criteria, it is our view that they do not meet enough of remaining criteria for us to consider them candidates for NdHA designation. 	<p>Caretakers House and ID 63 Hadleigh Cricket Pavilion, BDC appear to be applying Historic England’s guidance on Local Lists ,Advice Note 7 [Second Edition] too rigidly, as both assets have strong communal associations highlighted in Landmark Status criterion, and ID42 also possesses an iconic design with distinctive architectural characteristics, identified in criterion for Architectural and Artistic Interest. Also the criteria given in page 11 of the Historic England Guidance note makes it clear that they are but a suggestion and it is for locally devised selection criteria be developed. The Hadleigh Local List contains locally devised criteria based upon national and local guidance for selection of non designated heritage assets and the quality thresholds assets ought attain. ID42 & ID63 were subject to such selection criteria and judged on them by a panel of specialist and lay experts as recommended in Historic England guidance. The selection criteria is published on the website with the Local List.</p>	
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					Amendment agreed	ID70 deleted
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ID 54 and ID 70: In Appendix A, both are described as 'The Cemetery, Friars Road'. From the Hadleigh Society website, it is assumed that one seeks to designate a specific group of headstones, and the other the entire cemetery. There is precedent from the National Heritage List for England (NHLE) for designating individual or small groups of headstones, however we are uncertain that we could consider the entire cemetery to be a 'structure' which could be recognised as a NdHA. <p>Turning to the policy itself:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To make it clear, and to include appropriate cross-references, we 		Amendments agreed	HAD6 amended

			<p>suggest that you insert an opening sentence that reads:</p> <p><i>‘This policy identifies XX Non-designated Heritage Assets (NdHAs). Their locations are shown on Figures 6.1 to 6.3, and they are listed in Appendix A. Specific details for each NdHA are published on the Hadleigh Society website: https://hadsoc.org.uk/local-list/’</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not all of the proposed NdHAs are properties. Criterion B should therefore be amended to read as follows: <i>‘Identified Non-Designated Heritage Assets properties that provide a significant heritage contribution to the special character or appearance of the Hadleigh Conservation Area should be retained and their demolition or substantial demolition should only be permitted where less than significant harm will be caused to the Conservation Area.’</i> 		Amendments agreed	Paras 7.8-7.10 amended
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		Policy HAD8: Community Energy Para 7.9	The ambition to see a district 'energy' network that serves Hadleigh, or to see new development proposals coming forward being designed in such a way that they could be connected to such a network is an admirable one and is likely to be well received in many quarters.		
			<p>We suggest some changes to the ordering of the supporting text and propose that para 7.9 is reworded to be less specific about what type of scheme(s) might come forward. We also remind you that in policy HAD2 you have identified that part of the parish is designated as an 'Area of Greater Landscape Value', which could potentially limit solar farm and other renewable energy generating options to just the eastern side of the parish, where they may not be practical or suitable.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Start the supporting text section with what is currently para 7.10 (remembering of course to remove the word 'Emerging'). Doing this will set out the district level policy position at the outset. 2) Follow this with what is currently para 7.8. This will help direct readers to an example of a local initiative. 3) For the reasons outlined further above, we suggest placing what it currently 		

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			<p>para 7.9 last, but also amending it to read as follows:</p> <p><i>'All development sites could provide potential opportunities to accommodate renewable energy generation proposals that serve that scheme as a whole or which could connect into a wider network. Other renewable energy schemes that are community-led or which clearly provide benefits for local residents are also likely to garner stronger support.'</i></p> <p>Regarding the policy wording itself, we have no further comment.</p>	<p>Amendment agreed</p>	<p>Text and map on Wolf Way added in</p>

		Chapter 8: Walking and Cycling	<p>We are pleased to see the reference to our Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan in para 8.4.</p> <p>To add further to this section, we suggest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Including a reference to the ‘Wolf Way’ cycle route that passes through Hadleigh, as this would add further justification for investment in good cycling routes and facilities. Perhaps, something along the lines of: <i>‘The Wolf Way is a 248 mile/400km cycling route around Suffolk that is promoted by Cycling UK. The route passes through Hadleigh, via the Hadleigh Railway Walk, Station Walk, High Street, Due Street and Layham Road. The Wolf Way will encourage cyclists through Hadleigh, and placing facilities for cyclists (such as parking, bike maintenance facilities and e-bike charging) at strategic spots along the route within the town will encourage and enable them to stop and spend some time in the town - further boosting the visitor economy.’</i> <p>This could be demonstrated with a screenshot from the Wolf Way route map and we suggest that all of the above might be best placed between existing para’s 8.3 and 8.4</p> <p>To further highlight the importance of the Wolf Way route, we would</p>		<p>Amendment agreed</p> <p>Amendment agreed</p>	<p>Para 8.9 amended</p> <p>Para 8.9 amended</p>
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			<p>recommend adding an additional action to para 8.9 as follows: “Support the promotion of the Wolf Way route which will improve bicycle parking in the town centre”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 4th bullet in para 8.9 refers to car-pooling schemes. We suggest also exploring the option of utilising a town-specific ‘community’ on the existing Liftshare platform [See: https://liftshare.com/uk]. • Para 8.9 also references bus parking provision, but there is no mention of bus services or routes. Given that the route 91 Saturday service was recently at risk, your neighbourhood plan might want to refer to protecting bus provision in the future. Perhaps consider adding something along the following lines to the action list: 		Amendment agreed	Para 8.6 amended
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			<i>'Work with the County Council's Passenger Transport Team and the Suffolk Enhanced Partnership for bus travel to future-proof and protect the provision outlined within section 4.7 in the Hadleigh Transport Study Report'.</i>	Amendment agreed	Para 9.6 amended
		Para 8.6	Please note that the requirement to provide secure cycle storage is set out in criterion j) of JLP Policy LP24 (Design & Residential Amenity), and not Policy LP29 as stated.	Amendments agreed	Policies Map amended
		Para 9.6	This needs correcting. JLP Policy LP07 does not 'require' co-housing. Instead, it sets out the expectation that any community-led housing proposal is able to demonstrate that the scheme is both legitimate and that it has general community support.		
		Policy Maps	In the map Keys; particularly with reference to the Local Green Spaces and Non-des' Heritage Assets entry, we suggest it would be more effective if you simply referred to the relevant policy number. For example: Local Green Spaces (HAD5), and NdHAs (HAD6). Part of the reason for this is that the NdHAs are not named in Figure 6.1 (or 6.2 and 6.3) but instead, are named in Appendix A. The same approach could easily be applied to the other Key entries.	Amendment agreed	Para 12.2 amended

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		Para 12.2	<p>For clarity, we suggest the following modification:</p> <p><i>'Babergh District Council also operate a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) charging regime. When our neighbourhood plan is formally adopted, the Town Council will be entitled to receive an uplift equivalent to 25% of the amount of CIL money received from qualifying development within the plan area. This CIL money can be used to address infrastructure deficiencies or community priorities identified in this neighbourhood plan, as well as other purchases of infrastructure that the Town Council sees fit to use funds on.'</i></p>	<p>Amendment agreed</p> <p>Don't see why this matters</p> <p>Addition agreed</p>	<p>Para 12.3 amended</p> <p>Glossary added</p>
Para 12.3	<p>This also requires some further explanation:</p> <p><i>'Additional benefits can also be secured through the planning process via Section 106 agreements. The Town Council has no direct role in negotiating or administering these payments but could engage in constructive dialogue with the LPA to identify priorities.'</i></p>				
Appendix B	<p>Might we suggest that the list of 'Helpers and Contributors' comes before the list of proposed NdHAs.</p>				

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		Glossary?	You may wish to add a short glossary to the back of the plan. It should collate definitions for the key words and terms used in your plan to aid readers, such as 'sustainable development' 'major development' 'non- designated heritage asset' etc.	Amendments agreed	
Other observations on R14 Pre-submission draft Hadleigh NP					
The following are not part of our formal response but are provide to help address small errors and to offer suggestions that might improve the overall presentation of this Plan.					
Contents page	Check the page numbering. The published R14 version shows that the Policy Maps are on page 756, and that the Implementation > Review section starts on page 749.				
Images (pages 5 - 7 etc.)	We suggest you avoid having photographs shown at a slight angle. This is inconsistent with how the rest of the images in the plan are presented.				
Widows and Orphans	Another presentational matter. Where possible, please try to avoid having a paragraph start at the bottom of one page and finish on the next, especially where only a few lines of text are involved. Examples are few but perhaps look at paras 2.16, 5.10, 5.14 [n.b.: fixing 5.10 may also fix 5.14], and 10.4				
Para 2.8	In the first sentence, there is a space missing between 'in 1618'				

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		Figure 2.7	While it is assumed this shows Hadleigh in blue and Babergh in green (as per the other graphs), it would be useful to include the key.		Additional wording "policy continued overleaf", likewise for Had1 following this feedback
Para 3.1	To avoid unnecessary repetition, we suggest: <i>"Hadleigh has many qualities. These attract visitors from both nearby parishes as well as tourists from further afield who are looking to explore the historic nature and beauty of the East Anglia countryside towns. The towns key characteristics therefore need to be preserved or enhanced if it is to prosper and to continue to attract new residents, businesses, and tourism. Our Character Assessment document provides more detail on these qualities."</i>				
Para 3.4	Grammar: We suggest <i>"Hadleigh's High Street is made up of over 100 businesses and many residences. The town centre is host, almost entirely, to independent businesses (the exceptions being a few tied Public Houses, a Co-Op, a Boots, and a Greggs store). There is a good variety of experiential shops such as salons, barbers, second-hand shops, hospitality venues (ranging from small cafes to larger pubs), unique retail outlets, and everything in-between."</i>				

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		Para 3.6	Some repetition: We suggest: <i>“All the High Street, off-High Street, and open spaces are important to the attraction of visitors and tourists, and thus support local businesses. These include the river walk and its parks, the churchyard, and historic avenues such as the lower part of George Street.</i>	Noted	Document naming reviewed and updated
Para 3.10	Suggest: <i>“Approximately 2 miles east of the town centre, adjacent to the A1071, lies the RSPB Wolves Wood reserve. The town is the closest stopping point for those in need of refreshments and amenities.”</i>				
Para 4.1	There is a double full stop at the end of the second sentence.				
HAD12	An observation only but it is not immediately apparent that there is a final part of this policy at the top of page 74. Fixing this might not be possible without changing page margins etc.				
Para 12.4 & 12.5	Suggest ... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> amending para 12.4 to read: <i>‘To assess how effective the <u>our</u> neighbourhood plan is, the Town Council will need to monitor how it is being used and the consequent decisions and actions <u>by of</u> the LPA. There will need to be a monitor to assess <u>Monitoring will assess:</u></i> making what is currently para 12.5 the closing sentence after the list of bullet points (so part of para 12.4) 				
Finally, an observation about the descriptive names given to					

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		<p>some of the supporting documents etc. published on the Town Council NP webpages. Most are clear but some are more obscure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Hadleigh DDC Final Report.pdf.HR.pdf' doesn't immediately suggest that this is 'Hadleigh Design Guidance & Codes' document produced by AECOM. • 'Conservation adoption 2008' should read 'Conservation Area Appraisal, BDC (2008)' • What is 'IPCC 1.5 Chapter 5' and 'IPCC 1.5 Chapter 6'? <p>Adding a date reference in brackets, and where appropriate, after some document titles would also be a helpful addition.</p>		
49	National Grid Electricity Transmission (stat consultee)	<p>Proposed development sites crossed or in close proximity to National Grid assets:</p> <p>Following a review of the above document we have identified the following NGET assets as falling within the Neighbourhood area boundary: 4YL ROUTE TWR (001 - 073): 400Kv Overhead Transmission Line route: BRAMFORD - PELHAM</p>	Noted	
50	National Gas Transmission (stat consultee)	<p>Proposed sites crossed or in close proximity to National Gas Transmission assets</p> <p>An assessment has been carried out with respect to National Gas Transmission's assets which include high-pressure gas pipelines and other infrastructure. National Gas Transmission has identified that it has no record of such assets within the Neighbourhood Plan area. National Gas Transmission provides information in relation to its assets at the website below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.nationalgas.com/land-and-assets/network-route-maps 	Noted	

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		<p>Please also see attached information outlining guidance on development close to National Gas Transmission infrastructure.</p> <p>Distribution Networks Information regarding the gas distribution network is available by contacting: plantprotection@cadentgas.com</p> <p>Further Advice Please remember to consult National Gas Transmission on any Neighbourhood Plan Documents or site-specific proposals that could affect our assets. We would be grateful if you could add our details shown below to your consultation database, if not already included</p>		
51	Natural England (stat consultee)	<p>Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 06 November 2023.</p> <p>Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.</p> <p>Natural England is a statutory consultee in neighbourhood planning and must be consulted on draft neighbourhood development plans by the Parish/Town Councils or Neighbourhood Forums where they consider our interests would be affected by the proposals made.</p> <p>Natural England does not have any specific comments on this draft neighbourhood plan.</p> <p>However, we refer you to the attached annex which covers the issues and opportunities that should be considered when preparing a Neighbourhood Plan and to the following information.</p> <p>Natural England does not hold information on the location of significant populations of protected species, so is unable to advise whether this plan is likely to affect protected species to such an extent as to require a Strategic Environmental Assessment. Further information on protected species and development is included in Natural England's Standing Advice on protected species .</p> <p>Furthermore, Natural England does not routinely maintain locally specific data on all environmental assets. The plan may have environmental impacts on priority species</p>	Noted	

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		<p>and/or habitats, local wildlife sites, soils and best and most versatile agricultural land, or on local landscape character that may be sufficient to warrant a Strategic Environmental Assessment. Information on ancient woodland, ancient and veteran trees is set out in Natural England/Forestry Commission standing advice.</p> <p>We therefore recommend that advice is sought from your ecological, landscape and soils advisers, local record centre, recording society or wildlife body on the local soils, best and most versatile agricultural land, landscape, geodiversity and biodiversity receptors that may be affected by the plan before determining whether a Strategic Environmental Assessment is necessary.</p> <p>Natural England reserves the right to provide further advice on the environmental assessment of the plan. This includes any third party appeal against any screening decision you may make. If an Strategic Environmental Assessment is required, Natural England must be consulted at the scoping and environmental report stages.</p> <p>For any further consultations on your plan, please contact: consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.</p> <p>Yours sincerely Sally Wintle Consultations Team</p> <p>Annex 1 - Neighbourhood planning and the natural environment: information, issues and opportunities Natural environment information sources The Magic1 website will provide you with much of the nationally held natural environment data for your plan area. The most relevant layers for you to consider are: Agricultural Land Classification, Ancient Woodland, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Local Nature Reserves, National Parks (England), National Trails, Priority Habitat Inventory, public rights of way (on the Ordnance Survey base map) and Sites of Special Scientific Interest (including their impact risk zones). Local environmental record centres may hold a range of additional information on the natural environment. A list of local record centres is available from the Association of Local Environmental Records Centres . Priority habitats are those habitats of particular importance for nature conservation, and the list of them can be found here2. Most of these will be mapped either as Sites of Special Scientific Interest, on the Magic website or as Local Wildlife Sites. Your local</p>		

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		<p>planning authority should be able to supply you with the locations of Local Wildlife Sites.</p> <p>National Character Areas (NCAs) divide England into 159 distinct natural areas. Each character area is defined by a unique combination of landscape, biodiversity, geodiversity and cultural and economic activity. NCA profiles contain descriptions of the area and statements of environmental opportunity, which may be useful to inform proposals in your plan. NCA information can be found here³.</p> <p>There may also be a local landscape character assessment covering your area. This is a tool to help understand the character and local distinctiveness of the landscape and identify the features that give it a sense of place. It can help to inform, plan and manage change in the area. Your local planning authority should be able to help you access these if you can't find them online.</p> <p>If your neighbourhood planning area is within or adjacent to a National Park or Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), the relevant National Park/AONB Management Plan for the area will set out useful information about the protected landscape. You can access the plans on from the relevant National Park Authority or Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty website.</p> <p>General mapped information on soil types and Agricultural Land Classification is available (under 'landscape') on the Magic⁴ website and also from the LandIS website⁵, which contains more information about obtaining soil data.</p> <p>Natural environment issues to consider</p> <p>The National Planning Policy Framework⁶ sets out national planning policy on protecting and enhancing the natural environment. Planning Practice Guidance⁷ sets out supporting guidance.</p> <p>Your local planning authority should be able to provide you with further advice on the potential impacts of your plan or order on the natural environment and the need for any environmental assessments.</p> <p>Landscape</p> <p>Your plans or orders may present opportunities to protect and enhance locally valued landscapes. You may want to consider identifying distinctive local landscape features or characteristics such as ponds, woodland or dry stone walls and think about how any</p>		

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		<p>new development proposals can respect and enhance local landscape character and distinctiveness.</p> <p>If you are proposing development within or close to a protected landscape (National Park or Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) or other sensitive location, we recommend that you carry out a landscape assessment of the proposal. Landscape assessments can help you to choose the most appropriate sites for development and help to avoid or minimise impacts of development on the landscape through careful siting, design and landscaping.</p> <p>1 http://magic.defra.gov.uk/ 2 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/habitats-and-species-of-principal-importance-in-england 3 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-character-area-profiles-data-for-local-decision-making 4 http://magic.defra.gov.uk/ 5 http://www.landis.org.uk/index.cfm 6 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2 7 http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/natural-environment/</p> <p>Wildlife habitats Some proposals can have adverse impacts on designated wildlife sites or other priority habitats (listed here⁸), such as Sites of Special Scientific Interest or Ancient woodland⁹. If there are likely to be any adverse impacts you'll need to think about how such impacts can be avoided, mitigated or, as a last resort, compensated for.</p> <p>Priority and protected species You'll also want to consider whether any proposals might affect priority species (listed here ¹⁰) or protected species. To help you do this, Natural England has produced advice here¹¹ to help understand the impact of particular developments on protected species.</p> <p>Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land Soil is a finite resource that fulfils many important functions and services for society. It is a growing medium for food, timber and other crops, a store for carbon and water, a reservoir of biodiversity and a buffer against pollution. If you are proposing development, you should seek to use areas of poorer quality agricultural land in</p>		

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		<p>preference to that of a higher quality in line with National Planning Policy Framework para 112. For more information, see Guide to assessing development proposals on agricultural land 12.</p> <p>Improving your natural environment</p> <p>Your plan or order can offer exciting opportunities to enhance your local environment and should provide net gains for biodiversity in line with the National Planning Policy Framework. If you are setting out policies on new development or proposing sites for development, you should follow the biodiversity mitigation hierarchy and seek to ensure impacts on habitats are avoided or minimised before considering opportunities for biodiversity enhancement. You may wish to consider identifying what environmental features you want to be retained or enhanced or new features you would like to see created as part of any new development and how these could contribute to biodiversity net gain and wider environmental goals.</p> <p>Opportunities for environmental enhancement might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restoring a neglected hedgerow. • Creating a new pond as an attractive feature on the site. • Planting trees characteristic to the local area to make a positive contribution to the local landscape. • Using native plants in landscaping schemes for better nectar and seed sources for bees and birds. • Incorporating swift boxes or bat boxes into the design of new buildings. • Think about how lighting can be best managed to reduce impacts on wildlife. • Adding a green roof to new buildings. • Providing a new footpath through the new development to link into existing rights of way. <p>Defra's Biodiversity Metric should be used to understand the baseline biodiversity value of proposed development sites and may be used to calculate biodiversity losses and gains where detailed site development proposals are known. For small development sites the Small Sites Metric may be used. This is a simplified version of Defra's Biodiversity Metric and is designed for use where certain criteria are met. Where on site measures for biodiversity net gain are not possible, you should consider off site measures.</p>		

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		<p>You may also want to consider enhancing your local area in other ways, for example by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting out in your plan how you would like to implement elements of a wider Green Infrastructure Strategy (if one exists) in your community. • Assessing needs for accessible greenspace and setting out proposals to address any deficiencies or enhance provision. Natural England's Green Infrastructure Framework sets out further information on green infrastructure standards and principles • Identifying green areas of particular importance for special protection through Local Green Space designation (see Planning Practice Guidance¹³). <p>8 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/habitats-and-species-of-principal-importance-in-england</p> <p>9 https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ancient-woodland-and-veteran-trees-protection-surveys-licences</p> <p>10 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/habitats-and-species-of-principal-importance-in-england</p> <p>11 https://www.gov.uk/protected-species-and-sites-how-to-review-planning-proposals</p> <p>12 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/agricultural-land-assess-proposals-for-development/guide-to-assessing-development-proposals-on-agricultural-land</p> <p>13 https://www.gov.uk/guidance/open-space-sports-and-recreation-facilities-public-rights-of-way-and-local-green-space</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing existing (and new) public spaces to be more wildlife friendly (e.g. by sowing wild flower strips in less used parts of parks or on verges, changing hedge cutting timings and frequency). • Planting additional street trees. • Identifying any improvements to the existing public right of way network, e.g. cutting back hedges, improving the surface, clearing litter or installing kissing gates) or extending the network to create missing links. • Restoring neglected environmental features (e.g. coppicing a prominent hedge that is in poor condition, or clearing away an eyesore). 		

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		<p>Natural England's Environmental Benefits from Nature tool may be used to identify opportunities to enhance wider benefits from nature and to avoid and minimise any negative impacts. It is designed to work alongside Defra's Biodiversity Metric and is available as a beta test version.</p>		
52	Resident	<p>"Transport Any suggestions made for changes to roads in Hadleigh are unlikely in the present financial circumstances to be carries out within the foreseeable future.</p> <p>The narrow roads in parts of the town would not be able to accommodate cycle lanes unless they were made one way.</p> <p>I believe that the majority of people would prefer the High Street to remain as it is and not to be pedestrianised or made one way.</p> <p>The inclusion of over 1,000 houses for Hadleigh by Babergh is excessive and would result in extreme pressure on schools, roads, medical services, sewerage i.e. the infrastructure of the town which should be considered before any planning consent is given. The new developments would be on the edge of the town where there are no facilities and little or no public transport. I would suggest that the Transport report was wrong in saying that Sudbury is the nearest station/ Ipswich and Manningtree have better rail services.</p> <p>Hadleigh must have one of the poorest public transport systems for a town of its size. The frequency of buses to Ipswich and Sudbury continues to be decreased and has recently been reduced to one bus every two hours or longer with no evening or Sunday buses.</p> <p>Thirty years ago a national survey placed Hadleigh's High Street as one of then ten best in the country. Unfortunately this is no longer the case. The decline began when Morrisons came. This has been aggravated by Lock Down and the increase in buying on line which has had a profound effect on High Streets throughout the country. In Hadleigh the closure of Partridges and the banks has made matters worse and it is no longer true that one can buy anything one wants in Hadleigh. Many of the premises on the High Street which actually sold goods have been replaced by cafes, hairdressers, beauty salons, professional services and lately a gym with whitewashed</p>		

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		<p>windows. Whilst these are useful for local people they will not attract visitors who are essential to keep the High Street alive.</p> <p>It is emphasised in the Neighbourhood Plan that Hadleigh is an historic town but few people outside the area are aware of its historic importance or of the buildings here. I am surprised that the consultants employed by the Council for the Regeneration of the Guildhall project did not mention the possibility of making the Market House i.e. the Council offices, a Heritage centre which would be a visitor attraction. It would require little internal alteration compared with turning it into holiday flats which would involve a great deal of expense and would possibly not be allowed by Historic England.</p>		
53	Environment Agency (stat consultee)	<p>“Thank you for consulting us on the pre-submission plan for the Hadleigh Neighbourhood Plan. We regret that at present, we are unable to review this consultation. We have had to prioritise our limited resource and must focus on influencing plans where the environmental risks and opportunities are highest.</p> <p>For the purposes of neighbourhood planning, we have assessed those authorities who have “up to date” local plans (plans adopted within the previous 5 years) as being of lower risk, and those authorities who have older plans (adopted more than 5 years ago) as being at greater risk. We aim to reduce flood risk and protect and enhance the water environment, and with consideration to the key environmental constraints within our remit, we have then tailored our approach to reviewing each neighbourhood plan accordingly.</p> <p>A key principle of the planning system is to promote sustainable development. Sustainable development meets our needs for housing, employment and recreation while protecting the environment. It ensures that the right development, is built in the right place at the right time. To assist in the preparation of any document towards achieving sustainable development we have identified the key environmental issues within our remit that are relevant to this area and provide guidance on any actions you need to undertake. We also provide hyperlinks to where you can obtain further information and advice to help support your neighbourhood plan.</p> <p>Environmental Constraints</p>	Noted	


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		<p>We have identified that the Neighbourhood Plan Area will be affected by the following environmental constraints:</p> <p>Flood Risk Based on a review of environmental constraints for which we are a statutory consultee, we find that there are areas of fluvial flood risk and watercourses within the neighbourhood plan area. In particular, we note that the boundary does extend into areas of Flood Zones 2 and 3 of the designated main River Box. On the basis that future development is steered away from the sensitive aspects of the environment highlighted, we do not consider there to be potential significant environmental effects relating to these environmental constraints. Nevertheless, we recommend the inclusion of relevant policies to cover the management of flood risk. Allocation of any sites and any windfall development delivered through the Plan period should follow the sequential approach. National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) paragraph 161 sets this out.</p> <p>Water Resources Being in one of the driest areas of the country, our environment has come under significant pressure from potable water demand. New developments should make a significant contribution towards reducing water demand and mitigate against the risk of deterioration to our rivers, groundwater and habitats from groundwater abstraction. We recommend you check the capacity of available water supplies with the water company, in line with the emerging 2024 Water Resources Management Plan which is due to be published in 2023. The Local Planning Authorities Water Cycle Study and Local Plan may indicate constraints in water supply and provide recommendations for phasing of development to tie in with new alternative strategic supplies.</p> <p>New development should as a minimum meet the highest levels of water efficiency standards, as per the policies in the adopted Local Plan. In most cases development will be expected to achieve 110 litres per person per day as set out in the Building Regulations &c. (Amendment) Regulations 2015. However, a higher standard of water efficiency (e.g. 85 l/p/d) should be considered, looking at all options including rainwater harvesting and greywater systems. Using the water efficiency calculator in Part G of the Building Regulations enables you to calculate the devices and fittings</p>		

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		<p>required to ensure a home is built to the right specifications to meet the 110 l/p/d requirement. We recommend all new non-residential development of 1000sqm gross floor area or more should meet the BREEAM 'excellent' standards for water consumption.</p> <p>Developments that require their own abstraction where it will exceed 20 cubic metres per day from a surface water source (river, stream) or from underground strata (via borehole or well) will require an abstraction licence under the terms of the Water Resources Act 1991. There is no guarantee that a licence will be granted as this is dependent on available water resources and existing protected rights. The relevant abstraction licencing strategy for your area provides information on water availability and licencing policy at Abstraction licencing strategies (CAMS process) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)."</p>		
54	SCC (stat consultee)	<p>"SCC is not a plan making authority, except for minerals and waste. However, it is a fundamental part of the planning system being responsible for matters including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Archaeology - Education - Fire and Rescue - Flooding - Health and Wellbeing - Libraries - Minerals and Waste - Natural Environment - Public Rights of Way - Transport <p>This response, as with all those comments which SCC makes on emerging planning policies and allocations, will focus on matters relating to those services. Suffolk County Council is supportive of the vision for the Parish. In this letter we aim to highlight potential issues and opportunities in the plan and are happy to discuss anything that is raised.</p>		

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		<p>Where amendments to the plan are suggested added text will be in italics and deleted text will be in strikethrough.</p> <p><u>Archaeology</u></p> <p>SCC welcome that heritage has been given significant thought and consideration in the plan.</p> <p>SCC supports that the plan includes a well-researched historic background of the Town History from paragraphs 2.3 – 2.12, and welcomes that the Suffolk Heritage Explorer mentioned.</p> <p>SCC would suggest adding the following statement before paragraph 2.3: “The Historic Environment Record (HER) is maintained by Suffolk County Council Archaeology Service and the HER team can be contacted and consulted via the SCC website.¹ Publicly available information is also available via the Heritage Explorer.</p> <p>2” SCC welcomes that non-designated heritage assets have been given thorough consideration particularly with the inclusion of Policy HAD6 and Appendix A.</p> <p>Policy HAD6 could benefit by also recommending that a Heritage Statement is prepared where proposals involve designated and non designated heritage assets.</p> <p>SCC Archaeological Service have been reviewing Farmsteads throughout Suffolk, as part of an ongoing project funded by Historic England. The Neighbourhood Planning group may wish to consider whether the information from the Suffolk Farmsteads Project would add any details or information to the Non-Designated Heritage Assets within the area, entries from the project can be seen via the Suffolk Heritage Explorer.</p> <p>3 SCC would encourage the addition to a new paragraph ahead of current paragraph 6.1, discussing the significance of below-ground heritage (archaeological remains) to accompany the detailed discussion of the built heritage.</p> <p>The following wording is proposed: “6.1 It is known that the area is rich in archaeological finds. Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service (SCCAS) would advise that there should be early consultations of the Historic Environment Record (HER) and assessment of the archaeological potential of any potential development site at an appropriate stage in the design stage,</p>	<p>It is not considered necessary for the plan to direct applicants to the HER team and process, nor that SCC welcomes the consideration of the NDHAs.</p> <p>Amendment agreed</p> <p>Amendment agreed</p>	<p>HAD6 amended</p> <p>New para 6.1 added</p>

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		<p>in order that the requirements of NPPF and Babergh Local Plan Local Plan are met. SCCAS as advisors to Babergh Mid Suffolk District Council would be happy to advise on the level of archaeological assessment and appropriate stages to be undertaken.</p> <p>6.2 6.1 A great many of the buildings in Hadleigh are nationally listed [...]"</p> <p>These additions would provide clarity to developers for any future development sites and, would ensure that Objective 1 in paragraph 3.3 of the plan are met with regards to any below-ground heritage.</p> <p>In addition to this, the plan could also highlight any level of public outreach and public engagement that might be aspired from archaeology undertaken as part of a development project, as increased public understanding of heritage sites is an aspiration of the NPPF 2023.</p> <p><u>Education</u></p> <p>SCC, as the Education Authority, has the responsibility for ensuring there is sufficient provision of school places for children to be educated in the area local to them. This is achieved by accounting for existing demand and new developments. SCC, therefore, produces and annually updates a five year forecast on school capacity. The forecast aims to reserve 5% capacity for additional demand thus the forecasting below may refer to 95% capacity. The information below is to inform the Neighbourhood Planning Group's understanding of educational provision in the Plan Area and does not need to be included in the Plan.</p> <p>The catchment area primary and secondary schools serving Hadleigh can be viewed on SCC's website.</p> <p>Additionally, there is a third primary school within the town, St Mary's Church of England Primary School.</p> <p>SCC have accounted for development proposed in Hadleigh via the emerging BMSDC Joint Local Plan in our strategic planning.</p> <p><i>Primary Education</i></p> <p>The balance of places across the primary schools is not currently forecast to exceed 95% capacity during the forecast period. However, the number of pupils arising from</p>		

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		<p>housing completions beyond the forecast period, applications pending decision, and local plan site allocations may cause the balance of places across the schools to exceed 95% capacity. The proposed strategy for mitigating this growth is via future expansion of existing provision.</p> <p><i>Secondary Education</i> Hadleigh High School is forecast to exceed 95% capacity during the forecast period. The proposed strategy for mitigating this growth is via future expansion of existing provision. An area of land within BMSDC Joint Local Plan site allocation LA028 should be secured to facilitate future expansion of Hadleigh High School. This requirement was included in the Babergh District Council Place Maps and Policies document dated November 2020 (page 229).</p> <p><u>Flooding</u></p> <p>SCC, as the Lead Local Flood Authority, has the responsibility for managing flood risk arising from surface water, ground water and ordinary watercourses. The Environment Agency has the responsibility for managing flood risk from main rivers and the coast. SCC notes that the town is heavily affected by three sources of flood risk (fluvial, pluvial, groundwater).</p> <p>SCC would strongly recommend that a section on flooding is written into the plan, either inserted into the Natural Environment chapter or as its own dedicated chapter. This should set out how new development shall be steered away from the areas at the highest risk of flooding. This section should also include details of long-term surface water flood risk and maps6, an example of which is displayed in the image below.</p>	<p>It is acknowledged that flooding is an important issue which must be addressed appropriately. However, this is dealt with by Policy LP27 in the JLP Part 1. The proposed wording to be included in Policy HAD1 largely repeats that in JLP Policy LP27.</p>	

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		 <p>Extent of flooding from surface water ● High ● Medium ● Low ○ Very low</p> <p><i>Figure 1 surface water flood risk in Hadleigh</i></p> <p>It is suggested that Policy HAD1 Design and Character includes the additional following text, to address flood risk:</p> <p><i>“D. All development proposals should not result in water run-off that would add to or create surface water flooding; and shall include the use of above ground open Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) where possible, which could include wetland and other water features, which can help reduce flood risk whilst offering other benefits including water quality, amenity/recreational areas and biodiversity benefits.”</i></p>		

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		<p>SCC would also recommend the inclusion of a new policy, in the floods chapter, to address flooding and Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS).</p> <p>The following wording is proposed, as an inspiration, for a new policy in the plan: <i>“Policy HAD13 - Flooding and Sustainable Drainage</i> <i>Proposals for all new development will be required to submit schemes appropriate to the scale of the proposal detailing how on-site drainage and water resources will be managed so as not to cause or exacerbate surface water and fluvial flooding elsewhere. Proposals should, as appropriate include the use of above-ground open Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS).</i></p> <p><i>These could include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>wetland and other water features, which can help reduce flood risk whilst offering other benefits including water quality, amenity/recreational areas, and biodiversity benefits; and</i> • <i>rainwater and stormwater harvesting and recycling; and other natural drainage systems where easily accessible maintenance can be achieved.”</i> <p><u>Health and Wellbeing</u></p> <p><i>Adaptable homes and an ageing population</i> SCC welcomes the population data detailed in paragraphs 2.14 to 2.16 and the health data of paragraphs 2.17 to 2.19. Noting the high proportion of the age group 45-59, it is important that any prospective development take future-proofing measures to meet the needs of the population as people age. It is suggested that Objective 9 could be enhanced with some additional wording. SCC suggests the text as below: “Ensure housing <i>any new residential development</i> meets the range of needs of the community and is well integrated with it, <i>including the needs of</i></p>	<p>It is acknowledged that this is an important issue which must be addressed appropriately. However, this is dealt with by Policies LP06 and LP24 in the JLP Part 1. The proposed wording to be included in Policy HAD11 largely repeats that in the JLP policies.</p>	

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		<p><i>residents as they age, enabling them to maintain independence for longer, but also allowing for younger buyers and families.</i></p> <p>Policy HAD11 has opportunity to support development proposals that include provision for homes that are adaptable to M4(2) standards, and are designed according to the Building for a Healthy Life Framework. SCC recommends revising HAD11 title to <i>'Housing'</i> and adding the following paragraphs within the body: <i>"Housing Mix Support will be given to the provision of a wide range of types of housing that meet local needs, and enable the creation of a mixed, balanced and inclusive community, and that are adaptable and accessible (meaning built to optional M4(2) standards) in order to meet the needs of the aging population, without excluding the needs of the younger buyers and families.</i> <i>It is expected that development proposals being brought forward shall conform to best practice of design principles, as represented by the Suffolk Design Guide for Residential Areas, and the Building for a Healthy Life toolkit.7"</i></p> <p><i>Active Travel / Air Quality</i> SCC welcomes paragraph 8.6 regarding cycle parking provision and suggest this could be enhanced by adding some wording around individual dwellings, as follows: <i>"Where cycling infrastructure is installed, it should include safe cycle parking infrastructure.</i> <i>and Development proposals should include safe and secure cycle parking to all homes, positioned close to people's front doors, to aid convenience and encourage choice over car use for short trips.' In developments where there are multiple dwellings in a building, secure cycle lockers should be installed.</i> Emerging Joint Local Plan Policy LP29 (Safe, Sustainable and Active Transport) does require this of development."</p>	<p>Amendments agreed.</p> <p>It is not appropriate to require an Active Travel Plan for all developments. However, for major developments it is</p>	<p>Para 8.6 amended</p> <p>HAD9 amended</p>

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		<p>It is suggested that the below additional item be added to Policy HAD9 encouraging Developers to provide an Active Travel Plan alongside applications: <i>"Developments plans should be accompanied by an Active Travel Plan."</i></p> <p><u>Libraries</u></p> <p>There seems to be no specific mention of the library in Hadleigh in this plan. The library in Hadleigh is a well-used and highly important community asset that SCC would like to see included in the plan. The library is currently 86% of the modal size for the catchment population and would therefore require investment to serve any increase in population because of development. Hadleigh library is in need of some updating and modernisation and therefore requires investment. An improved children's library is required and the upstairs of the building, which consist of toilets, a kitchen and a meeting room, requires updating to bring it up to a good standard. The meeting room is very a popular venue for local groups.</p> <p><u>Minerals and Waste</u></p> <p>Suffolk County Council is the Minerals and Waste Planning Authority for Suffolk. This means that SCC makes planning policies and decisions in relation to minerals and waste. The relevant policy document is the Suffolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan,⁸ adopted in July 2020, which forms part of the Local Development Plan.</p> <p><i>Policy Context</i></p>	<p>considered reasonable so an amendment will be made.</p> <p>Amendment agreed</p> <p>Amendment agreed</p>	<p>Section 10 amended</p> <p>New section added to Chapter 1</p>

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		<p>SCC would advise that the plan includes a Policy Context chapter, which should set out the other policy documents which form the Local Development Plan and their policy interactions with respect to the parish.</p> <p>The Suffolk Minerals and Waste Plan 2020 has not been mentioned in the plan, a reference to this policy document should be included as it forms part of the Local Development Plan for Hadleigh. This should be included in the new Policy Context chapter, or elsewhere if not created.</p> <p><i>Safeguarded Sites</i> For information, there are three safeguarded sites within the parish boundary and one further site to the south-west of the parish boundary (M5 Layham Quarry – Minerals Extraction Site). The three safeguarded sites are outlined in the table below:</p> <p>HWRC4 Household Waste and Recycling Centres Hadleigh HWRC FCC Recycling (UK) Ltd AW84 Anglian Water Facility Hadleigh Sewage Treatment Works IWER1 Incinerators Without Energy Recovery Hunt Kennels, The Essex and Suffolk Hunt</p> <p>In the cases of AW84 and IWER1, Policy WP18 (Safeguarding of Waste Management Sites) of the Suffolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2020 will apply, a note in the plan stating this would provide clarity.</p> <p>The majority of the Hadleigh parish boundary sits within the minerals safeguarding area as defined by Policy MP10: minerals consultation and safeguarding areas and as outlined on the Safeguarding and Proposals Map⁹. This area can also be viewed on the Interactive Map of Waste Locations of</p>		

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		<p>Interest¹⁰ by enabling the “consultation area” overlay (this can be activated via the tab in the lower right corner). The above-mentioned sites can also be viewed on this interactive map.</p> <p><u>Natural Environment</u></p> <p><i>Vision and Objectives</i> The Vision is detailed, and the natural environment is anchored well into it, sitting alongside other requirements for development, which is welcomed by SCC.</p> <p>SCC welcomes Objectives 3, 4, and 7, that relate to natural environment. For ease of reading, it is suggested to rotate the labels on Figure 4.1 Character Areas.</p> <p><i>Policy HAD2 Landscape and Key Views</i> Policy HAD2 sets out requirements that are aimed at the protection of the landscape character and is supported by SCC.</p> <p>SCC notes that a Key Views Assessment was carried out providing the justification for inclusion of 16 views into the plan, which the Council considers to be thorough.</p> <p><i>Policy HAD3 Biodiversity-Led and Wildlife-Friendly Design</i></p> <p>SCC welcomes that the plan is well detailed and ambitious for natural environment in Chapter 3 and 5, and further supports paragraph 5.2, and the aspirations for a higher level of Biodiversity Net Gain from developments.</p> <p>SCC welcomes paragraph 5.5, which provides a concrete list of achievable BNG measures – including bird boxes, hedgehog fencing, planting, ponds. It</p>	<p>Amendment agreed</p>	<p>Para 5.5 amended</p>

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		<p>is suggested that these could be linked with the Actions set out in paragraph 5.39, through the insertion of the following text in paragraph 5.5: “5.5 Protecting species present in the area is also important. Examples of the simple solutions that well thought-out design can easily incorporate <i>into new and existing developments</i> are (<i>the actions taken in Hadleigh are outlined in paragraph 5.39</i>): [...]” SCC notes that paragraph 5.39 (Actions) lists a number of practical measures to support the objectives related to the natural environment, however, it is not specified who would take the lead on these to deliver these.</p> <p>Policy HAD3 (Biodiversity-Led and Wildlife-Friendly Design) is supported by SCC, however, to improve clarity, it is recommended to move Part C of the policy to the beginning of the policy – to become Part A.</p> <p><i>Policy HAD4 Green/Blue Corridors and Verges</i> SCC welcomes Policy HAD4, however, suggests that Part A could be strengthened through explicitly stating habitat connectivity rather than implying connectivity: “A. Development proposals on or adjacent to the green or blue corridors identified on the Policies Map must demonstrate a layout and design which ensures that wildlife <i>habitat is connected</i> is not impeded in its movement along the corridor. Proposals to enhance the green and blue corridors are strongly encouraged.”</p> <p>SCC notes that the green and blue corridors, such as Calais Street Green Corridor (Figure 5.1) and the Ecological Networks identified in the wider Hadleigh Parish (Figure 5.2), are not currently identified on the Policies Maps and considers that this should be corrected.</p>	<p>At this stage it is not appropriate to identify possible leads.</p> <p>Amendment agreed.</p> <p>Amendment agreed.</p> <p>Amendment agreed</p> <p>Amendment agreed</p>	<p>HAD3 amended</p> <p>HAD4 amended</p> <p>Policies Maps amended</p> <p>HAD4 amended</p>

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		<p>SCC welcomes that verges are protected in Policy HAD4, however, Part C is slightly ambiguous and indicates that vehicles are being degraded. Therefore, the following amendments are proposed: “C. Major development (as defined in the NPPF) should maximise the provision of green verges along main roadways and should demonstrate that these are designed so that vehicles are not able to use them for parking, <i>which can lead to the degradation of the verges</i> or be degraded by day-to-day activity.”</p> <p><i>Policy HAD5 Local Green Spaces</i> SCC welcomes the designation of the 19 Local Green Spaces in Policy HAD5, shown on Figure 5.3, and the reference to the NPPF paragraph 102 - as this supports the ongoing work to make Suffolk the Greenest County.¹¹</p> <p>The Local Green Spaces are also shown in the Policies Maps. The supporting text in the neighbourhood plan provides a solid context for each site that meets the criteria, including a location map and photograph – which SCC particularly welcomes. SCC notes that the Local Green Spaces Report provides clear and very thorough evidence through one overarching map, tabular description, and photographs. Further, SCC is content that all sites proposed for Local Green Space designation appear to fulfil the NPPF criteria.</p> <p><i>Policy HAD7 Low Carbon Development</i> Policy HAD7 is wholly welcomed by SCC, as it supports the supports progress towards making the county of Suffolk carbon neutral by 2023;¹² as well overall these measures will benefit the natural environment in the wider sense.</p> <p><u>Public Rights of Way</u></p> <p><i>Policy HAD5 Local Green Spaces</i></p>	<p>Amendment agreed</p>	<p>Para 5.31 amended</p>

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		<p>The proposed Local Green Space 12, Railway Walk, is noted in paragraph 5.31 as “used as a bridleway”. However, this route is not classified as a recorded bridleway. In the supporting document, this mis-classification of “used as a bridleway” also occurs. Therefore, it is recommended that these references are amended, to ensure clarity and accuracy, to read as “used by equestrians, as well as walkers and cyclists.”</p> <p><i>Policy HAD9 Enhancing Walking and Cycling</i> This policy is welcomed by SCC.</p> <p><i>Policy HAD10 Access to the Countryside</i> This policy is encouraging the protection and maintenance of the existing PROW networks, and is welcomed. SCC support that development should enhance connectivity through the creation of new routes.</p> <p>It is suggested that the plan could also include reference to other strategy documents, such as the Suffolk County Council's Green Access Strategy (2020-2030).¹³ This strategy sets out the Council's commitment to enhance PROW, including new linkages and upgrading routes where there is a need. The strategy also seeks to improve access for all and to support healthy and sustainable access between communities and services through development funding and partnership working.</p> <p><u>Transport</u></p> <p>SCC, as the Local Highway Authority, has a duty to ensure that roads are maintained and safe as well as providing and managing flood risk for highway drainage and roadside ditches.</p> <p>SCC agrees with car ownership stated in paragraph 2.30 and notes that this is reflected in the higher trip rates for new development required in rural areas. SCC supports the vision for reduced vehicle movements and Objective</p>	<p>Amendment agreed</p> <p>Amendment agreed</p>	<p>Green Access Strategy referenced in Section 8</p> <p>HAD1 amended</p>

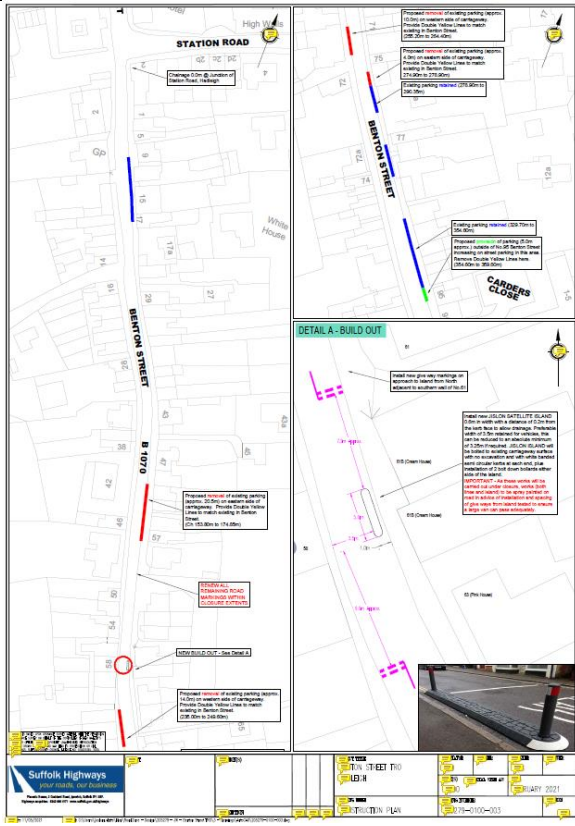
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		<p>8. SCC Transport Strategy will seek to procure sustainable travel improvements from development wherever possible.</p> <p><i>Policy HAD1 Design and Character</i> SCC considers that Policy HAD1 should reference include a reference to the Suffolk Design: Streets Guide 2022,¹⁴ and the Suffolk Guidance for Parking 2023,¹⁵ or any successor documents. As such, SCC suggests the following additional wording to part B) of Policy HAD1: “6. Development should be in accordance with Suffolk Guidance for Parking 2023 and the Suffolk Design Streets Guide 2022 (and any successor documents).”</p> <p><i>POLICY HAD4 Green/Blue Corridors and Verges</i> SCC supports section on verges (Part B to E), and notes that the Suffolk Design: Streets Guide includes further policy requirements in this regard. It is worth noting that cutting of verges / choice of low vegetation within visibility splays is necessary for highway safety purposes.</p> <p><i>POLICY HAD7 Low Carbon Development</i> SCC supports the approach of Part B, however, notes that drainage on driveways and parking areas must ensure that surface water does not enter the adjacent highway, therefore, on slopes and in some circumstances, conventional drainage may also be necessary.</p> <p><i>Policy HAD9 Enhancing Walking and Cycling</i> SCC fully supports Chapter 8 (Safe, Sustainable and Active Travel) and the reference to the LCWIP in paragraph 8.4. SCC considers that the plan could also reference Suffolk Design: Streets Guide, and LTN1/20,¹⁶ with regard to good design.</p> <p>As noted above, SCC Transport Strategy will seek to procure sustainable travel improvements from development wherever possible.</p>	<p>Amendment agreed</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Amendment agreed.</p>	<p>Supporting text to HAD4 amended</p> <p>Text added to Section 8</p>

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		<p>SCC is supportive of the Actions set out in paragraph 8.9 for highway improvements wherever feasible and necessary. Again, SCC Transport Strategy will look to procure sustainable travel improvements from development wherever possible and these desired schemes are noted.</p> <p><i>Design Code</i> SCC welcomes that the Design Code signposts to the Suffolk Design: Streets Guide, however, it could also signpost to Suffolk Guidance for Parking (2023). SCC notes that Code C4, D4 etc. reference Suffolk Guidance for Parking (2023), however, this does not align with the requirements. Further, the layout related sections could reference Suffolk Design: Streets Guide 2022.</p> <p><i>General Note on Benton Street</i> SCC notes that improvements to this area are not referenced in the document. An improvement scheme has been carried out (please see Appendix A and B to this document). SCC are aware of developer funding for potential further improvements but do not have any details or anticipated dates of receipt at the time of writing.</p> <p><u>General</u> SCC notes that this plan was drafted prior to the revision of the National Planning Policy Framework, which was published in September 2023, and any references stating "NPPF 2021" paragraphs should be amended accordingly.</p> <p>SCC notes that Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Part 1 has been adopted since the consultation of the draft plan began, therefore, any references to Part 1 of the "emerging Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan 2022" should be amended accordingly.</p>	<p>The Design Code is a supporting document and is not to be updated. However, the plan will make appropriate reference to this.</p> <p>Amendments agreed</p> <p>Amendments agreed</p> <p>Amendment agreed</p>	<p>Various amendments</p> <p>Various amendments</p> <p>Contents amended</p>

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		<p>There is a typographical error on contents page stating the policies map is located on page "756" and Chapter 12 (Implementation) subheading Review on page "749".</p> <p>-----</p> <p>I hope that these comments are helpful. SCC is always willing to discuss issues or queries you may have. Some of these issues may be addressed by the SCC's Neighbourhood Planning Guidance, which contains information relating to County Council service areas and links to other potentially helpful resources.</p> <p>The guidance can be accessed here: Suffolk County Council Neighbourhood Planning Guidance. If there is anything that I have raised that you would like to discuss, please use my contact information at the top of this letter.</p> <p>Appendix A: Drawing no. 205279-001-004 (Benton Street, Amended Give Way Line)</p>		

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		<p>BENTON STREET, HADLEIGH Burn off recently installed give way marking on Benton Street, install new marking 6 kerb lengths back, adjacent to the joint in the footway where it is wider for vehicles to pass</p> <p>JOINT IN FOOTWAY FOR REFERENCE</p> <p>NOTE - ENSURE CENTRE LINE IS EXACTLY HALF OF ROAD WIDTH AFFORDING AS MUCH SPACE TO EACH DIRECTION OF VEHICLE AS POSSIBLE</p> <p>Suffolk Highways your roads, our business</p> <p>Planning Office, 3 Dudders Road, Ipswich, Suffolk IP1 1DF. Highways enquiries: 01473 67511 www.suffolk.gov.uk/highways</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>DATE: 29/09/2022</td> <td>PROJECT: BENTON STREET, HADLEIGH</td> <td>DESIGNER: JWW</td> <td>CHECKED: JWW</td> <td>DATE: NOVEMBER 2021</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SCALE: 1:200</td> <td>ORIGINAL SIZE: A4</td> <td>DATE: NOVEMBER 2021</td> <td>DATE: NOVEMBER 2021</td> <td>DATE: NOVEMBER 2021</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DRAWING NUMBER: 205279-001-004</td> <td>PROJECT NUMBER: 205279-0100-003</td> <td>DATE: NOVEMBER 2021</td> <td>DATE: NOVEMBER 2021</td> <td>DATE: NOVEMBER 2021</td> </tr> </table>	DATE: 29/09/2022	PROJECT: BENTON STREET, HADLEIGH	DESIGNER: JWW	CHECKED: JWW	DATE: NOVEMBER 2021	SCALE: 1:200	ORIGINAL SIZE: A4	DATE: NOVEMBER 2021	DATE: NOVEMBER 2021	DATE: NOVEMBER 2021	DRAWING NUMBER: 205279-001-004	PROJECT NUMBER: 205279-0100-003	DATE: NOVEMBER 2021	DATE: NOVEMBER 2021	DATE: NOVEMBER 2021		
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**Appendix B: Drawing no. 205279-0100-003
(Benton Street TRO, Construction Plan)**

Ref.	Name of body/ 'Resident'	Representation	Response by Responsible Body	Amendment to Plan
				
55	BDC Officer	<p>"I wonder if Hadleigh's NP couldn't mention a little more on Benton End and its future aspirations? I can see the guildhall is mentioned under actions 74 and 75 so perhaps this might be a good place to include it? Or perhaps it hasn't been included because it's outside of the boundary, I wasn't sure?"</p>	<p>Noted although it is not clear what is envisaged and no further clarifications were provided</p>	
56	U3A	<p>[See separate document with full representations] Recommendation 1: That a limit be put on all future planning approvals in excess of 20 houses until the current infrastructure is proved adequate.</p>	<p>Recommendation 1: National planning policy does not permit</p>	

Ref.	Name of body/ 'Resident'	Representation	Response by Responsible Body	Amendment to Plan
		<p>Recommendation 2: That an independent 'Think Tank' be established to review the two reports on car parks and transport and make recommendations to BDC and HTC. Those involved should comprise a range of Hadleigh residents' vested interested.</p>	<p>a development plan document to put a blanket upper limit on all development.</p> <p>Recommendation 2: This could be supported as an action outside the plan.</p>	
57	Anglian Water (stat consultee)	<p>Apologies for the slight delay in our response to your draft Neighbourhood Plan consultation, I hope our comments can still be considered in view of taking the plan forward to the next stage.</p> <p>Thank you for inviting comments on the Hadleigh Neighbourhood Plan Pre-submission (Reg 14) consultation. Anglian Water is the statutory water and sewerage undertaker for the neighbourhood plan area and is identified as a consultation body under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. Anglian Water wants to proactively engage with the neighbourhood plan process to ensure the plan delivers sustainable development for residents and visitors to the area, and in doing so protect the environment and water resources.</p> <p>The comments and observations for the Neighbourhood Plan, are as follows: <u>Page 5</u>: The appendices to the Plan listed on page 5 include the Anglian Water 'Water Recycling Long Term Plan'. This publication has been superseded by the Anglian Water Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan 2025-2050 which is available on our website.</p> <p><u>Policy HAD2: Landscape and Key Views</u> Anglian Water notes that the Area of Greater Landscape Value includes our Hadleigh water recycling centre. Our WRCs are often located in the open countryside outside the urban areas to avoid impacts on local residential areas and therefore do not fall under other development typologies that are associated with the expansion of settlements in sustainable locations. We would request that criterion B1 includes proposals affecting 'essential utility infrastructure' is included in the list, to ensure that any works that require planning consent to maintain and enhance the operational</p>	<p>Amendment agreed</p> <p>Amendments agreed</p>	<p>List of supporting documents amended</p> <p>HAD2 amended</p>

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		<p>requirements of Hadleigh WRC can be effectively and efficiently delivered. We would also suggest that the NPPF reference is updated to align with the recently published version (December 2023).</p> <p><u>Policy HAD3: Biodiversity-led and Wildlife-Friendly Design</u> Anglian Water supports the policy ambition to delivering biodiversity net gain to enhance the natural environment and assist with nature recovery. One of our long term ambitions is to work with others to achieve significant improvement in ecological quality across our catchments, and we have made a voluntary commitment to deliver a minimum of 10% biodiversity net gain since 2020. We particularly welcome reference to rainwater harvesting and green roofs in the supporting text to help manage surface water run-off whilst providing benefits for biodiversity including in gardens.</p> <p><u>Policy HAD5: Local Green Spaces</u> Anglian Water notes that we have underground assets within some of the proposed local green spaces. We consider that national green belt policy which applies to designated local green spaces provides scope for Anglian Water to undertake operational development to maintain and repair any underground network assets that may be within these areas, such as mains water and sewer pipes. It would be helpful if the policy provided clarity in criterion B to state that proposals would need to be consistent with national policies for the green belt (as prescribed by the NPPF).</p> <p><u>Policy HAD7: Low Carbon Development</u> Anglian Water supports the policy ambition for new development to exceed the requirements of the adopted Babergh and Mid Suffolk Local Plan Part 1 Policy LP23, which includes water efficiency measures and encourages residential developments to achieve water usage of 100 litres per person per day in accordance with our recommendation. The Defra Integrated Plan for Water supports the need to improve water efficiency and the Government's Environment Improvement Plan sets ten actions in the Roadmap to Water Efficiency in new developments including consideration of a new standard for new homes in England of 100 litres per person per day (l/p/d) where there is a clear local need, such as in areas of serious water stress – which includes the</p>	Amendment agreed	HAD5 amended

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		<p>Anglian Water region. Given the proposed national approach to water efficiency, and the importance of sustainable and resilient water resources for the future, Anglian Water welcomes this ambitious policy.</p> <p><u>Other matters:</u> As you will be aware, our Bury St Edmunds to Colchester Strategic Pipeline route is planned to go through the neighbourhood plan area to the east of the town, having received planning consent from the district council. This is the most southernly section of our new drinking water network which will increase reliability and is part of delivering a resilient water resource network across our region. Further details, including FAQs and contact details for any further questions, can be found on our website.</p> <p>Overall we are supportive of the policy ambitions within the Neighbourhood Plan subject to matters raised in the comments above, and wish the Town Council every success in taking this forward.</p>		

6. Appendices

Appendix A – Housing Needs Questionnaire 2015

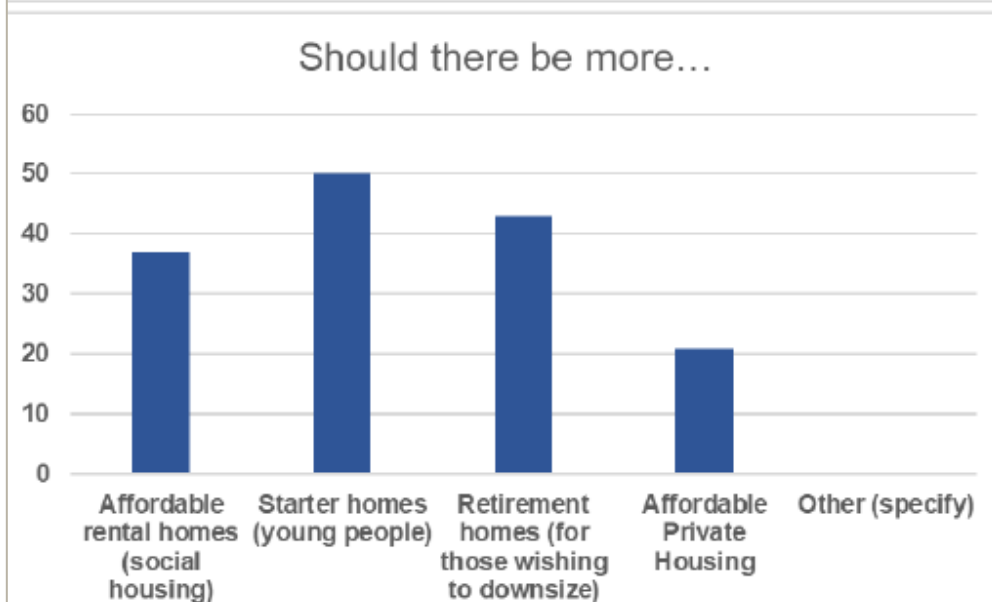
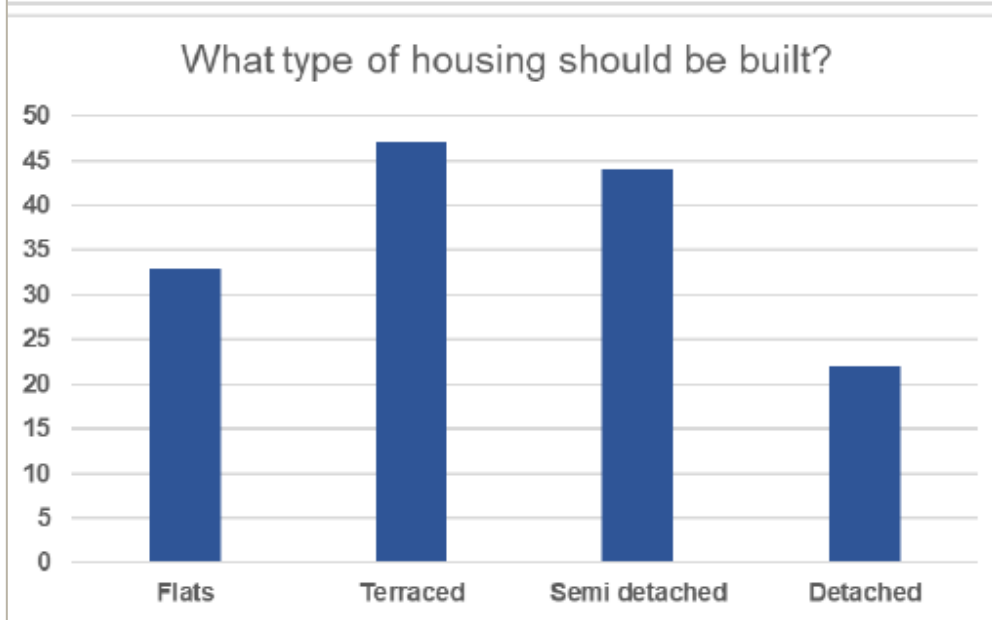
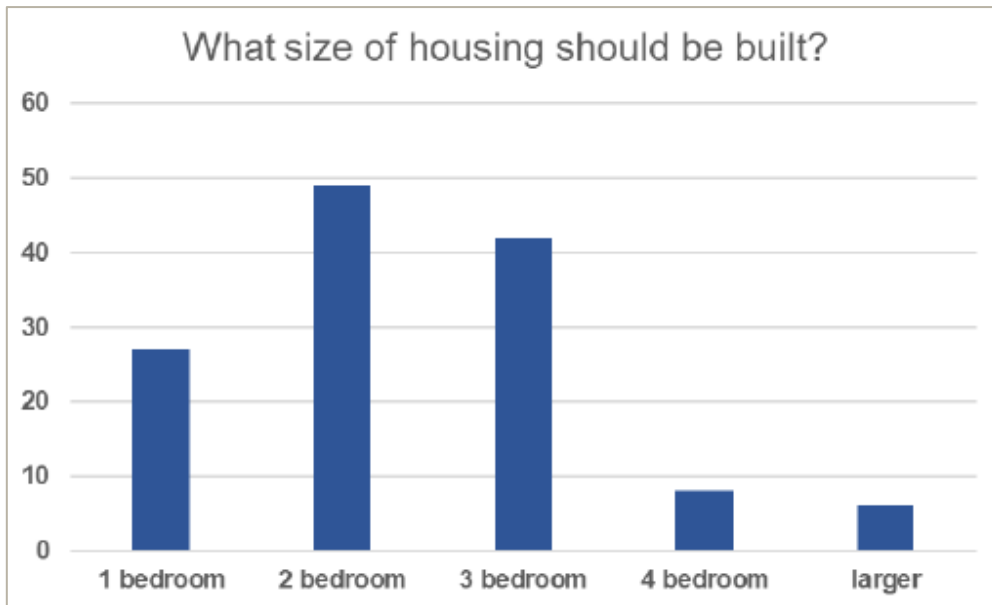


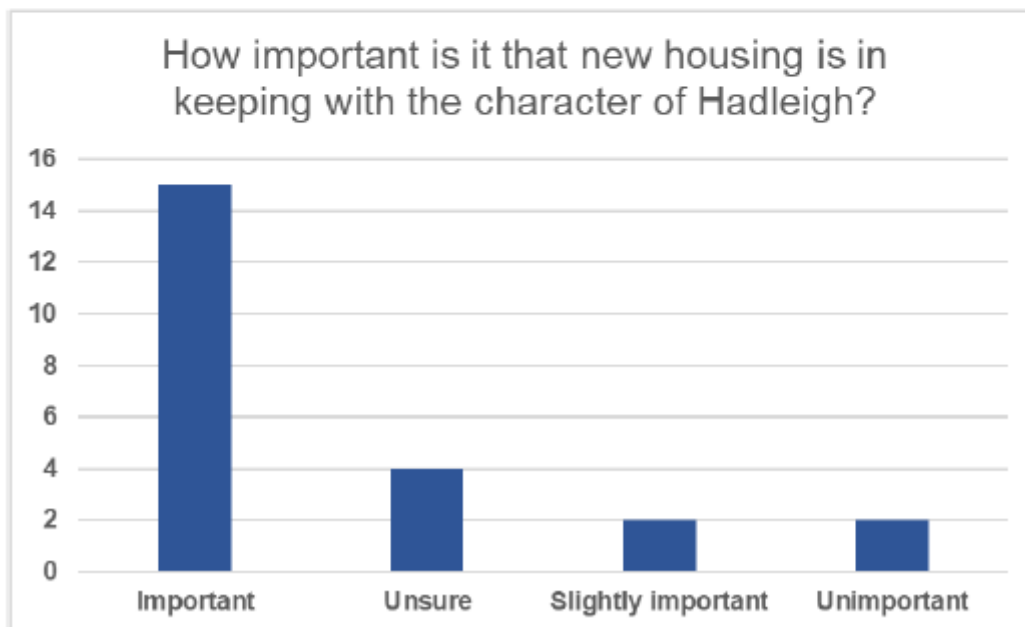
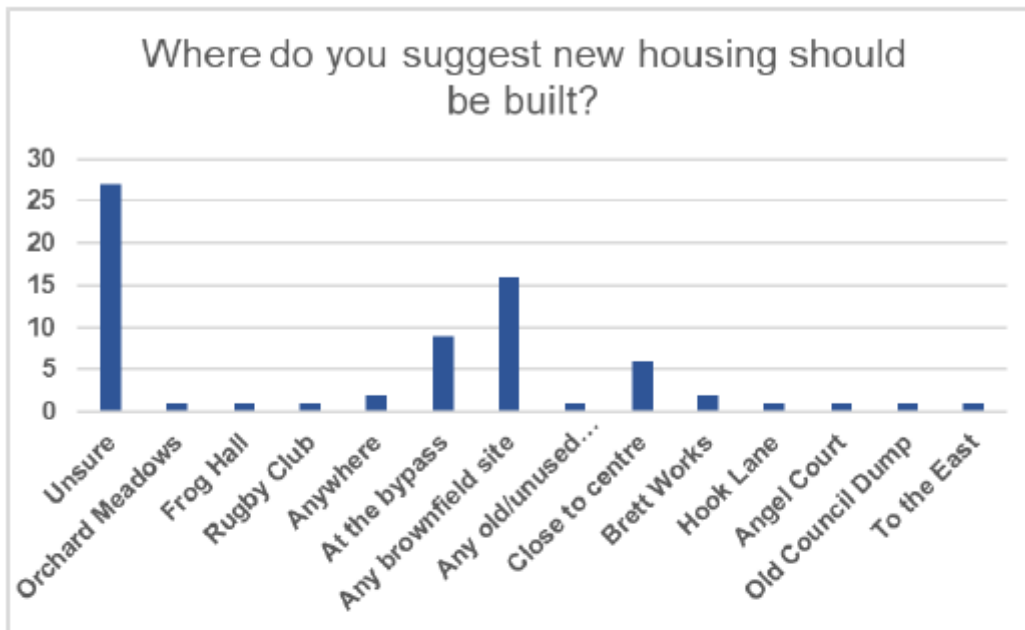
Housing Questionnaire

This questionnaire was conducted in 2015 with a total of 63 individual responses (0.8% of Hadleigh's population). All answers were open to multiple selections.

A summary of the answers to the five questions posed is shown in charts overleaf. The summary is as follows.

1. The respondents of the questionnaire clearly identify a need for 2 and 3 bedroom houses primarily.
2. The respondents of the questionnaire felt that the most appropriate type of housing to concentrate on in Hadleigh is terraced (32%) closely followed by semi-detached (30%) and then flats (23%). The call for detached housing was far less at 15%.
3. Respondents to question three clearly identified their preference for new housing to be to aid the two ends of society: starter homes for the young and downsizing homes for the retired. Less than 40% of the selections were for affordable housing of any kind, with private affordable housing fairing the worst.
4. This answer was free text. Most respondents were unsure of any specific areas for development (27 people). The three most written suggestions were:
 - Any brownfield sites within or around the outskirts of the town (suggested 16 times)
 - Out of town along the A1071 bypass (suggested 9 times)
 - Close to the centre of town (suggested 6 times)
5. The people of Hadleigh, based on the response to question five, think it is very important that any new housing is in keeping with Hadleigh character. This answer scored 63% of the vote.





**REPORT ON:
Hadleigh Town Council - Resident
Survey**

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Hadleigh Town Council will be undertaking the production of a Neighbourhood Plan to help shape the future of the town.

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The research was conducted as a postal survey consisting of four free text response questions. Covering letters, paper surveys and pre-paid envelopes (for participants to return the self-completion survey) were sent to 3,785 households in Hadleigh.

The data collection and fieldwork were conducted over 26 days from 25th November to 19th December 2014. A response rate of 9.9% was achieved, with 374 households responding to the survey.

Coding frameworks were established for question to analyse free text responses, and key findings from the survey are summarised below.

- Thinking of what they like about living in Hadleigh, the largest proportion of participants cited the local retail offering (61%). This comprised positive comments on local shops, pubs and restaurants. Responses also included aspects of the town's urban environment such as its size, atmosphere and character (47%) and the community feel of Hadleigh (42%) including relationships with neighbours and being a good place to bring up children.
- When asked what they do not like about Hadleigh, the largest proportion of responses cited transportation (41%). This included issues raised about the ease and availability of car parking and the presence of commercial vehicles on local roads. Participants were also critical of some local facilities and public services (26%) such as the lack of activities for younger people, and maintenance of the town's built and natural environment (25%), citing excessive dog fouling and rubbish in some public places.
- Suggested changes to Hadleigh provided by participants appeared as closely linked to the concerns and issues identified above. The largest proportion sought an improvement in local facilities and public services (40%), including a larger police presence and more activities available for younger and elderly residents of the town. Participants reiterated issues with transportation (32%) in the area, suggesting wider availability of free parking and improved traffic controls at some junctions.
- Participants were also given the opportunity to provide any additional

comments, and these in large part echoed sentiments seen in the first three survey questions. The largest proportion of participants made additional comments about local retail, facilities and public services, (38%) and the response remained mixed around the perceived development of Hadleigh (31%), with a number of participants advocating both for and against more residential and commercial development in the area.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 HADLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL RESIDENT SURVEY

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2.2 OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this report and research were to:

- Understand what residents like about Hadleigh.
- Understand what residents dislike about Hadleigh.
- Understand what residents would like to change about Hadleigh.
- Afford residents the opportunity to provide any other comments about living in Hadleigh.

3. METHOD

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Copies of the covering letter and postal survey are included in Appendix 5.1.

3.1 RESPONSE RATES

Overall, 374 households responded to the survey constituting a response rate of 9.9% (Table 1).

Table 1: Response rate for the Hadleigh Town Council Resident Survey

Total amount of surveys despatched	Total amount of respondents	Response rate (%)
3,785	374	9.9

Participants represented a good geographic spread across Hadleigh, and a map of response can be found in Appendix 5.2.

3.2 QUALITY MANAGEMENT

Below is a summary of the systems and tools in place for quality management and information security at MES:

- MES is a registered Data Processor under the UK Data Protection Act 1998. Our registration reference with the ICO is Z110099X.
- MES is ISO 9001:2008 certified.
- MES is ISO 27001:2005 certified.
- MES is a registered MRS company partner.
- MES is registered for the Health & Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) Information Governance Toolkit for 2013-2014
- All researchers at MES are working in accordance with the Code of Conduct of the Market Research Society.
- Project managers within MES are certified to at least PRINCE2 Foundation level.

4. MAIN FINDINGS

This section presents the main findings of the Hadleigh Town Council survey of residents.

Please note that due to the rounding of figures and the presence of multi-coded questions, the percentage figures presented in tables may not total 100%.

4.1 WHAT RESIDENTS LIKE ABOUT HADLEIGH

Question 1 afforded participants the opportunity to provide a free text response on what they like about Hadleigh.

Our team of experienced coders established a coding frame, which was constantly reviewed as responses came in throughout the survey period.

Table 2: What residents like about Hadleigh

Question 1: What do you like about Hadleigh?	Total (%)
E. Retail offering: Local shops, pubs, restaurants	61
B. Built environment: Size of the town, atmosphere, character, cleanliness and safety	47
D. Community: Neighbours, the people, good place to bring up children	42
F. Public services and facilities: Play areas, leisure centres, public transport, schools	40
C. Natural environment: Green spaces, countryside, riverside walks, parks etc.	29
G. History and culture: Local events, activities and publications	24
A. Everything: General positive comments, no specific detail given	4
H. Other/Irrelevant	2
Not stated	1
<i>Base: All respondents</i>	<i>(374)</i>

* Please note that as some free text responses for Question 1 could be attributed to more than one code, the sum of percentages in Table 2 may not equal 100%.

As demonstrated in Table 2, the largest proportion of participants indicated that they liked the local retail offering in Hadleigh (61%). This comprised positive comments on local shops, pubs and restaurants. Participants also cited aspects of the town's urban environment such as its size, atmosphere and character (47%) and the community feel of Hadleigh (42%) including relationships with neighbours and being a good place to bring up children.

4.1.1 CODING FRAME

The following provides further details of the coding frame applied to free text responses for Question 1.

Although this section highlights key themes uncovered within the body of free text responses, anonymised full verbatim comments have also been provided to the Council.

4.1.2 Retail offering (E)

This code represents the most prominent theme among responses and relates to the retail offering in Hadleigh, including local shops, pubs and restaurants.

Examples of this code can be found below:

"Thriving High St. and the close proximity of a major supermarket." "Independent shops in a great High street... No Tesco!!"

"I love the eclectic mix of shops and cafes we have now..."

"...restaurants,... shops (enough charity ones already!)"

"Having lived here since 1965 I would not want to live anywhere else. The High Street has up to now been second to none."

Though there appeared to be wider support for a range of independent shops, participants represented a mix of opinion around the presence of larger or chain supermarkets such as Morrison's and Tesco.

4.1.3 Built environment (B)

This code covers responses which expressed positive feelings toward the maintenance and nature of the built environment of Hadleigh. As compared with code 'C', which looks more at the natural environment of the town and surrounding areas, responses under code 'B' looked at the size of the town, its atmosphere,

character, cleanliness and safety.

Examples of comments attributed to this code are below:

“... It retains its character and period charm, the buildings blend with the environment. Crime is low and you feel safe to walk at night...”

“The manageable size of the town. Growth would ruin it.”

“It’s a most attractive small town with lots of listed buildings.”

“Hadleigh is a village with great potential. To offer to people who love a decent life in terms of socialisation. It has the right community, the right landscape and some of the right facilities.”

“It is not too large. It has a nice mixture of old well preserved buildings of a sympathetic scale and modern housing estates up the hill...”

4.1.1 Community (D)

As represented by code ‘D’, the community feel of the town was something participants liked about living in Hadleigh. Responses included positive comments about neighbours and other town residents and being a good place to bring up children.

Examples of comments for this code can be found below:

“As a relative newcomer found the townspeople very friendly... how St. Mary’s Church is working to make the church a more welcoming place and for wider use.”

“It’s friendliness and sense of community... it’s self-sufficiency... people of all types are happily mixed together.”

“Lots of things going on and stuff to do with kids.” “Lots of community involvement in things.”

“I like that however big Hadleigh is getting now it still retains a sense of community.”

4.1.2 Natural environment/green spaces (C)

Distinct from code ‘B’, which involved the nature and maintenance of the built environment of Hadleigh, code ‘C’ covered responses identifying the natural environment of the town and surrounding as something participants liked about

living in Hadleigh. Many comments mentioned the town's green space and surrounding countryside, with some expressing concern for the continued presence of and access to both.

This code can be exemplified by the following comments: *"Its*

surrounding green space and farm land" *"Beautiful*

surrounding countryside"

"Near to lovely countryside and walks"

"Green open spaces and shame how these are being eroded, particularly in centre of town, eg Sports Centre"

"Beautiful countryside around the town with easy access to the riverside and railway walks."

4.1.3 Public services and facilities (F)

Responses for this code included positive comments about the public services and facilities available in Hadleigh. Participants cited local play areas, leisure centres, public transport and schools among others and comments included:

"Swimming pool, - School facilities"

"As I am alone and am elderly & a non-driver, I can easily walk to library, church, health centre, shops, bus station and other amenities."

"The health services available." "I

like the leisure centre."

"Schools... availability of allotments, our health centre – fantastic in our view, places for children to play..."

4.1.4 History and culture (G)

This code represents positive comments on the history and cultural activities available in Hadleigh. Participants mentioned seasonal events, the town's history, local organisations and societies and local publications such as 'Hadleigh Community News'.

Comments attributed to this code included:

"Excellent events (Hadleigh Show, Xmas Street Party, Raft Race, ect. ect.)"

“Has similar charm to Lavenham and Long Melford in that it has historical buildings and a good history”

“Its history and historical buildings, Hadleigh Community News – Free magazine.”

“The many organisations and societies of benefit to the residents, choirs, R.B.L, WI”

“Still retains feeling of its roots, we need to preserve this for all times.”

4.1.1 Everything (A)

This code covered responses which indicated participants liked everything about living in Hadleigh as well as a number of other comments providing generally positive sentiments about living in Hadleigh without mention of specific attributes of the town.

Examples of coded comments included:

“Everything, nice place to live.” “The way it is.”

“Having been born in Hadleigh, went to school and worked in Hadleigh – the town is very special to me.”

“I like everything about Hadleigh, I’ve lived here all my life (55 years) as have generations of my family.”

“I LOVE everything about Hadleigh, except Morrisons.”

4.1.2 Other/Irrelevant (H)

This code included responses which did not relate to what participants like about living in Hadleigh, or were critical of future development generally.

Examples of these types of comments include:

“It used to be a lovely busy town”

“Persona, likes and dislikes are irrelevant in a plan for future developments in the town, Fringe views should merely be noted and tolerated”

4.2 WHAT RESIDENTS DISLIKE ABOUT HADLEIGH

Question 2 afforded participants the opportunity to provide a free text response on what they dislike about Hadleigh.

Our team of experienced coders established a coding frame, which was constantly reviewed as responses came in throughout the survey period.

Table 3: What residents dislike about Hadleigh

Question 2: What do you dislike about Hadleigh?	Total (%)
B. Transport: Infrastructure, traffic, car parking, commercial lorries using residential streets.	41
D. Local facilities and public services: Policing, activities available for young people.	26
C. Maintenance: Overgrown public green spaces, dog fouling, noise and public works.	25
E. Retail offering: Quality and quantity of shops, pubs, restaurants	22
A. Town development: Too much commercial development, not enough affordable housing etc.	21
F. Nothing to dislike	8
G. Other/Irrelevant	3
Not stated	3
<i>Base: All respondents</i>	<i>(374)</i>

* Please note that as some free text responses for Question 2 could be attributed to more than one code, the sum of percentages in Table 3 may not equal 100%.

As demonstrated in Table 3, the largest proportion of responses cited transportation as something participants did not like about Hadleigh (41%). This included issues raised about the ease and availability of car parking and the presence of larger vehicles on local roads among others. Participants also provided negative comments on some local facilities and public services (26%) and maintenance of the town's built and natural environment (25%).

4.2.1 CODING FRAME

The following provides further details of the coding frame applied to free text responses for Question 2.

Although this section highlights key themes uncovered within the body of free text responses, anonymised full verbatim comments have also been provided to the Council.

4.2.2 Transport (B)

Responses included in this code included comments about the ease and availability of car parking, concerns about the presence of larger vehicles on local roads and the public transportation routes available to residents among others.

Examples of comments for this code include:

“Big lorries trunibling [sic] through when they could have used the Sudbury Rd.”

“Car parking in side streets Benton St Angel St is a head-ache, speeding vehicles especially.”

“Lack of transport facilities. Smaller buses every half hour taking in some of the villages would be better. Also going to Colemester [sic]. Not just Sudbury + Ipswich even perhaps to a point nearer than Ipswich and get transport to Bury St Edmunds.”

“The infrastructure is not keeping up with new developments around the town i.e. Parking around the schools. No monitoring of parking on double yellow lines or very rarely.”

“Terrible lack of parking spaces for residents & visitors. Used to be free to park in car park for more than 3 hours. Now only 3 hours is free. Benton Street needs to be looked at, parked cars blocking the road in both directions. Been like it for years.”

4.2.1 Local facilities and public services (D)

This code covered responses where issues were raised around some local facilities and public services such as policing, lack of activities for young people and disused buildings in the town. Comments include:

“We should have more facilities in Hadleigh for young people, also East House should be brought back for the town, and not empty after all these years is disgraceful.”

“There's nothing to do in Hadleigh”

“Pavements uneven, no access to certain shops, for Disabled people on wheelchairs...Disused Telephone box on Benton Street which almost protrudes on the pavement.”

“Lack of facilities for the children ie no youth club.”

“Youths hanging around High street in evenings”

4.2.2 Maintenance (C)

Responses for this code touched on perceived issues with maintenance of the both the town’s built and natural environment. Participants mentioned overgrown public green spaces, rubbish in public spaces, dog fouling, public works and noise among other issues and comments include:

“The river down by the Hadleigh town council because it need cleaning more often, there is lot of rubbish in the water”

“Rubbish - in the town, on the roads especially along the Railway walk. No proper road signage for houses, etc.”

“Celotex working 24/7. Moved to Hadleigh Aug 2011. the noise from Celotex has significantly increased over the last 2 years. Lorries beeping all night and day- Noise restrictions from 12-5am Nightly and a day of peace on Sunday would make Hadleigh perfect”

“Litter & generally poor street cleaning.”

“There is often quite a lot of dog mess towards the Morrisons end of the high street.”

4.2.3 Retail offering (E)

Although the retail offering appeared as something many participants like about living in Hadleigh, many also voiced concerns about the quality and quantity of local shops, pubs and restaurants. Responses within this code cited issues around the presence of larger supermarkets and the perceived closure of many smaller independent shops.

Comments attributed to this code include:

“Morrisons- would rather have Asda! Increase of Lorries especially lots parked on industrial estate. Build base closed PM Sat, All day Sun.”

“Shops on the high street having to close. Some foot paths not well maintained or the River Brett.”

“The Lack of decent shops. After living in Beccles and Bungay most of my life, the shops are wonderful especially Beccles with a huge variety of small independent shops and the larger chain stores.”

“We had a Farm Shop in the High Street easy to get to. But it closed down and put Hairdresser shop in place. We do not need all the hair dresser shops we have here. We need Food Shops in the High Street and we need a Farm Shop in the High Street.”

“Closure of many independent shops on the High Street and increase in traffic due to Morrisons”

4.2.1 Town development (A)

This code represented responses raising concerns over the development of the town. While some participants appeared to be sceptical of development generally, others were more critical of the kind of development, such as the perceived quality and scale of new housing and excessive commercial development.

Examples of comments for this code include:

“New developments.”

“The continuing construction & low quality housing such as on lady lane which is turning the town into a "Milton Keynes." A souless [sic] environment with quantity not quality. The historic & the town is being lost into "bus bashing".”

“Creeping housing developments which, if unchecked, will turn our town into another Capel St. Mary.”

“I’ve lived here for 7 1/2 years and wonder why East House has not been used/sold. I appreciate a package to tempt purchasers/developers has been mooted - thankfully not successful, - no way should houses be build [sic] on parkland.”

“People wanting it to become too commercial with new housing, extra supermarkets [sic] which will harm the local high street stores.”

4.2.2 Nothing to dislike (F)

This code covered responses in which participants indicated there was nothing they disliked about Hadleigh.

Examples of comments for this code include:

“Nothing.”

“Not very much.”

“Nothing really, it is probably the friendliest safest place I have ever lived.”

“At this time there is nothing I dislike about Hadleigh.”

“I cannot think of anything I would dislike about Hadleigh.”

4.2.3 Other/Irrelevant (G)

This code included responses which did not relate to other themes identified around what participants dislike about living in Hadleigh, or who appeared not to have an issue with the town itself, but rather with newer residents moving in generally.

Comments of this type included:

“Our council I feel should help when needed the local born and breed residents more. Listen to their needs etc.”

“Incomers to the town, who could not have found Hadleigh with a Sat- Nav a few years previously, telling the local population what “we” need for “our” town.”

“Weak political leadership at all (unreadable) tiers of local government. This results in a timid, sectarian + backwards representation for the town, utterly out of keeping with its realities and future prospects.”

“People who move into the town and want to change it they adopt superior complaining of ideas above their station and for the good of long standing traditions & culture.”

“The Hadleigh Society blocking everything new - they only ever say no, nothing constructive. People claiming they speak for the town, when they don’t”

4.3 WHAT RESIDENTS WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE ABOUT HADLEIGH

Question 3 afforded participants the opportunity to provide a free text response on what they would like to change about Hadleigh.

Our team of experienced coders established a coding frame, which was constantly reviewed as responses came in throughout the survey period.

Table 4: What residents would like to change about Hadleigh

Question 3: What would you like to change about Hadleigh?	Total (%)
D. Improved local facilities and public services: Policing, activities available for young people	40
B. Improved transport: Infrastructure, traffic, car parking, commercial lorries using residential streets	32
E. Retail offering: Quality and quantity of shops, pubs, restaurants	21
C. Environment & maintenance: Overgrown public green spaces, dog fouling, noise, public works, area deterioration, natural environment	20
A. Town development: Too much housing and commercial development, not enough affordable housing, wrong kind of development	18
F. Nothing to change	8
G. Other/Irrelevant	3
Not stated	5
<i>Base: All respondents</i>	<i>(374)</i>

* Please note that as some free text responses for Question 3 could be attributed to more than one code, the sum of percentages in Table 4 may not equal 100%.

Changes suggested by participants in response to Question 3 appeared as closely linked to what participants did not like about living in Hadleigh as identified in Question 2.

Table 4 shows that the largest proportion of responses cited an improvement in local facilities and public services as something participants would like to happen in Hadleigh (40%). Comments included a larger police presence and more activities available for both younger and elderly residents of Hadleigh. Participants also

reiterated issues raised around transportation (32%) in the area, suggesting improvements to parking and traffic control.

4.3.1 CODING FRAME

The following provides further details of the coding frame applied to free text responses for Question 3.

Although this section highlights key themes uncovered within the body of free text responses, anonymised full verbatim comments have also been provided to the Council.

4.3.1 Improved local facilities and public services (D)

This code covers responses where participants suggested improvements to some local facilities and public services such as policing and activities for younger people. Examples of comments include:

“Young people should get more facilities to get them more involved in the town.”

“Better celebratory events (eg: Xmas). Funding from council. Employee to organise such events (not just volunteers)”

“A nice community hall that could be used by everyone at a reasonable price too hire.”

“More community youth help. More local police on duty (community police). More help for pensioners travel (bus).”

“A good Youth club would be useful.”

4.3.2 Improved transport (B)

Similar to the relevant code (B) applied for Question 2, responses for this code include comments about improving car parking through wider access for both residents and visitors and road safety.

Comments attributed to this code include:

“Car parking, make car parks free everyday [sic]. So cars needn't have to clog up the roads after 3 hours & attract more visitors to the town. To charge someone to park a car for work or to visit is wrong in our opinion - Free to park in Hadleigh!”

“To avoid Benton Street so as to have easier access to the A12 (Colchester etc).”

“There is a serious problem for motorists coming out of Castle Rd onto Friars Road.”

“Better traffic control & speed limits in Benton St, Angel Street & High Street.”

“Parking in High St for disabled only. Then that would leave more parking in car-parks.”

4.3.1 Retail offering (E)

Again, comments for this code are closely linked to what participants indicated they did not like about the retail offering in Hadleigh. Suggestions varied and include, among others, the introduction of new affordable shops, particularly for clothing, and concern over the large number of charity shops and hair dressers in Hadleigh.

Comments for this code include:

“Would encourage stalls, cafes, etc.”

“More decent shops, like clothing shops - but clothes that are a reasonable price.”

“If there could be a few more shops come into town.”

“I would like to see less charity & hair shops in the high street.”

“Introduce shops like Waitrose, Peacocks, a small WH Smith so the Town of Hadleigh can be a Market Town again.”

4.3.2 Environment and maintenance (C)

Responses for this code relate to perceived issues with maintenance of both the town’s built and natural environment as identified in the response to Question 2. Participants mentioned improvements to the size and cleanliness of local green spaces and increased monitoring of dog fouling among other issues. Examples of comments include:

“Make the river area more attractive”

“Would like the road in the high street to be pavement over from one side to other side so peoples could walk more freely”

“We severely lack “TREES”, not only in the high street, but throughout the town”

“Dog mess in public spaces monitored and enforced.”

“A determined effort to maintain our historic high street with local shops of independent nature-non multi-nationals such as Costa.”

4.3.1 Town development (A)

Similar to the comments for this code at Question 2, a mixed response was seen with regard to perceived development of Hadleigh. While many participants seek to cease further development, both residential and commercial, others appear to be looking for the opposite, seeking more housing in Hadleigh.

Examples of comments include:

“Limit large developments like lacy lane. Improve parking facilities and Angel Bridge and Layham roads. Keep heavy trucks out of Hadleigh.”

“Building program, of housing/less new development.” “We need more council houses and bungalows.”

“Stop all the building.”

“Now more new housing estates on outskirts.”

4.3.2 Nothing to change (F)

This code covered responses in which participants indicated there was nothing they would like to change about Hadleigh.

Examples of comments for this code include:

“Nothing”

“Nothing. Quite the reverse.” “Very little.”

“Nothing! Leave well alone!”

“Nothing I like it just as it is”

4.3.3 Other/Irrelevant (G)

This code includes comments which did not relate to other themes identified around what participants would like to change about Hadleigh, or by those who felt they did have enough information to make suggestions.

Comments of this type included:

“I’ve only lived here a short while so I don’t feel able to comment.” “Other than putting the local people first nothing!”

4.4 ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Question 4 afforded participants the opportunity to provide a free text response for any other comments they might have about Hadleigh.

Our team of experienced coders established a coding frame, which was constantly reviewed as responses came in throughout the survey period.

Table 5: Any other comments

Question 4: Any other comments	Total (%)
A. Local amenities and services: Retail offering, public facilities and services	38
C. Town development: Too much housing and commercial development; not enough affordably housing; wrong kind of development.	31
B. Built and natural environment: Maintenance of public spaces, dog fouling	22
G. Other: Generally positive or negative with no specific details	19
D. Transport: State of infrastructure, traffic, car parking	17
F. Community: The people, safety	7
E. Culture: History, events and publications	6
<i>Base: All respondents who answered Question 4</i>	<i>(281)</i>

* Please note that as some free text responses for Question 4 could be attributed to more than one code, the sum of percentages in Table 5 may not equal 100%.

For Question 4 responses seemed to largely reflect themes identified in Questions 1 through 3, with a mixture of positive, negative and constructive comments about

Hadleigh. As demonstrated in Table 5, the largest proportion of participants made additional comments about local facilities and services, both retail and commercial (38%). Again, similar comments were seen around perceived development of Hadleigh (31%) and maintenance of the town environment, both built and natural (22%). There were also a much larger number of 'Other' uncategorised comments for this section (19%) which had less relevance other themes identified or were generally positive or negative without much specific detail.

4.4.1 CODING FRAME

The following provides further details of the coding frame applied to free text responses for Question 4.

Although this section highlights key themes uncovered within the body of free text responses, anonymised full verbatim comments have also been provided to the Council.

4.4.2 Local amenities and services (A)

This code covers other comments around the retail offering and public facilities and services available in Hadleigh. Following on from the response for Question 3, a number of participants reiterated suggestions about how quality of life in Hadleigh could be maintained or improved.

Additional comments attributed to this code include:

"With the rugby club, tennis club, tennis courts and swimming pool, plus the leisure centre, Hadleigh is well provided with Sports Facilities but maybe another play area for the children one the housing estate near Morrisons would be useful."

"We like Hadleigh a lot and hope the small shops will continue to be viable."

"I'm not elderly, I'm only 42, but the changes due to Morrisons has made the town very quiet and you never see the 'young' shopper with toddlers."

"We need a launderette in Hadleigh. There are too many Hairdressers shops. The paths need sand and salt so the elderly won't slip over and get hurt, when the snow is around, lots of people walk in the road to avoid this happening."

"Better monitoring of services provided by Babergh and Suffolk co such as road sweeping, pavements ect. Town council to stronger stance with Babergh rather than letters back and forth."

“Police station never seems to be open. Are there adequate facilities for teenagers? They seem to hang around + damage play areas. Seems to be a lot of Arson being committed – being dealt with?”

“Keep coffee shops ‘costa’ out.”

4.4.1 Town development (C)

Closely linked to the response for Questions 2 and 3, participants also used the opportunity to provide additional comments on the perceived future development of Hadleigh. As seen previously, there was a mixed response; with some wary of further development and the effects it may have on Hadleigh, and others expressing a desire for some added amenities to the town.

Examples of comments for this code include:

“Hadleigh is a lovely town, but does need bringing into the 21st century, in some ways eg roads and entertainment. We do not expect Las Vegas but a cinema and few nice modern eating places would be good and benefit more ages!”

“This town is an astonishingly calm and benign place in a hysterical world. It most emphatically does not require “development” in the sense of more housing estates, supermarkets, ect.”

“Hadleigh is at risk of losing its charm and rural nature if its population is expanded even further. Any risk of Tesco’s reapplying and then succeeding must be averted as this would further destroy the characted [sic] of Hadleigh as a delightful, rural, small town.”

“Future expansion of housing needs to be controlled on style and layout”

4.4.2 Urban and natural environment (B)

Comments for this code also appear to pick up on themes raised at Questions 2 and 3, and touched on the atmosphere and environment of the town, both built and natural. Comments again include concern for the maintenance of public spaces with regard to dog fouling and rubbish as well as praise for seasonal decorations and events among others. Additional comments include:

“Love the Xmas tree. All lit up down the High St. The hanging baskets in bloom in the summer. More interest shown in tourists, the church, tower, guildhall being open at certain times with guided tours.”

“A crack down on Dog mess in public in public places is overdue (Perhaps a full page in HCN might help).”

“To do something with Brettworks site and also East House where tree roots coming through the path which is getting quite dangerous to walk along.”

“Conservation and green space should be a priority by the riverside. The results of this survey will be anxiously awaited.”

4.4.1 Other (G)

This code includes comments which appeared as distinct from other themes identified for Question 4, or where participants expressed generally positive or negative sentiments about Hadleigh without specific detail. A few comments mentioned the survey itself and possible outcomes, and a number of others commented on their perceptions of local politics.

Examples of comments attributed to this code are below:

“Love Hadleigh – keep it individual.”

“This survey will prove to have been a brilliant idea if action is taken as a result”

“But as with everything budgets and money rule the situation. No doubt”

4.4.2 Transport (D)

Participants also used the opportunity for additional comments to reiterate some thoughts on transportation seen in the response for Questions 2 and 3. Comments for this code cover thoughts on parking for both residents and visitors and issues with traffic control in Hadleigh among others.

Comments for this code include:

“It’s marvellous that parking is free – long may it last.”

“Traffic is a BIG PROBLEM. Needs to be looked at seriously / open up public use of free parking.”

“A better system for controlling traffic in Benton St – too many large lorries have to drive onto the pavements – dangerous both for house owners and pedestrians.”

“1. Improve Road Markings at Junctions. 2. Ensure that double yellow lines can be seen especially at junction of Threadneedle st/George street – This junction is dangerous with increased use of the fitness centre.”

“All signs since Morrisons came (appreciated by many) appear that the town image is changing to a more tourist place judging by which shops have closed and those that are opening successfully. Therefore we need a coach park bigger than space off George St.”

4.4.1 Community (F)

The community feel of Hadleigh was again something participants raised in additional comments provided for Question 4. Responses include remarks on the friendliness and safety of the town.

Examples of comments for this code can be found below:

“In the ten years since I returned to Hadleigh I have found it a friendly, lively place”

“All our children are grown up- but they love coming back to Hadleigh.” “Set up a group to bring community together”

“Having moved here only 18 months ago- we really love it. We hope the community feel and the variety of shops on the high street are maintained.”

“Housing/population about right for size of town. Increase could dilute strong sense of pride and community...”

4.4.2 Culture (E)

This code represents additional comments on Hadleigh’s culture, including seasonal decorations and events, history, and local publications such as ‘Hadleigh Community News’.

Examples of comments for this code include:

“... The community news booklet which is delivered free every month is an excellent publication and much appreciated.”

“A big thank you to all the volunteer people e.g. flower baskets + xmas trees in the high street! Organising fetes+ fairs!! Keep going please, this is what makes Hadleigh so great!”

“No carnival, no music events, not much for the youngsters. Time to get with the times while still keeping Hadleigh as a lovely town to have a family.”

5. APPENDICES

5.1 POSTAL SURVEY



3. What would you like to change about Hadleigh?

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4. Any other comments

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Please return your completed questionnaire to Membership Engagement Services using the enclosed Freepost reply envelope by **19th December 2014**.

Responses received after this date may not be included in the anonymised summary report provided to the Town Council.

Hadleigh Town Council thanks you for taking the time to complete this survey and hopes to work closely with you to produce the plan Hadleigh needs to shape its future.

'Shaping Hadleigh's Future'

Dear Sir/Madam,

Hadleigh Town Council will be undertaking the production of a Neighbourhood Plan to help shape the future of the town but in order to make this successful it not only needs your support but also your views on how you would like to see it develop.

The Neighbourhood Plan will not change anything currently in Babergh DC's Local Plan but for future developments it will allow the town the chance to put its views and ideas forward before developments take place.

So what do you want to see in Hadleigh? – more play areas? – sports facilities? – green space? – small housing developments? – less or more retail? – something completely different?

The enclosed survey is an opportunity for you to let us know. Your views are important to us so please use this opportunity to make them known.

Following the close of this survey, there will be open public consultation events taking place at The Guildhall at the end of January 2015 – details will be in the Hadleigh Community News. Alternatively, visit www.hadleigh.suffolk.gov.uk or our Facebook or Twitter pages to find out more.

Sincerely,

Carol Bailey BA (Hons) Town Clerk



'Shaping Hadleigh's Future' Resident Survey

Hadleigh Town Council is working with Membership Engagement Services to conduct this residents' survey to find out what you think of Hadleigh now and what you would like it to look like in years to come.

This survey consists of 4 open response questions, and should take no more than 10 minutes of your time.

All responses will be collected and summarised independently by Membership Engagement Services, and will be provided, anonymised, in a report to Hadleigh Town Council.

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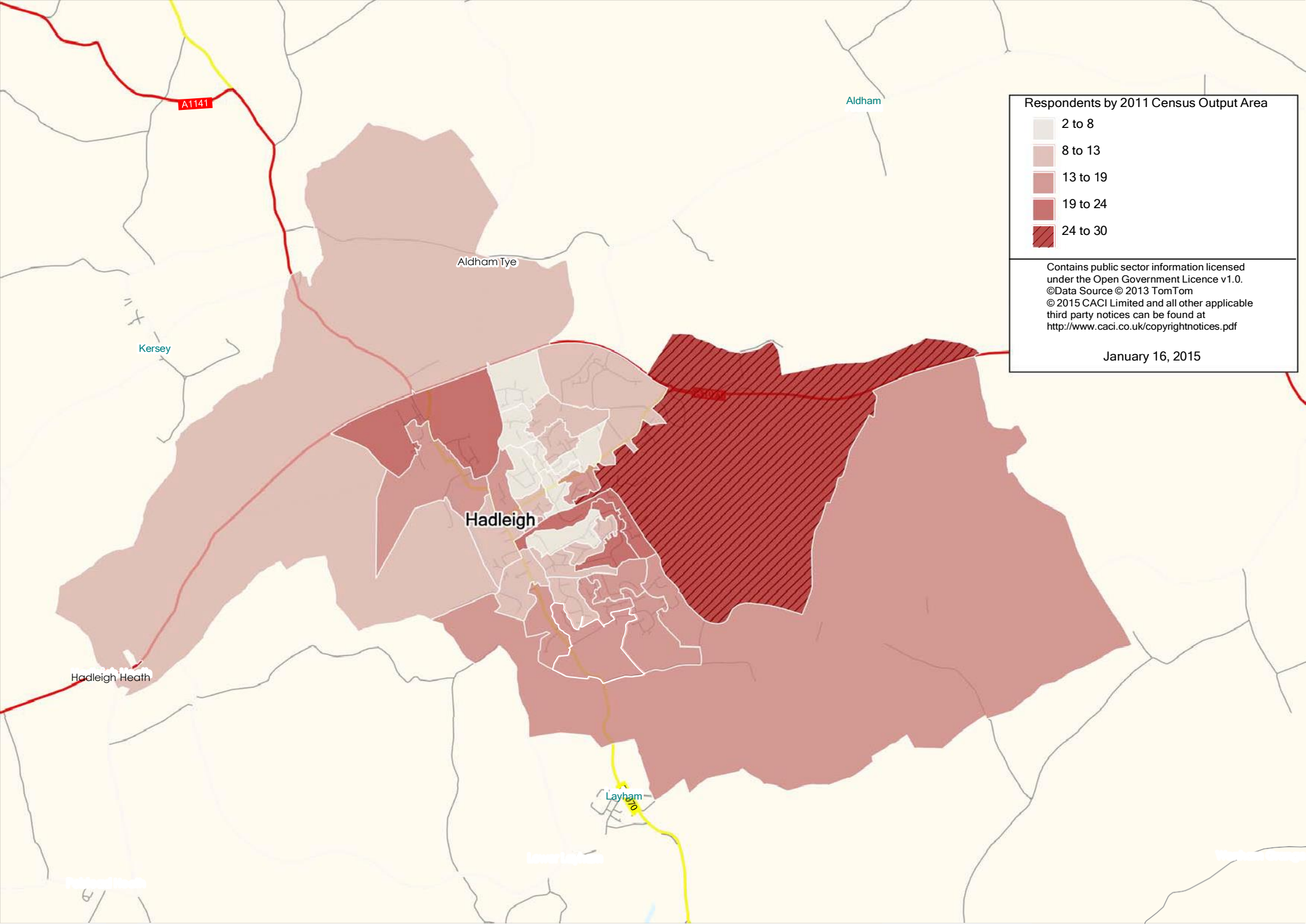
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Respondents by 2011 Census Output Area

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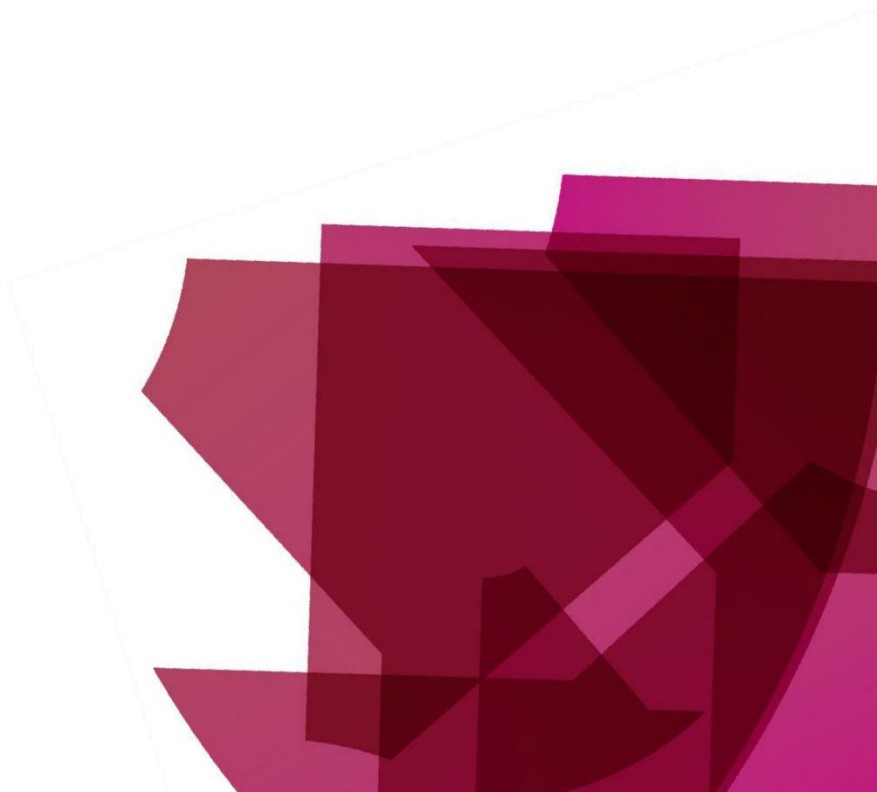
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Hadleigh South Road Safety

SURVEY RESULTS

Background

Survey designed to fill in the gaps that previous surveys had left

- Safety
- Accidents
- Affected residents

Inspired to take action after home was hit by a doubledecker bus

- Fourth time in a little over a year
- Tried to get support from council and heritage organisation
- Police case is ongoing

Traffic along the southern approach is getting worse

- Increased development
- More traffic
- Bigger vehicles

Methodology

Paper surveys delivered to 184 households

Responses sought from residents along the B1070, and it's side roads

- Carders Close
- Cranworth Road
- Raven Way

Majority of respondents posted hard copies back, with a handful scanning the completed for and emailing back, or writing responses in body of email

87 households responded resulting in a response rate of 47%

Questions asked about accidents and damage to property, the biggest concerns of residents and gave respondents the opportunity to describe incidents and suggest solutions

Key Findings

52% of respondents have reported accidents

41% have suffered damage to vehicles or buildings

25% have been hit by a vehicle when walking along Benton Street

70% felt unsafe or very unsafe when walking along Benton Street

46% felt unsafe or very unsafe when driving along Benton Street

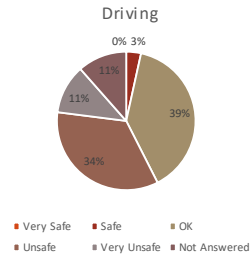
The biggest concerns for respondents were:

- Vehicles driving along the pavements
- HGV lorries and buses using Benton Street

Safety on Benton Street

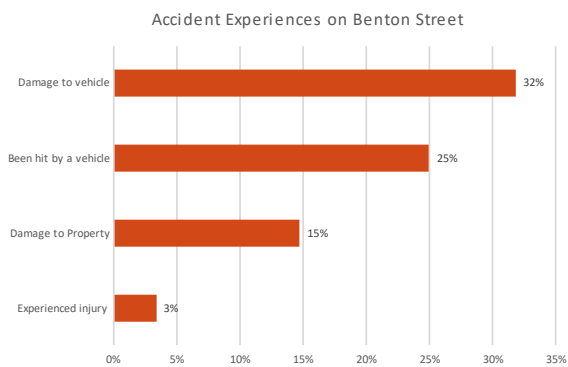


"On a daily basis it is dangerous as one could be knocked down".



"Parked vehicles on both sides of turning when exiting Cranworth Road obstruct view on to Benton Street. I feel very vulnerable when pulling out of Cranworth and in my opinion there should be longer yellow lines to keep vehicles parking so close to the junction."

Accidents on Benton Street



Benton Street Residents Only

"26/02/2018 my car was hit by an Ipswich Buses Ltd bus. 7.15 am. my car was parked - I was in the house - saw the bus hit my car (so did a neighbour). I thought the bus was going to stop as I went out of the house to talk to them but they drove off. I never got any money as they denied responsibility."

"I was walking towards the High Street on the left hand side. I put my arms up to tie up my hair + a van came along side me the wing mirror hit my elbow + I was spun around."

"Two walls at my house have been knocked down by vehicles mounting the pavement or turning in my drive."

Appendix D - Hadleigh On Show 2018

At this event the then Neighbourhood Plan Working Group undertook an exercise whereby they had post-it notes on a board and asked members of the public what their ideals are for Hadleigh in the future. The following bullet pointed results are a summary of those thoughts.

Leisure

- Need for an audience centre
- Retain River Brett as a community resource
- Computer café
- Craft/ design for young people
- Facilities in library for mums and children
- Women support groups
- Community hall
- Coach and car parking for tourism
- More cycle routes
- Pop up community space in High street
- Open up Guildhall for community use
- Village/Town Hall
- Open up schools for community use
- Early years children's centre
- Upgrade sports facilities
- River management
- All weather walking surface on river walk
- Youth club on Lady Lane industrial estate
- Tennis courts suitable for young people
- More for youngsters
- Town council to support more sport/leisure/cultural facilities
- More children's parks

Green Spaces

- Keep playground for young children
- Maintain Green corridor along bypass
- Increase number of green spaces
- Ivy clearing of trees along river walk
- Keep allotments
- Create a dog play park
- Brett river an environmental lasting project
- Create green space opposite fire station
- Plant trees in and around High Street
- Development of space along the river
- More leisure facilities
- Create a lake for fishing, boating and picnic areas
- Develop river area to enhance usage
- Add trees along the High Street
- Keep green spaces throughout Hadleigh
- Acquire land to expand sports facilities
- Enhance River Walk for community/ tourism purposes
- More conservation areas/ local nature reserves
- Top of Lady Lane development must ensure more green spaces
- Green spaces essential, flowers, trees
- River Walk and Railway Walk signage, events, in keeping with the area
- Keep the Railway/Walk well maintained and promote it's wildlife
- Don't build on Cox's park
- More tree planting around Hadleigh

- Develop Riverside Walk to Layham Mill
- All weather path on river walk
- River sports as added feature
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Housing

- Solar energy panels on all new builds
- New builds should maintain aesthetic quality of Hadleigh
- Sampson depot should be used for affordable housing for young and old
- Brownfield sites first
- Elderly people need flats in town centre
- Housing already causing traffic jams on Angel St will get worse
- More use of brown field sites
- Affordable housing
- More bungalows for elderly/ disabled
- Affordable housing
- Small, medium and large really affordable housing
- Affordable housing for young families no more executive housing
- Extend area from Stockton Close to Hook Lane
- Women and girls refuge
- Supported living accommodation for those with mental health needs
- Sheltered housing for purchase near town centre

Miscellaneous

- Town needs infrastructure before more building
- Make High St one way allow short term parking both sides
- One way High St will help local trade
- More local transport
- Maintain as much conversation area as possible
- Will not change unless made attractive to business
- More 20mph areas
- A plan for how Hadleigh support young people, a children's council
- With Hook Lane/ Frog Hall Lane bypass (helps Benton St)
- More concentration on the vernacular when planning new developments
- No more hairdressers or charity shops
- Bus services real barrier for jobs and training
- Forget chicane in Benton St. Look at Road Sharing Scheme
- A digital presence
- Need for a strategic view given all the building
- Please take the residents of Benton St. into account, no chicane
- Jobs club, access to advice
- Sort Benton St. out please
- Make High St. one way, parking both sides, load/ unload areas
- Hadleigh Community News – excellent
- More support and well-being services for mental health
- Hook Lane as a local bypass
- Hook Lane difficulties when Benton St. closed
- Hook Lane (up) to create one way for Benton St.
- Benton St chicane ridiculous one way essential
- Create roundabout/ turning area at exit from A12 onto B1070
- Better 3G & 4 G network
- Child groups
- Dog mess on pavement disgusting
- Block Satnavs from A12
- 20 mph in Hadleigh

- Streetlights on please, sensors and solar panels reduce costs
- Pay for a dog poo warden
- Zebra crossing opposite Kings Head on Angel St.
- Pedestrian crossing near High St. roundabout
- More town events, crafts, music
- Pop up shops on High St open to young people
- Set up youth panel
- 3 hour parking frustrating for people volunteering in charity shops
- Pedestrianise the High St.
- Charge Council workers for parking or make ours free all day
- Develop High St. include wider pavements seating planting
- A launderette in the town centre

Appendix E - Hadleigh Community Forum Feedback, February 2020

Breakout groups for discussions followed a talk by Andy McMillan (Town Manager) In a departure from our usual meetings, members were seated in groups around tables and asked to partake in a short workshop session covering three areas:

1. What opportunities do you see for Hadleigh?
2. What challenges do you see for Hadleigh?
3. How do you feel you can help?

Most attendees were happy to stay and join in this informal exercise. The bullet-point results of the workshop were:

1. Opportunities

- Ansell Centre
- Library
- empty buildings and shops
- public Wi-Fi
- High Street
- the river, the market
- tourism
- green spaces
- camping and caravanning
- music and the arts
- young people
- food, drink and other themed festivals
- evening classes/courses/adult education for 35-50 age group with re-training opportunities
- shared learning opportunities
- our historic buildings
- opening a heritage centre in (possibly) the Guildhall
- open the townhall as an information centre
- make Hadleigh a tourism destination
- Hadleigh is a dementia friendly town
- good mix and variety of restaurants, cafes, pubs

2. Challenges

- the environment
- internet shopping
- traffic and parking
- dealing with coaches for tourists
- poor Wi-Fi reception on the High Street
- rural isolation
- loneliness
- an ageing population
- social care
- public transport
- sports facilities
- business rates and rents
- crime and the young
- antisocial behaviour
- community transport,
- dormant Chamber of Commerce
- Listed buildings are beautiful but expensive to run
- similarity of shops (hairdressers, beauty salons)

3. How can you help?

Time ran out for discussing this section but this will form the basis of further discussions.

Appendix F - Hadleigh Sporting Community and Neighbourhood Plan 2021

Executive Summary

This Plan seeks to provide a positive and inclusive strategic vision for sporting provision in Hadleigh for the next 5-10 years and also as a basis for future review beyond this timescale. The Plan has been informed by collective engagement across the range of sporting clubs and organisations located in Hadleigh. The Status of each club - in terms of membership (number, age and gender), existing facilities (hired, leased, owned), activity level (club training/match schedules) and current Issues & Challenges – have been collated to give a clear picture of their existing and future aspirations and requirements to ensure that sporting clubs can remain sustainable and, in many cases, grow to meet the future needs of Hadleigh.

The Plan has been developed to align with and compliment the Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Councils' 'Leisure, Sport & Physical Activity Strategy' (BMSLSPAS). The Plan can help deliver and support the top 6 priorities which underpin the Councils' Strategy, including meeting the leisure and sporting needs across the age spectrum; the needs of those with physical and learning disabilities; and supporting the provision of new sustainable community and sports facilities.

Introduction

The purpose of this document is to assist both Babergh District Council and Hadleigh Town Council with their respective plan-making in the form of a new Babergh & Mid Suffolk Local Plan (BMSLP) and Hadleigh Neighbourhood Plan (NP) by providing them with information on the current status and aspirations of the Sporting Community in Hadleigh Suffolk. The Plan also looks to align with the leisure and sporting ambitions set out in the B & MSDC Leisure, Sport & Physical Activity Strategy, and can be used to inform the Councils' proposed 'Playing Pitch Strategy'.

Its main aim is to articulate the issues, future needs and recommended solutions that would benefit the Sporting Community in and around Hadleigh.

The contributors to this document are representatives of the following Sports Clubs who have all approved the release of this document.

Hadleigh Badminton Club	Hadleigh Netball Club
Hadleigh Bowling Club	Hadleigh Rugby Club
Hadleigh Cricket Club	Hadleigh Running and Triathlon Club
Hadleigh Cycling Club	Hadleigh Swimming Club
Hadleigh Football Club	Hadleigh Tennis Club
Hadleigh Gymnastics Club	

All Hadleigh clubs and associations have been approached as part of this Strategy. As can be seen from the below (Table 5), these organisations can independently accommodate their needs moving forward. Whilst this is the current position, the aim of the Strategy is to be fully embracing and dialogue will remain open with these groups through regular reviews.

Sports Clubs Engagement

The below tables set out key information on the Hadleigh Sporting Community in terms of the Status of each club - in terms of membership (number, age and gender), existing facilities (hired, leased, owned), activity level (club training/match schedules) and current Issues & Challenges. They have been collated to give a clear picture of their existing and future aspirations and requirements to ensure that sporting clubs can remain sustainable and in many cases grow to meet the future needs of Hadleigh.

Table 1 Summary of Status of each Club

Hadleigh Sporting Community - Status 2017			Participating Members				
Club	Organisation Type	Year Est.	Total Members	Junior	Senior	Other Members	No of Volunteers
Badminton	Members NfP	1947	28	2	26	0	9
Bowling	Members NfP + CASC	1754	144	2	110	32	36
Cricket	Members NfP	1810	345	110	45	190	25
Cycling	Members NfP	2012	95	25	20	50	15
Football	Members NfP + CASC	1892	600	250	80	270	90
Gymnastics	CIC	2012	250	250			26
Netball	Members NfP	2017	36	16	20		3
Rugby	Members NfP + CASC	1984	450	320	80	50	90
Running	Members NfP	1984	205	60	135	10	18
Swimming	Members NfP	1971	112	83	10	19	19
Tennis	Members NfP	1881	40	0	35	5	8
TOTALS			2305	1118	561	626	339

Table 2. Facilities

Club	Owned Facilities used	Hired/Leased Facilities	Owner	Tenure	Other Facilities used
Badminton		4 Courts at Hadleigh High School, Once per week	SSL/SCC	Block Hiring	
Bowling	8 Rinks + Clubhouse + Car Park		Bowling Club	Freehold	
Cricket	Outdoor Ground + recently refurbished Pavilion		HCC	Lease	
Cycling		Hadleigh County Primary Playground and Field	SCC	None	Open Spaces Off and On Road
Football	Clubhouse, Floodlights, Car Park	2 Pitches at Millfield	HTC	25 Lease	Hadleigh High School Pitches and LRSG Pitch
Gymnastics		Birch Farm Hintlesham	Birch Farm	Hiring	
Netball		2 Outdoor Courts	SSL/SCC	Block Hire	Hadleigh High School Courts
Rugby	Clubhouse	2 Pitches, Training Areas, 2 Changing Rooms all at LRSG	HTC although HRFC own main Clubhouse and floodlights	Block Hire	None
Running			SSL/HUFC/WAB	Hiring	Open Spaces Off and On Road, Equipment Stores HUFC, Hadleigh High School Triathletes use Pool and Gym at Wattisham
Swimming			SSL/SCC	Hiring	SSL Managed Hadleigh Pool
Tennis		3 Courts + Club Room all at LRSG	HTC	Hiring	

Table 3. Activities

Club	No of Teams	Age Group	Major Events	Governing Body	Accreditation
Badminton	3	2 adult Mens and 1 Mixed			Badminton England
Bowls				Bowls England, English Bowls Association, English Short Mat Bowling Association	
Cricket	12	11yrs to Adult. Male and Female		ECB and Suffolk Cricket	ECB Clubmark
Cycling			Gayford Flyer	British Cycling	
Football	21	5yrs to Adult	Hadleigh Fireworks. Annual Celebrity Evening	Football Association/Eastern Counties League and Suffolk & Ipswich Youth League	FA Charter Standard Club
Gymnastics		3yrs to 16yrs		British Gymnastics	
Netball	3	9yrs to Adult		England Netball	
Rugby	22	6yrs to Adult	Fundraising Events Annual Beer & Cider Festival, Soap Box Race, Mini and Youth Rugby Festivals, Bi-annual Black Tie Ball	Rugby Football Union; Eastern Counties Rugby Union (ECRU) and Suffolk Rugby Union (SRU)	England Rugby Accredited. Kids First Accredited, RFU Presidents Award Winner 2012,2014
Running		8yrs to Adult	Annual 10 and 5 mile Road Race	England Athletics and British Triathlon	
Swimming	2	5yrs to Adult		Swim England and Suffolk County SA	
Tennis	3	Adult Ladies and Mens	Annual Great British Tennis Event	Lawn Tennis Association	

Table 4: Club Activity Plan

Club	Season	Training Sessions	Matches	Committee Mtgs	Other Events
Badminton	Full season Sept-Apr Competitive Season Oct-Mar	Wednesday 8pm-10pm	Monday 8pm-10pm	One Annual AGM in April	Summer Club (pay to play sessions) 8pm-10pm, Wednesday nights, May-July
Bowls	Summer and Winter				
Cricket	April to Sept	Juniors Mon, Wed, Friday, seniors Tue and Thursday	Juniors, various mid-week days and Sunday mornings. Seniors Sat and Sun	AGM-Nov Committee meetings quarterly	Various fund raising events every month.
Cycling	All year around but predominantly Spring/Summer/Autumn Juniors March - October	Juniors – Wednesday 6.30 – 8.30	Regional events	AGM December Monthly meetings 1 st Monday of month	Gayford Flyer Sportive – September. Get back on your bike course for ladies (May/June)
Football	Pre Season (Junior and Senior Players July & Aug Season Aug-May	U5 Mini's Sat am U8 Midi's Sat am U5-11 Girls Wildcats Tues 5-6pm U8-U16 Evenings Mon-Wed Seniors Evenings Wed Vets Evenings Thu	U8-U16 Sat/Sun am U18 Wed Evenings Seniors Sat pm Vets and Ladies Sun am and pm	AGM May/June Committee Mtgs 2 nd Thur, monthly	Fireworks Nov Celebrity Evening May Presentation Day/Evening May Various Other Fund Raising events
Gymnastics	School Terms and half term	4-14 Yrs old Recreational gymnastics Thursday 5-6 6-8	4-15 yrs old Recreational-competition gymnastics Friday 5-6 5-7 6.15-8.15		

			3-15 yrs old Saturday 8.30-9.15, 8.30-10.30, 9-10, 10-12 Pre- School , recreational, competition gymnastics		
Netball		U10 -U12 Weekly training League Thurs	16+ Weekly Training		16+ Open Tournaments
Rugby	Pre Season (Youth and Senior Players) Jul & Aug Season Sept – May	U6 – U12 Sun 09:30 – 11:00 U13 – U18 Tues 19:00 – 21:00 Sun 10:30 – 12:30 Senior Tues 19:30 – 21:00 Thurs 19:30 – 21:00	U6 – U12 Sun morning U13-U18 Sun late morning/lunchtime Senior Sat afternoon	AGM May/June Committee Mtgs 1 st Mon, monthly	Rugby Festivals Mar, May & Jul Beer Festival July Soap Box race Sept Ball May
Running	All year	Adults Mon 7-8pm Thurs 7-8pm Ladies night Tues 7 -8pm Juniors 6-7pm Swimming – adults Tuesday Watt Bike – adults Thursday Club cycle – adults Saturday		AGM March Committee Mtgs Thursdays, monthly	2k fun run and 5 mile and 10 mile races. Open to all. November Cross country league race. Open to club runners in the 53-12 league. Jan / Feb Club 5k series 5 races monthly. May – September Club run / row August Awards night
Swimming	All year	Teaching groups Monday and Wednesday 18.30 – 19.30 Junior Coaching Monday and Wednesday 19.30 – 20.30	Various open meets throughout the year. County Championships – February County Development	AGM- April Committee meetings- monthly	Club Championships – November Presentation evening-TBC Various fundraising events.

		Senior Coaching Monday and Wednesday 20.30 – 21.30 Land-based training (Jnr) 19.00-19.25 Land-based training (Snr)19.45 – 20.15 Fitness and Stamina work Friday 17.30 – 19.30 Sunday 17.00-19.00	Meet – June		
Tennis	Summer and Winter. Season from April 1st to March 31st.	Summer. Weekly Junior Tennis Sessions	Summer: Ipswich & District League Men’s and Ladies’. Winter: Floodlit League Men’s and Ipswich & District Ladies’	AGM February. Monthly Committee Mtgs	Annual Hadleigh vs Bildeston memorial Match. Great British Tennis Event. Summer BBQ. Christmas Dinner. Several Club Tournaments

Hadleigh Sporting Community Objectives

Following on from an Audit of the Sporting Clubs, an assessment of their individual Issues and Challenges has been established and what Visions each Club has for their respective futures; these are summarised below:

Club’s Individual Issues and Challenges

Badminton Club Maintaining Membership; Increasing Hire Costs; Poor Maintenance; irregular Court availability.
Bowls Club Maintaining Membership; Financing maintenance Costs; Maintaining volunteers to keep club running
Cricket Club To have a second pitch area to ease pressure on ground; be involved with BDC in discussions of future of BDC Offices; Rebuilding finances following Pavilion refurbishment; Retaining volunteers to support Club’s growth
Cycling Club In need of a hardcourt area for Juniors to be coached; Challenged to provide good quality coaches for the Junior Members; Require storage space for our equipment.

<p>Football Club</p> <p>Insufficient football pitches in Hadleigh to support Club's needs; Club's own 2 pitches at the Millfield and hired pitches at LRSG plus pitches at the High School fully utilised; Training Pitch over utilised; No more pitches available for Youth expansion; Many young players, and their families who come to support them, never come to the Millfield to enjoy the use of the Club's modern Clubhouse and facilities resulting in the loss of potential income for the Club.</p> <p>In addition we are challenged to maintain our volunteer workforce and to keep raising the funds required to sustain our development and growth.</p>
<p>Gymnastics Club</p> <p>Being let down and having to move when school requires hall; Lack of availability of Hall (we need 8-10 hours per week) ; Expensive Hall rates; no storage facility for equipment restricting purchase of needed equipment</p>
<p>Netball Club</p> <p>Shortage of affordable courts to train on or use for games; Lack of coaches and umpires limiting the number of players the club can support; The Club has very little funds and needs sponsors to support their plans for growth; Lack of School Year 7 (Age 10-11) tournaments resulting in the Club having to travel to other counties to play.</p>
<p>Rugby Club</p> <p>HRFC does not have tenure at LRSG and HTC is not inclined (Permitted ?) to grant a lease. Without tenure, the funds, permissions and usage rights necessary to improve, develop and expand its offering are out of reach.</p> <p>LRSG is too small to accommodate the number of teams and visitors now using the ground. Parking provision is woefully inadequate (c. 50 spaces). The small clubhouse, kitchenette and dated changing facilities prevent HRFC from offering a broader programme of rugby. The playing pitches and training areas are over used and therefore in poor condition and too often un-playable. Attracting and retaining membership and financial support/sponsorship whilst operating at this site is a real challenge.</p> <p>Securing a move to and developing a new purpose built facility will allow HRFC to markedly improve the breadth of its offering (incl. women's and representative rugby and other activities/sports), sustain and grow membership and strengthen its community links, attract financial support and establish new income streams.</p>
<p>Running Club</p> <p>Recruiting and training volunteer coaches; finding safe training spaces , particularly in the winter months; lack of track facilities; no base with proper kit storage; raising awareness of the achievements of the athletes</p>
<p>Swimming Club</p> <p>Expenses of Hiring Pool; No Clubhouse for meetings and fundraising activities; Training and retraining teachers; retention of older age swimmers.</p>
<p>Tennis Club</p> <p>Attracting New Members; High Court Costs; Changing Rooms and Toilet provided by HTC of a poor standard</p>

Club's Individual Visions

<p>Badminton Club</p> <p>The survival of a Badminton Club in Hadleigh; Increase Youth participation; Improve Club's relationship between SSL and High School.</p>
<p>Bowls Club</p> <p>Improve the playing performance of the membership whilst not losing the enjoyment of the game; Maintain the high quality of the green; Improve Clubhouse facilities; Keep playing and membership fees reasonable giving good value to the membership.</p>
<p>Cricket Club</p> <p>Complete Phase 2 of Pavilion Project; Win the Two Counties League; Continue expansion of Ladies Cricket.</p>
<p>Cycling Club</p> <p>Encourage cyclists and young people interested in cycling; To encourage and support their members to participate in local regional and national competitive and non-competitive cycling events</p>
<p>Football Club</p> <p>Continue the growth, development and footballing status of the Club within its sustainable means; Retain FA Charter Club accreditation.</p> <p>The Club see's the potential move of the Rugby Club to a new site as a positive opportunity, to work in conjunction with the Cricket Club and the Town Council, and review the use of the Layham Road Sports Ground with a view to facilitating more football and cricket pitches for use by the Club's Youth Sections. The planned redevelopment of the Layham Road Sports Pavilion supports this vision as additional changing rooms would be required by the older youth age groups. If not provided elsewhere within the development of a new site to support Rugby, the Football Club/LRSG Area should be considered as a potential site for a MUGA. (Multi-Use Games Area).</p> <p>Increase use of the Club's own Millfield Clubhouse facilities, particularly by the Club's Youth Section to enable the Club to better support the growth in demand from the expanding number of families living in Hadleigh now and in the future.</p>
<p>Gymnastics Club</p> <p>Finding own premises; expanding classes offered; having facilities for parties and other community groups.</p>
<p>Netball Club</p> <p>Continue to grow the membership; Expand the number of coaches; Enter a Team in local league in 2018-19; One Junior team to finish in top half of the Colchester Netball League; 2 girls selected for England Netball Academies in 2018-19.</p>
<p>Rugby Club</p> <p>Retain England Rugby Accreditation and be recognised by our peers, governing bodies and local community for the quality of our offering. Demonstrate the quality of that offering year on year by growing both junior and senior membership, expanding the mix of our sports/fitness and well-being activities/events, creating inclusive activities and events for children and adults with physical and learning disabilities, retaining a higher percentage of members. Be recognised and considered as a multi-sport provider and a centre for excellence. Be a community rugby club that others would like to emulate. Be an amateur sports club that measures its success not by the number of games its teams win, but by the satisfaction and happiness of its membership and the strength of its position within and value to the local community. By 2025 support a full programme of rugby, rugby related activities and competitive teams/squads in each age group for men and women from U6 - adult.</p>

<p>Running Club</p> <p>Have a proper base and safe training space; Encourage more people to be active; Attract more Run Leaders and Coaches; Develop and grow the coaching team</p>
<p>Swimming Club</p> <p>To teach and train children and adults up to National standard; Develop the Club with a view to retaining rather than feeding larger clubs.</p>
<p>Tennis Club</p> <p>Grow Membership; Attract and retain young players; LTA compliance to support junior and family membership; Improved Tennis facilities in Hadleigh.</p>

The above assessments have been collated to inform and shape the Sporting objectives for the town and provide a framework for a potential sustainable solution to meeting the sporting needs of the town. These solutions include progressing proposals for a new ground for the Rugby Club (with associated facilities/benefits for other clubs). The relocation of the Rugby Club will also release land for football and cricket at Layham Road, which has been identified as an existing problem for both and limits their respective abilities to grow their membership and number of teams.

The relocation of the Rugby Club to a new facility not only offers the Club security of tenure but also the opportunity to access major grant funding (currently not available to the Club as they don't own a site) for a new purpose built multi-sport facility. Whilst a principal element of the proposals will be to provide new sports fields for community rugby, other elements will provide benefits for the wider Hadleigh Sporting Community, either at the new site or by freeing up space at Layham Road Sports Ground and other locations in the town.

These new facilities will compliment and allow for better use of the existing facilities offered at Layham Road Sports Ground, Hadleigh Leisure Centre and local schools. It is not the intention of these new facilities to act as competition for or as a replacement for our over-utilised facilities; rather they will help further fulfil the pent up sports and leisure needs identified through the above Audit.

It is recognised that South Suffolk Leisure have the primary responsibility to manage sporting facilities owned by Babergh District Council used by several Hadleigh Sports Clubs who participated in this initiative. There is therefore some logic to considering that SSL manages the proposed any new MUGA.

Meeting District and Town Council Sport and Recreational Policies, Requirements and

Aspirations Current Plans

The current Development Plan for Babergh District comprises the Babergh Local Plan (Alteration No.2) adopted by the Council on 1st June 2006 (BLP 2006) and the Babergh Core Strategy & Policies (which supersedes some of the policies contained in the Local Plan 2006), which was adopted on 25th February 2014 (BCS 2014)

Chapter 8 of the BLP 2006 sets out policies for 'Recreation and Tourism' and includes 6 key objectives which includes "...providing for the recreational needs of the community." The supporting text further expands on this and states:

“The provision and retention of recreation and leisure facilities has increasing importance as a result of attitudes to healthy living, more leisure time and active participation. There is, therefore, a need to safeguard existing facilities and make good recognised deficiencies.”

BLP 2006 Policies RE01 and RE02 provide support and encouragement to the provision of additional formal sports facilities and playing fields subject to the consideration of wider impacts such as landscape impact and residential amenity.

With respect to the Babergh Core Strategy, it is worth highlighting the ‘Key Issues for Growth and Climate’ which amongst other matters point to the need for “...appropriate infrastructure to ensure that our communities are sustainable in all important respects; and achieves an appropriate balance between social, economic and environmental objectives.”

In terms of Core Strategy policies, Policy CS15 (Implementing Sustainable Development in Babergh) is relevant. It states that:

“Proposals for development should...make provision for open space, amenity, leisure and play through providing, enhancing and contributing to the green infrastructure of the district.”

Emerging Plans

The combined memberships of the Hadleigh Sporting Community who have participated in our initiative represent a significant percentage of the population of Hadleigh and surrounding areas. Their voices and messages should be reflected in the formulation of the emerging development plans and strategies. Work has commenced on a B&MSDC Development Plan which will take the form of a new joint single Local Plan which will replace the current individual Local Plans. As this Plan is still at its early stages of development it is hoped that this document can be used as part of the evidence base.

We are aware that B&MSDC produced a ‘Leisure, Sport and Physical Activity Strategy’(LSPAS 2017) in late 2017 and it is assumed will form part of the evidence base for the emerging Local Plan . This document provides up to date information from the Clubs who have participated in the preparation of the HSC Plan. We recognise and support the top 6 priorities, as follows:-

1. Children and Young people. Increase the number and frequency of children, young people (1-18 years) and families across the district regularly taking part in traditional and non-traditional sport and physical activity.
2. Older people. Increase the number and frequency of older people regularly taking part in traditional and non-traditional sport and physical activity to reduce social isolation and to improve health and wellbeing.
3. Volunteers. Increase the volunteer base of sport and physical activity clubs and groups to build capacity, resilience and support growth in participation levels
4. Mental Health. Increase active participation and benefits to participants with mental health issues through sport and physical activity.
5. Physical and Learning Disabilities. Improve the engagement and uptake of those with physical and learning disabilities into community and leisure facilities, ensuring that facilities are accessible and activities are available to all.
6. Sports and Leisure Infrastructure. Support the provision of sustainable community sport and leisure facilities and the spaces and infrastructure that individuals, clubs, schools and groups

can access and use to take part.

We note and draw on a number of key statements and approaches set out in the Strategy and would highlight the following:-

- The Local Authorities will "...support sustainable facility developments that are evidence based on needs of the local community." The very essence of the HSC Plan.
- The Local Authorities will "...encourage shared use of sports facilities and infrastructure to support sustainability of local sports clubs." The proposed new site and facility to primarily support Rugby would go beyond rugby provision and will help support and directly provide for the needs of other local recreational clubs and activities. See Appendix 1.
- The Local Authorities future role will include supporting and enabling "...the voluntary sector, sports clubs, schools, Town and Parish Councils to support behaviour changes in the community." This Plan through its holistic approach to looking to develop a joined up approach to the existing and future sport and recreational needs in Hadleigh is the starting point to facilitating and building on the already vibrant sporting community in the town.

The number of volunteers who support the clubs who participated in our initiative is 330. These volunteers provide a full range of skills covering not just their respective sporting knowledge and facilities management, but also they provide financial and legal admin services to allow their clubs to operate. Increasing the volunteer base of sport and physical activity is a stated priority in the B&MSDC Leisure, Sport and Physical Activity Strategy Summary. How this could be achieved is not articulated. Most Clubs have indicated maintaining volunteers is a key challenge.

We note with interest that there is a reference to a Playing Pitch Strategy as follows:

The Council has recently commissioned a Playing Pitch Strategy (2016) which highlights future needs for provision, an assessment of quality and under/oversupply of main outdoor sports. This will enable us to plan the right number of facilities to meet population growth and the needs of individual sports.

As a result of our learning of the Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) we have met David Bass the BDC lead contracted to produce the PPS and he is aware of the work being done to produce this plan.

This Plan (HSCP) should be used to inform and be incorporated into any emerging Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan Policy Strategy documents along with B & MSDC Playing Pitch Strategy, as the HSCP is key to the vision and priorities of many of the Hadleigh Sporting Community Clubs.

Delivery

In response to the above Audit and the identified 'Issues and Challenges' and 'Visions' for participating Clubs, this section seeks to articulate the proposed way forward to ensure the long-term sustainability of the Hadleigh Sporting Community. For ease of reference, this has been broken down into groupings to reflect the needs of particular sports:

Group 1. Clubs requiring outdoor grass pitches. Football, Rugby, Cricket.

The factual data above demonstrates that the Football, Rugby and Cricket Clubs represent 60% of the total number of sporting participants shown in Table 1 and they have a common issue, namely the lack of space to support their growth and needs. The amount of space in Hadleigh for these 3 sports activities has not increased for over 20 years yet the population has grown significantly. The lack of space is already acting as a constraint on the visions and growth plans for all 3 Clubs and also in the case of the Rugby Club, the absence of security of tenure is a big blocker to accessing readily available grant funding. It is therefore imperative that going forward alternative land be found and made available.

There is strong logic for the Rugby Club to vacate the Layham Road site and move to a new site with security of tenure and in doing so access major grant funding (currently not available to them) for a new purpose built multi-sport facility. These facilities will compliment and allow for better use of the existing facilities offered at the Hadleigh Leisure Centre and local schools and is not to be seen as replacing these already over-utilised facilities; moreover they will help further fulfil the pent up sports and leisure needs of the local community.

If land for a new facility accommodating the Rugby Club is procured, the Football and Cricket Clubs could then work together with the Town Council to form solutions to support their expansion needs based around the Layham Road Sports Ground. Earlier in this report the Club Audit identified that the football club currently has insufficient football pitches in the town to support its needs and the cricket club need to secure a second pitch to ease pressure at their ground.

The Football Club sees the relocation of the Rugby Club as an opportunity to work with the Cricket Club and the Town Council to review the use of Layham Road Sports Ground with a view to facilitating more football and cricket pitches for use by the Clubs Youth Sections. They also see the positive benefits that would come from the planned re-build of the Layham Road Sports Pavilion which would provide improved changing room facilities for users compared to the current old and inadequate facilities.

This message directly supports the District Councils LSPAS 2017 Strategic Priority 6, and facilitates Strategic Priorities 1-3.

Group 2. Clubs dependant on facilities provided by South Suffolk Leisure. Swimming, Badminton and Gymnastics

It seems clear from the data gathered that the facilities at Hadleigh High School and Hadleigh Leisure Centre are already heavily used by several growing clubs. There are common stories of short term cancellations of Club bookings to support the needs of the School. We can see that the current Leisure, Sport and Physical Activity Strategy produced by B&MSDC recognises the needs of these Clubs and the capital investments that are critical to those plans. The recent announcement that approval has been granted to build a new Swimming Pool in Hadleigh is pleasing evidence of a capital investment that will support the swimming community and swimming club. There is a need for similar investments to support the growth of other sporting activities that require open space areas.

This message directly supports the District Councils LSPAS 2017 Strategic Priority 6, and facilitates Strategic Priorities 1-5.

Group 3. Clubs who need open spaces. Cycling, Running,

The nature of the sports for this group is they use public open spaces, but nevertheless they need facilities to meet up, hold social and fund raising events. These clubs would benefit from more sharing of the clubhouse facilities and the bigger clubs. Hadleigh United FC already supports the Hares running Club and Hadleigh Bridge Club. The Hadleigh Cricket and Rugby Club's also have clubhouses that could be used by other clubs.

This message directly supports the District Councils LSPAS 2017 Strategic Priorities 1-3.

Group 4. Clubs who need dedicated playing facilities. Bowling

The Bowling Club is currently in a good place following their relocation and ownership of their facilities. Their sport traditionally provides activity for older people and directly supports the District Councils LSPAS 2017 Strategic Priority 2.

Group 5. Clubs dependant on facilities provided by Hadleigh Town Council. Tennis Club.

The Tennis Club hire court time at Layham Road Sports Ground from the Town Council. Members of the public routinely use the Courts without paying a booking fee. It is very difficult for the Town Council to control the situation and force a pay for use policy. Consequently the Tennis Club finds it hard to attract fee paying members and the Town Council finds it difficult to finance court maintenance. There is an opportunity to collaborate with other clubs and grow the number of people playing Tennis in Hadleigh. The proposed redevelopment of the Layham Road Sports Pavilion could also be used to improve facilities for the tennis club, working in collaboration with the football and cricket clubs and the Town Council.

Conclusions and key messages

This initiative represents the first phase of activity from the Sporting Community where ideas for better use of existing facilities have emerged. There is a possibility of this leading to setting up a more formal organisation representing the Sporting Community in Hadleigh. The next phase is the delivery of the core element of the plan and this depends on gaining the support of the Town Council (Re Layham Road), Babergh District Council and the associated development plans that can lead to the necessary land acquisition for new facilities.

This Plan has sought to provide a positive and inclusive strategic vision for sporting provision in Hadleigh which can be aligned with the Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Councils 'Leisure, Sport & Physical Activity Strategy' and help inform the emerging Joint BMS Local Plan, BMS Playing Pitch Strategy and Hadleigh Neighbourhood Plan.

The Plan has been informed by collective engagement across the range of sporting clubs and organisations within the town. It provides a clear picture of their existing and future aspirations and requirements.

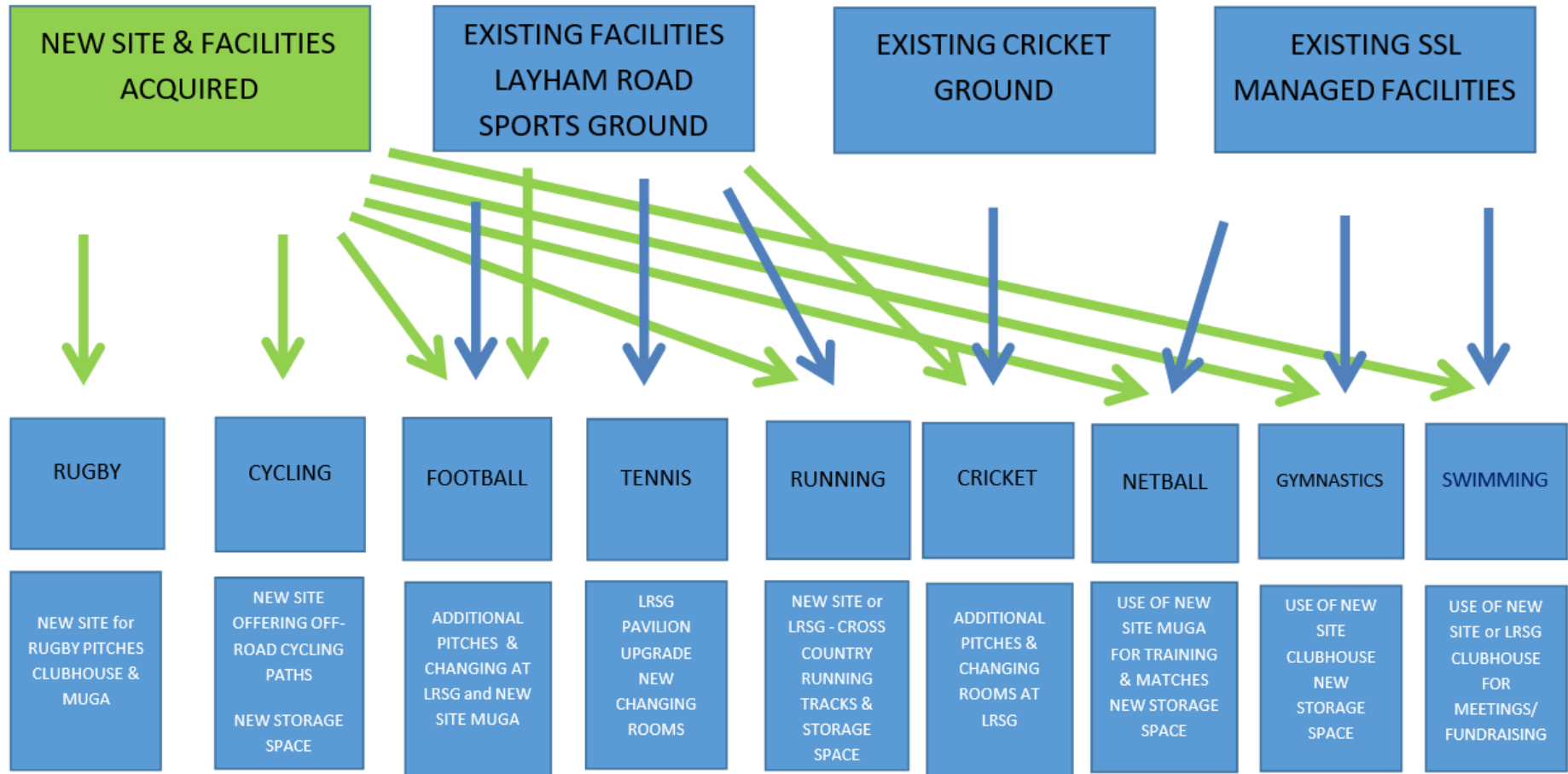
There are existing issues with the availability of facilities in the town both to meet existing and future needs. Indeed, the Plan confirms that there is pent up demand in many of the clubs which will only be fulfilled through the provision of further facilities in the form of new sports pitches and/or indoor space.

The relocation of the Rugby Club not only offers the Club security of tenure but also the opportunity to access major grant funding (currently not available to the Club as they don't own a site) for a new purpose built multi- sport facility. Whilst a principal element will be to provide new sports fields for community rugby, other elements will provide benefits for the wider Hadleigh Sporting Community, either at a new site or by freeing up space at Layham Road Sports Ground and other locations in the town.

The relocation of the rugby club will afford the football, tennis and cricket clubs to work with the Town Council to form solutions to their own needs with respect to the Layham Road Sports Ground.

The inclusion within a new site of a new all-weather MUGA will help meet the identified needs of several clubs (which have current issues with a shortage of affordable courts to train on or use for games). This includes the Rugby club, The Football club (which has insufficient pitches/facilities for training) and several other clubs in the surrounding area would jump at the opportunity to utilise a new MUGA in Hadleigh. A cross-country running/cycling path will help meet the needs of the running club (which has a lack of safe training spaces and track facilities) and cycling club. A new site with a Clubhouse, including indoor fitness, studio and storage space, could assist meeting the needs of the cycling club (i.e. by meeting its need for storage space), gymnastics club (i.e. by creating an additional/alternative venue and/or storage space), netball club (i.e. by providing storage space); swimming club (which has no current clubhouse for meetings and fundraising activities) and potentially other sports and leisure clubs and local schools.

Appendix 1 Potential Benefits Flow Chart



Appendix G – Groups in Hadleigh Questionnaire, June 2021

Following the questionnaire approved by the Planning Committee in June, we received six responses from the fourteen groups in Hadleigh initially approached and these are summarised below.

Responses were received from:

Hadleigh & Boxford General Practice
Hadleigh Cycling Club
Hadleigh Environmental Action Team
Hadleigh Speedwatch Team
Hadleigh Traffic Management Working Group
The Hadleigh Society

The Traffic Management Working Group provided a comprehensive response with suggestions for that NP working group which will be of undoubted value. This can be viewed at the end of this short report.

Car parking – do we have enough, too much, sustainable movement...impact of increased housing growth?

“recent housing developments do not address the need for car parking effectively. All the new roads are choked with cars because developers are allowed to cram in housing for maximum profit. The streets need to be made wider to allow on street parking.

We should try to find a balance between a realistic level of car parking space where retail shopping occurs but we should be looking at funding for a cheap reliable and frequent internal transport system that negates the use of private vehicles.”

Views on a policy for provision for electric cars to be charged nearby to homes?

“should be made mandatory for all new housing developments to include charging points and local councils should lobby the government to provide subsidy or tax relief for home owners or landlords to install charging points on older properties.”

“There is a Suffolk-wide need for fast chargers to allow visitors to charge quickly. Hadleigh only has one charger of this type, at Morrisons. The car park charger is slow, especially for cars that use the Chademo system.

- On-street charging for residents needs to focus on areas where houses do not have off-street parking and the policy should be responsive - make it clear that on-street charging can be made available on request. Otherwise resources are wasted; fast charging in car parks is more practical and cost effective when nobody knows where electric cars will be parked on the road.”

“There are very few mentions of electric vehicle charging infrastructure in the BDC JLP and the Suffolk plan states that this is a medium to long term goal. If we are to significantly phase out petrol and diesel use, charging infrastructure needs to very rapidly increase from the current woeful level.”

Focus needs to be on all cars not just the new housing developments and how we can improve the existing situation as well as implementing a policy for new homes.

Infrastructure and communications, think of younger people and businesses wanting to move into Hadleigh. Consider home working and priorities after Covid. Impacts on housing? Impacts on businesses?

“high speed fibre internet connectivity...rollout to accelerate as the needs of the community are forever changed by covid...”

SIDs scheme in progress to be installed this year – what else can be done to tackle speeding and awareness in the town?

“Traffic management is key to this issue. We should revisit our road layout and consider one way systems, build outs and other traffic calming methods.”

Views on affordable housing?

Flawed policies at higher levels of social housing schemes – doesn't raise the visible standard leading to resentment and conflict with private homeowners – maybe make design constraints for social housing?

“...There is a need for social housing in both towns and villages that is best served by small scale [district or county] council funded developments on infill sites.”

“For households on low incomes it is even more important for planning requirements to go beyond the bare minimum adopted by Babergh in relation to energy efficiency and generation.”

What particular areas should be ringfenced for no development for example, the River Walk?

“There needs to be a survey (though I am sure Babergh have the data) of sites that make the greatest contribution to biodiversity. The riverside and the mown meadow by the cemetery are obvious and it is hard to see any development work there anyway. It is the remaining land between the town and the by-pass that needs surveying as this will be under pressure.”

What does the GP practice need to cope with the demand of people being at home?

“We find the service works easier if people are at home more and can communicate with us during the day, rather than a pressure on late evening and patient requests for non-urgent consultations late. We would find our systems work better if patients were educated to use IT systems, for example booking online appointments, participating in video consultations.”

Would the GP practice support and encourage people to use all weather pitch at Layham Road?

“Absolutely we would support our patients to use it. We are very keen for patients to take up exercise as there are great benefits physically and mentally in doing so. We have a Project Officer for Active Suffolk who works with the practice and we refer patients who are inactive to the Project Officer to support and encourage patients to get active in some form. The physio service in the Health Centre share our building but we would not be able to comment if they would make use of it. Our practice possibly could make use of it working with Active Suffolk.”

What would the GP practice need to grow with the town?

“Our list size is now 15,500 if this continues to grow we would need to look at our practice boundary and clearly would need more clinical staff, this being GPs/Nurses.

We have explored CIL money previously. Our building has now become quite full. We have been informed that our building is unlikely to be a priority compared to other struggling practices. Ideally we would like to make more space for clinical rooms, not sure where?”

Ideas for policies or gaps identified?

- *More sports in Hadleigh*
- *Better bus service*
- *Solar and wind energy and other green incentives must be a high priority “(As an example BDC have built a large development on the site of Angel court with NO SOLAR PANELS! WHY??)”*
- *Human impact on climate change as a theme throughout all the policies and the whole plan and seeking to minimise the problems found with increasing transport infrastructure not on how to address them when they arise. [HEAT continued to comment a lot on the BDC JLP which is great, but it was very specific to how they’ve drawn up their plan and so the idea was as summarised in this point]*
- *Securing the Heritage of Hadleigh – see detail below.*

Such a section should consider updating the now out of date Conservation Appraisal, a review cum survey of the town’s listed buildings, the provision of a local list of non-designated heritage assets. Alongside such surveys and reviews there needs to be policies on how the designated and non-designated assets may be safeguarded from unwelcome change, conserved and used as cultural and economic assets for the benefit to the community.

At this stage the Hadleigh Society think the NPT should be concentrated on surveying the towns assets and indeed its deficiencies before developing policies prematurely.

The Society will be pleased to make detailed input where it can and ... Local List of Non-Designated Heritage Assets being compiled in partnership with the Town Council is close to completion and could be incorporated in to the Neighbourhood Plan.”

Hadleigh Traffic Management Working Group Response:

The first element is to survey what the town possesses in regard to the below headings and then to identify the good, the bad and acceptable elements of each facility. Finally devise preferred solutions to resolve identified bad elements and policies to achieve good new futures.

Below are a series of bullet points which are concerning transport in the community and what hopefully will provide areas for further detailed thought and consideration in how they are dealt with in the Neighbourhood plan

Pedestrians

- *Urban paths - to establish how accessible each part of town is on foot -identify poor footpath connections - all helps future sustainability*
- *Rural footpaths - to establish extent of rural footpaths for exercise, leisure use connection to other settlements*
- *New pedestrian footpath provision & linkages - identify where new footpath links are required to improve connectivity between parts of the town and countryside*
- *Lighting /safety - identify where footpaths are well lit and poorly lit and identify any potential danger points for ambush/mugging*
- *Surfacing - mobility issues - identify what are best surfaces for mobility vehicles and those partly mobile and where they exist poorly surfaced areas that disadvantage the less mobile*
- *Pedestrian only areas/highways - need to consider whether there are areas which ought to be made exclusively/principally pedestrian areas.*

- Interaction with Motor vehicles/cyclists - The pedestrian is the most vulnerable to injury from moving vehicles including cyclists - need to establish clear separation between cars cyclists and pedestrians and to introduce new safe crossing points etc

Cyclists

- Dedicated Routes - to establish extent if any of dedicated cycleways
- Interaction with pedestrians - to identify areas of potential conflict with pedestrians
- Interaction with vehicles - to identify areas of potential conflict with motorists
- Cycle way provision - what exists - what needed for future and to serve new development
- Non cycle access areas - perhaps there ought to be cycle free areas
- Street cycle racks /security- what public provision is provided and needed further for security of bikes in the public realm to encourage bike use

Electric Scooters and Bikes

- Interaction with pedestrians - a new mode of transport potentially dangerous to pedestrians
- Interaction with vehicles - potentially results in conflict with motor vehicles on the highway
- Future provision/safety elements - need to see how national legislation is to treat electric scooters and how Hadleigh can provide for their safe use and parking in the public realm

Motor vehicles

- Speed limits - review speed limits as to whether any need for alterations
- Traffic calming measures - are any required and where
- On Street parking provision - establish extent of existing on street parking and where there is a lack of or problems created by on street parking - need to consider how and where any new on street parking may be permitted
- Off Street parking provision - what standards of off street parking does the community require to meet individual and community needs- weighing individual desires v. community reduction in vehicle borne movements-develop standards for New development provision of parking/access

Commercial vehicles

- Access routes/restrictions need to identify which routes ,if any, suitable for HGV use, need to consider suitability of access routes for HCV's from new development in the town

Public Service Vehicles

- There are two aspects to consider - what is desirable and what is possible
- Need to liaise with PSV providers to understand possibilities and how services might be improved
- Provision and access of services etc

Sustainable Transport Issues

- Provision of public transport - there will be likely a greater need but can any improvement be provided to existing services
- Provision of alternative zero carbon fuels - electric/hydrogen - need to identify fuelling services likely to be required and where and scale of provision can/ought to be provided
- Public refuelling provisions - what happens to existing petrol stations - conversion ?
- Provision of sustainable fuels in new developments - should every new house and commercial unit make provision for electric vehicle charging
- What about alternative fuels - will hydrogen become a viable alternative and how provided in the town

Special Issues

- Benton Street - restricted capacity of carriageway
- Angel Street - - restricted capacity of carriageway
- Timperley Road/Ansell Close - on street/street & verge parking
- Station Road - restricted carriageway width

Below is a personal note submitted by VIC FACCINI in respect of the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire

NB If I have raised a question, and the answer is covered within the links on the attachment, that should be an indication that this engagement process needs to be simplified. I did not access the links as I had other issues to attend to.

1. Car parking – do we have enough, too much, sustainable movement...impact of increased housing growth?

Parking is, and always has been, an emotive subject. The residents of Hadleigh have made their views well known at various times in the past. I say 'residents'. Of course, I mean the more vocal residents and for every person that is asked a different response will be provided. I would hope that the Town Council makes every effort to reach out to each and every person. Otherwise, it will not be a true Neighbourhood Plan to meet the needs of the whole community.

The question 'Do we have enough?' is very wide reaching. Enough for what and/or for whom? I believe that The High Street area currently has sufficient car parking spaces to accommodate visitors. Due to on road parking along The High Street, many people choose to park there.

Contrary to common belief, many of these are not short term parkers, thus showing that a number of the community prefer not to use the car parks and walk a short distance to shop. This begs the question, would additional car parking be used?

Walk through any housing estate and you will see very many vehicles parked either on the road or on the footpath. Grass verges are being damaged and the whole area looks untidy, scruffy and unappealing. A number of the community believe, wrongly, that they are allowed to park on footpaths as there is no specific offence outside of London. This is untrue. They are obstructing the footpath which is part of the highway. They could and, in my opinion, should be prosecuted. However, Hadleigh still maintains a 'small town mentality' which leads many to believe that they can do as they please.

Even on the newer estates, where parking spaces and garages have been provided, residents still chose to park on the side of the road and on junctions. Residents would have to walk a very short distance from a car parking space to their home, garages are usually used for storage or are converted to allow more living space. Councils could stop granting building permission, preventing such conversions, or insisting that carports are built instead on future new builds.

Without building on public open spaces, it is difficult to see where additional car parking could be provided. As shown above, even then there is doubt that it would be used. Families see it as their right to have as many cars or vehicles as they want and don't think about the consequences of parking. I believe that education through law enforcement would be a positive step. It would be resisted by many, but the only way to successfully challenge their attitudes is to address their behaviour. It may also be a worthy consideration to provide a community bus scheme that would take residents to the shops and back home again.

There is no easy answer to this, but employing 'knee jerk' reactions is not the answer. A full, multi-agency problem solving group, including community leads who are prepared to liaise with the community, is the only way forward.

2. Views on a policy for provision for electric cars to be charged nearby to homes?

I am not sure what is being proposed here. I do not understand how electric cars are recharged but, given the number about and the lack of charging ports, I believed that these could be charged at home.

If it is being proposed that consideration is given to providing banks of charging ports for residents to use, I would need more information about this. Again, where is it proposed that these are installed? Is there the space for them?

3. Infrastructure and communications, think of younger people and businesses wanting to move into Hadleigh. Consider home working and priorities after Covid. Impacts on housing? Impacts on businesses?

There seems to be little, if anything, planned to improve the infrastructure and community links for Hadleigh. Developers provide building plans that allow for such things as an extension to the High School, but they neither intend to build these nor do they liaise with other parties, e.g. the school. Their only aim is to build houses and it is down to the authorities to provide these increases in infrastructure. As yet, I have seen no evidence that the District Council have done anything with the payments made by developers to improve infrastructure.

Hadleigh Town Council seem very keen to provide for the younger generations of the town. Whilst I applaud them, I sometimes wonder if they head in the right direction. Having come from a larger town to Hadleigh, I am surprised by just how much is on offer for younger people. The truth is, there will always be a number who will not engage and, to my mind, money would be better spent on outreach programmes.

4. SIDs scheme in progress to be installed this year – what else can be done to tackle speeding and awareness in the town?

I believe that that there is, at least, one Town Councillor who is keen to see traffic calming measures and reduced speed limits employed around the town. These are usually implemented without any real consideration, or as another 'knee jerk' reaction.

Again, education through law enforcement will help kerb incidents speeding. Unfortunately, the Police are usually engaged on other duties. Whether there is a 10, 20 or 30 mph speed limit, there will be those who will still chose to ignore it knowing that they will not be caught.

Traffic calming measures, e.g. 'sleeping policemen', may have some limited success. However, the vast majority of road users are not speeders and it will be them that will feel that they are being penalised. Furthermore, some such measures can still be driven over at speed.

5. Views on affordable housing?

For whom? The new developments in the town are mainly aimed at encouraging others to move to the town. What the developers, and Government guidelines, class as 'affordable' is beyond the reach of many within the town looking to set foot on the housing ladder. Is a four bedroomed, detached home affordable? It will be to some, but not to our young. Developers need to be encouraged to build true starter homes and make them affordable so that the town can expand from within.

Appendix H - Young People Thoughts on Hadleigh Survey, November 2021

Report for Hadleigh Youth Strategy Working Group Young People Survey Results & Analysis

Background:

During September members of the Porch Project met to discuss challenges and positive attributes in Hadleigh for Young People. From this stemmed a set of thoughts which turned into questions that they prompted as necessary to young people in Hadleigh.

The Youth Strategy Working Group took this plethora of ideas and focused the feedback into 14 succinct questions covering the key areas identified by the Porch Project's initial research. These key areas were; education, mental and physical wellbeing, how young people perceive Hadleigh and feel they are perceived, challenges or negative behaviours in Hadleigh, transport and safety.

Following the initial creation of the survey by the sub-group, it was piloted by the Explorers group on 14 young people aged 14 to 18 in September. As the survey was altered slightly following this pilot, encompasses a slightly different age group and was undertaken in a different setting, these results are shown separately in appendix 1 document.

With a couple of minor tweaks to the survey, it was sent to the High School in November for distribution from years 7 to 11 (age range 11-16) and 643 responses were received. The results were fed back on 24th November 2021. Answers received per age group was split as follows.

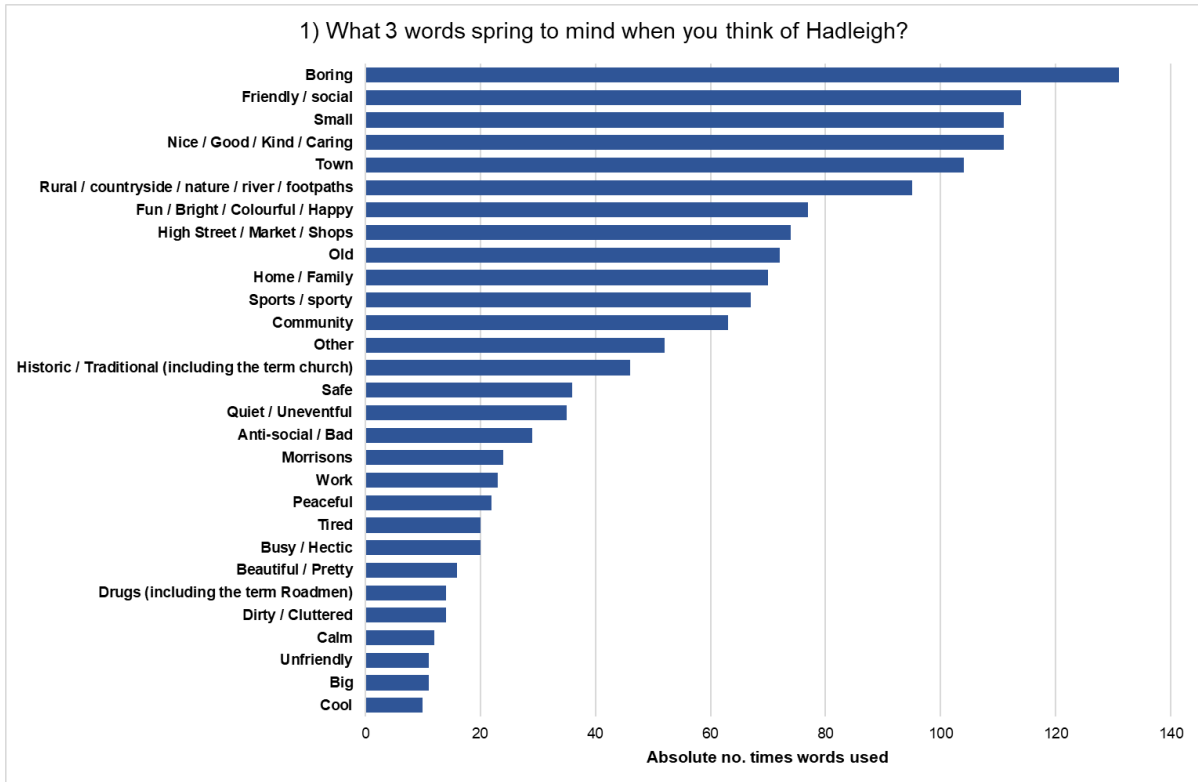
Year 7:	135	a response rate of 96%
Year 8:	73	a response rate of 45%
Year 9:	201	a response rate of 125%
Year 10:	124	a response rate of 84%
Year 11:	110	a response rate of 80%

Note the response rate of Year 9. There are only 161 students in Year 9 so it should be noted that the results will include some duplicate responses as it is deemed immaterial to the overall view of the young people and the ends of input to adjust would not be justified. This was due to confusion when completing at the school where some students duplicated answers.

Year 8 had a low response rate due to logistical difficulties at the High School within this year group's distribution.

The total response rate from the High School students was 86%, or 81% when adjusting down to the physical maximum possible responses for year 9 students.

Overleaf each question is presented in graphic form with further analysis or comments on the question posed below, where deemed necessary.

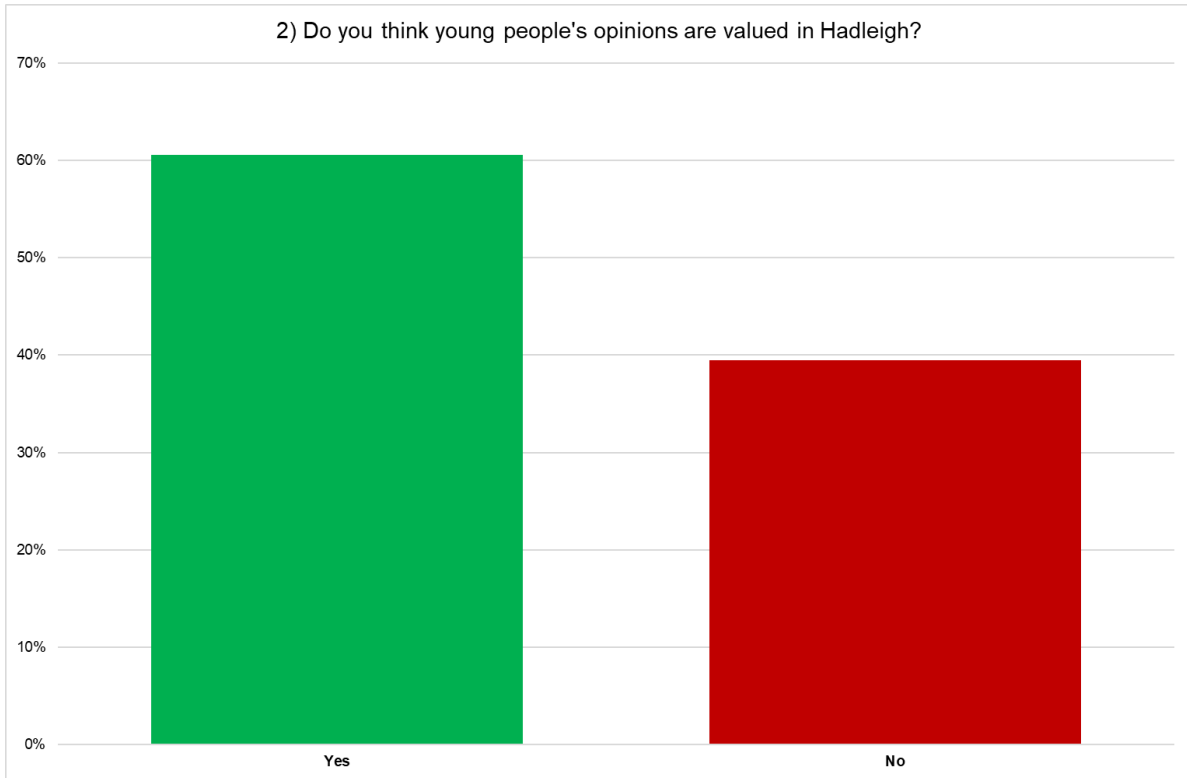


Question 1 about the words that spring to mind in young people when thinking of Hadleigh provides insight into the way that the town is perceived by young people. This data can help us to further investigate what causes these thoughts and help adults to see Hadleigh in the light the young people do.

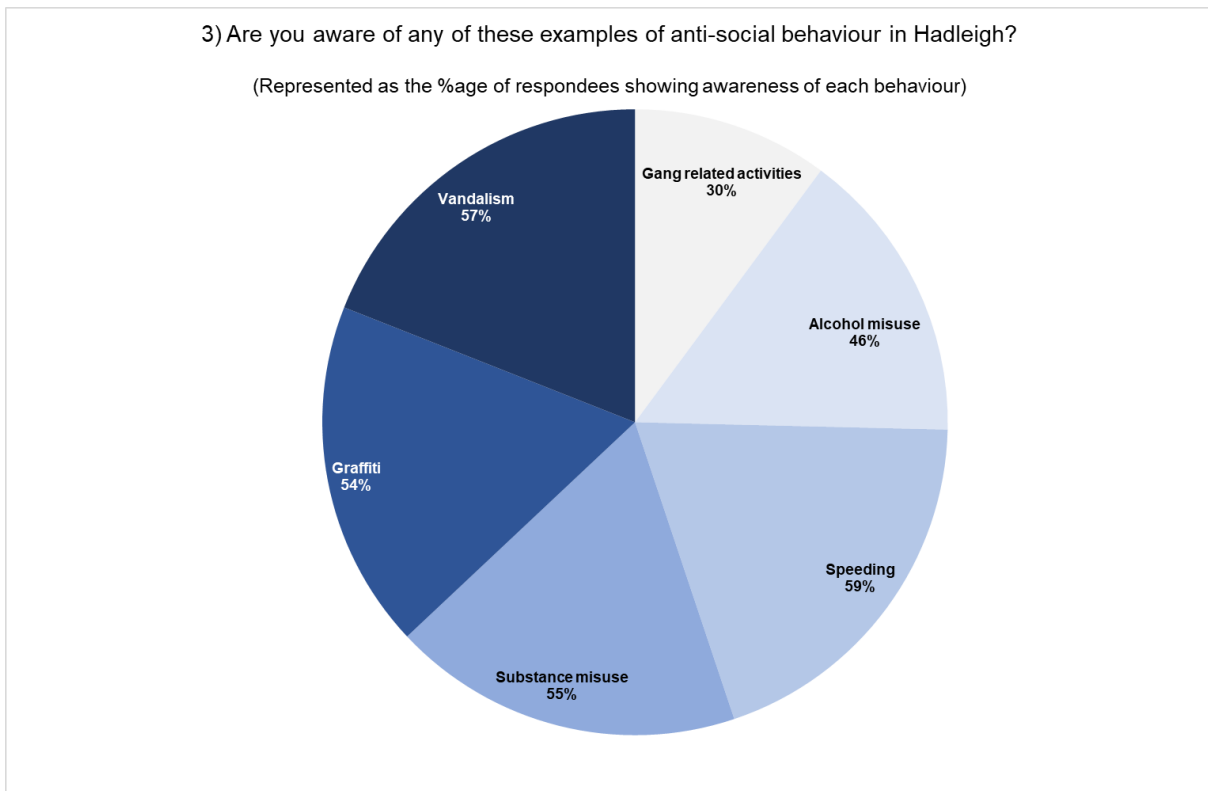
The responses were censored for inappropriate answers and responses of similar adjectives or synonyms have been grouped. The category of “other” refers to words with less than ten uses not falling into any of the other identified categories. These words include (but are not limited to) skatepark, sheep, organised, lack of diversity, new/modern, improving or future, free, unsafe or fear (used five times), depression (thankfully only used once), clean, alcohol (one use), adventure.

This chart shows that the most common word chosen to describe Hadleigh was “boring”. It is not unexpected to find this word used most frequently as young people often tend to find boredom more apparent than their elders. Contrary to this, the second most popular words were those falling into the group of friendly and social. Is it a concern that children in year 8 (aged 12-13) understand and referred to the term “roadmen”?

Looking at these 28 categories of words used, just over a third, at 10, have negative or unfavourable connotations (the words small and old have been lumped into this as it is assumed that as a young person these are used adversely).



Of the 643 responses received, 61% of young people feel their opinions are valued within Hadleigh. This is reassuring, but the emphasis now could be on established why the 39% feel their opinions are not valued and what can be done to turn this around.

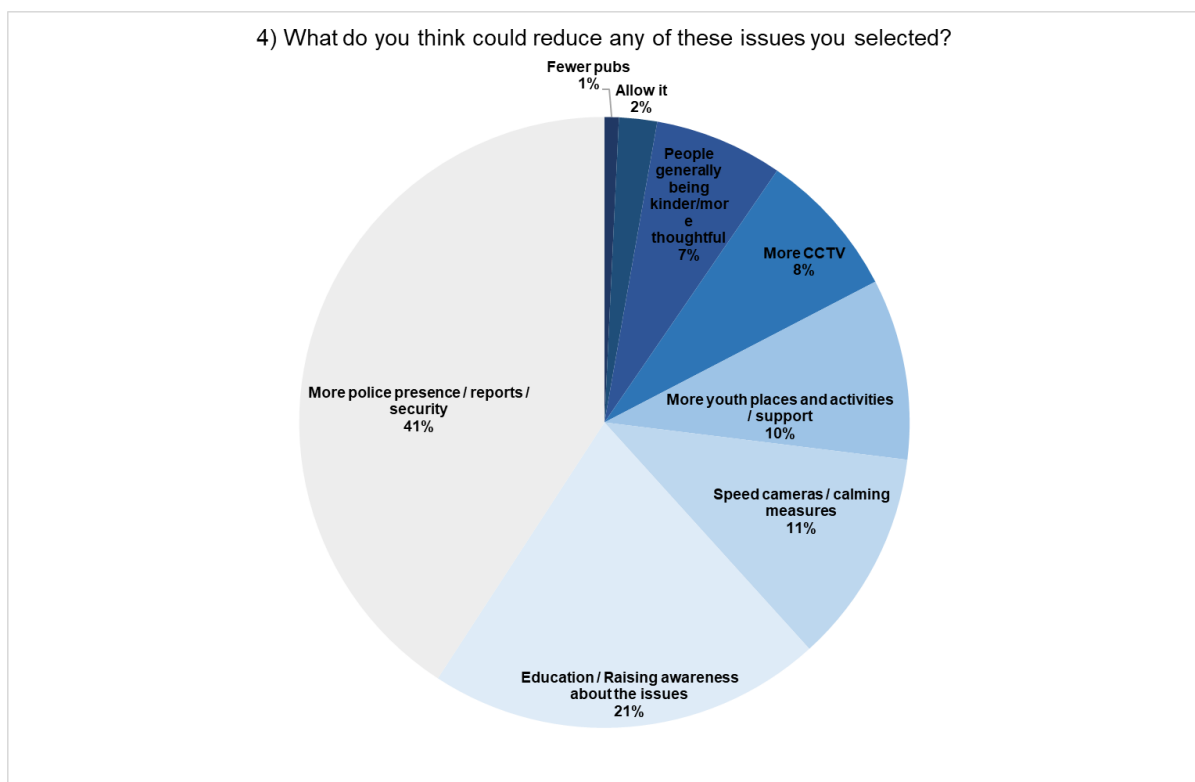


This question was posed as a “tick all that apply” therefore the % numbers are of the total individuals responding i.e. 30% of the 643 who filled in the survey reported that they are aware of graffiti in and around Hadleigh.

It is important to note that there was no explanation or example of what was meant by the adults creating the survey accompanying this question. It is noted here for clarity as, for example, “gang related activity” in schools could mean something different to that in the wider community and young people’s perception of speed may vary significantly than those with experience in vehicles. Without context, the information gathered here is useful but not quantifiable any further than presented.

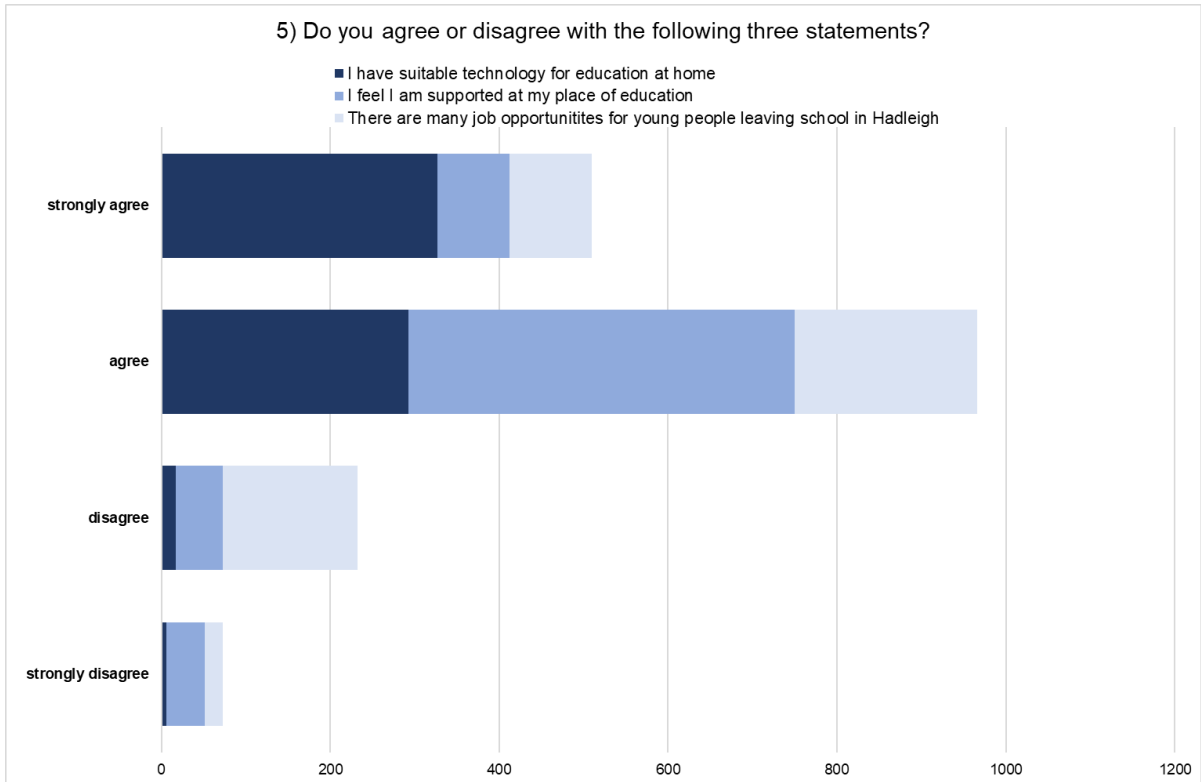
Detailed below is the year group in which each category was the most widely selected (by %age of total year group response number):

- Vandalism – year 9
- Graffiti – year 8
- Substance misuse – year 11
- Speeding – year 8
- Alcohol misuse – 10
- Gang-related activity – year 8.



Of those who responded to this question, 41% of young people are clearly aware that the police station is now redundant and that police presence “day to day” is low in Hadleigh.

Interestingly, the next highest suggestion by the young people in Hadleigh is to educate and raise awareness of the issues, repercussions, and socially acceptable behaviours.

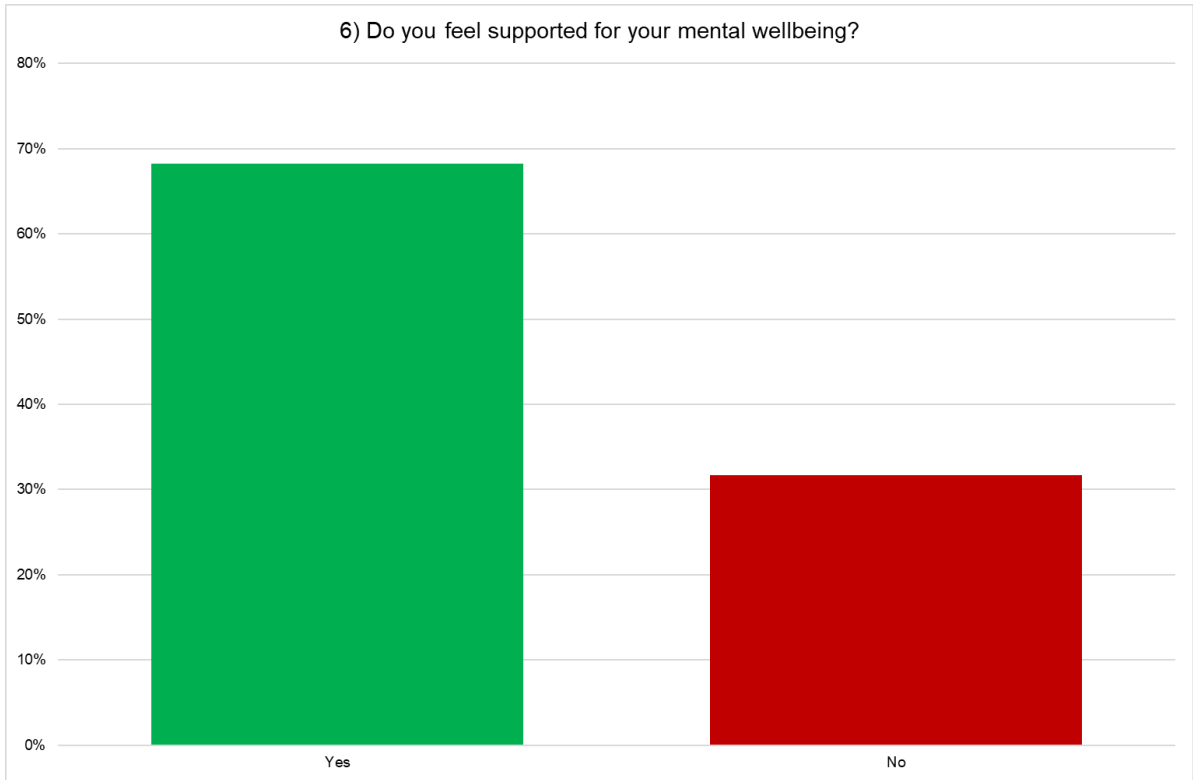


The responses detailed here are of absolute numbers selecting the scale from strongly disagree to strongly agree for each question. It is skewed slightly as all 643 students responding responded to the first two statements, but only 495 students detailed how much they thought there are many job opportunities for young people leaving school in Hadleigh. This could be due to a lack of knowledge, interest or not living in Hadleigh or other reasons. Therefore, it is best to look at the colour blocks to ascertain a comparison of how well the statements are received by young people.

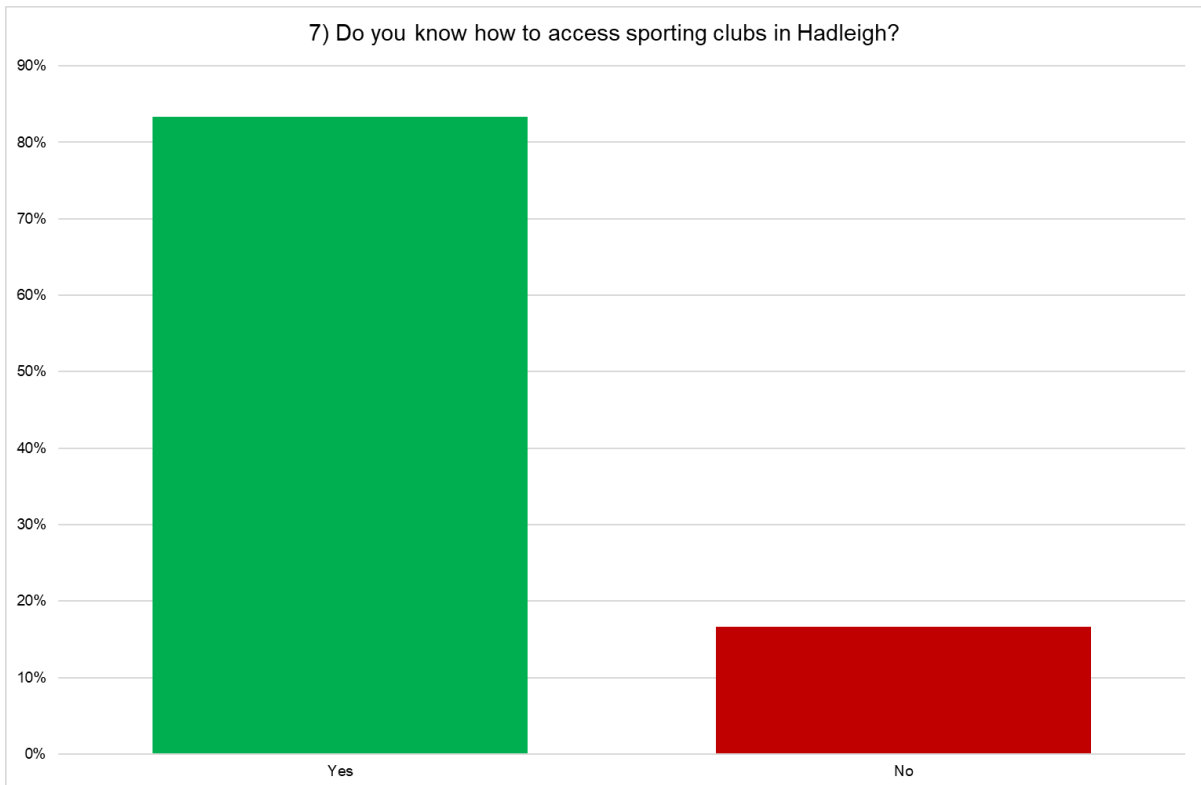
From the colour blocks we can see that there were no strong feelings towards the opportunities for jobs as a similar number of responses were received for both agree and disagree.

Pleasingly, the vast majority (only 23 of 643 young people indicating otherwise) reported that they have suitable technology for education at home. This may be further supported by the 2011 census information on employment status in the District and Hadleigh town which shows 39% of the Hadleigh working population are full time employed versus 37% in Babergh District, suggesting that Hadleigh is potentially more affluent than other areas.

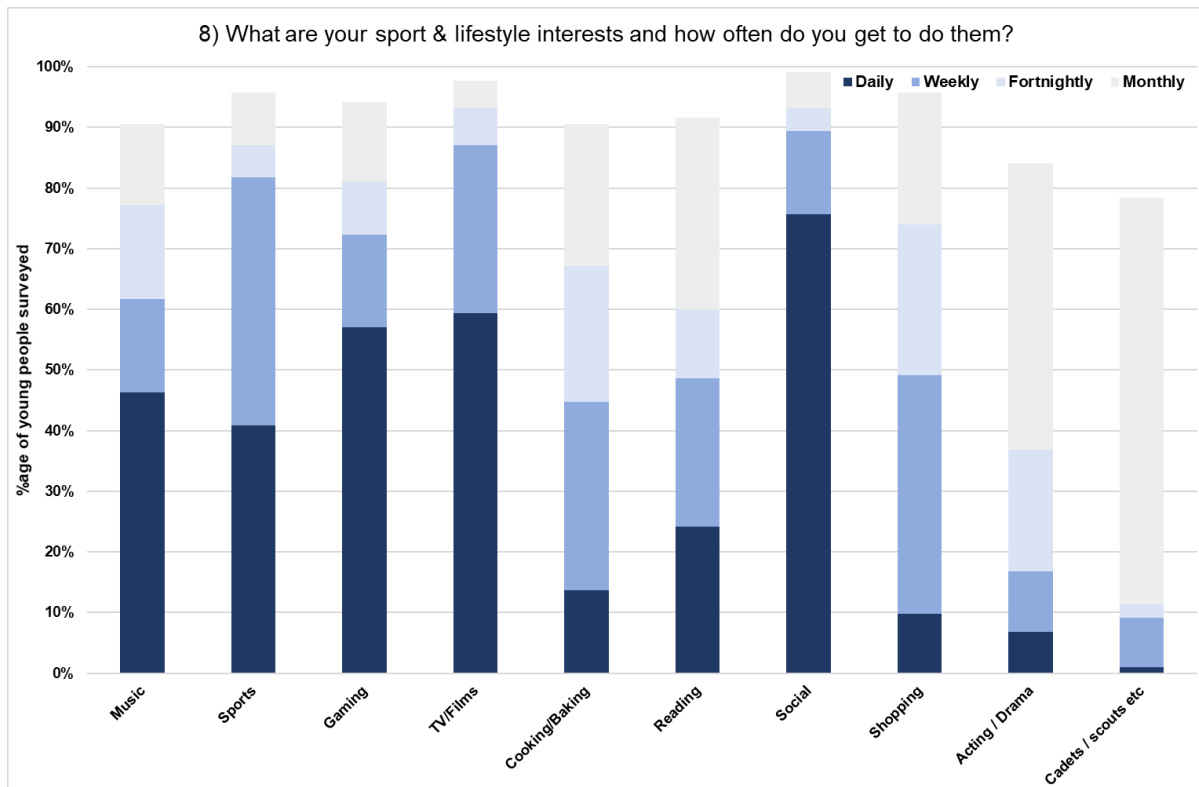
The middle statement of support at place of education is largely positive in the agree section.



Whilst broadly a positive response, still 32% of young people surveyed reported that they do not feel supported for their mental wellbeing, so there is scope for more to be done in this area within Hadleigh.



Focussing on the physical wellbeing of young people it seems that the majority know where to go to access sporting clubs in Hadleigh. This question is slightly ambiguous as it did not specify whether this is in the town as a whole or the school and whilst it may be that the 83% know how to access sporting clubs, we cannot tell from this question if they know about all the sporting clubs in Hadleigh and which of those are accessible to young people. This assessment is further evidenced in the analysis of question 14.

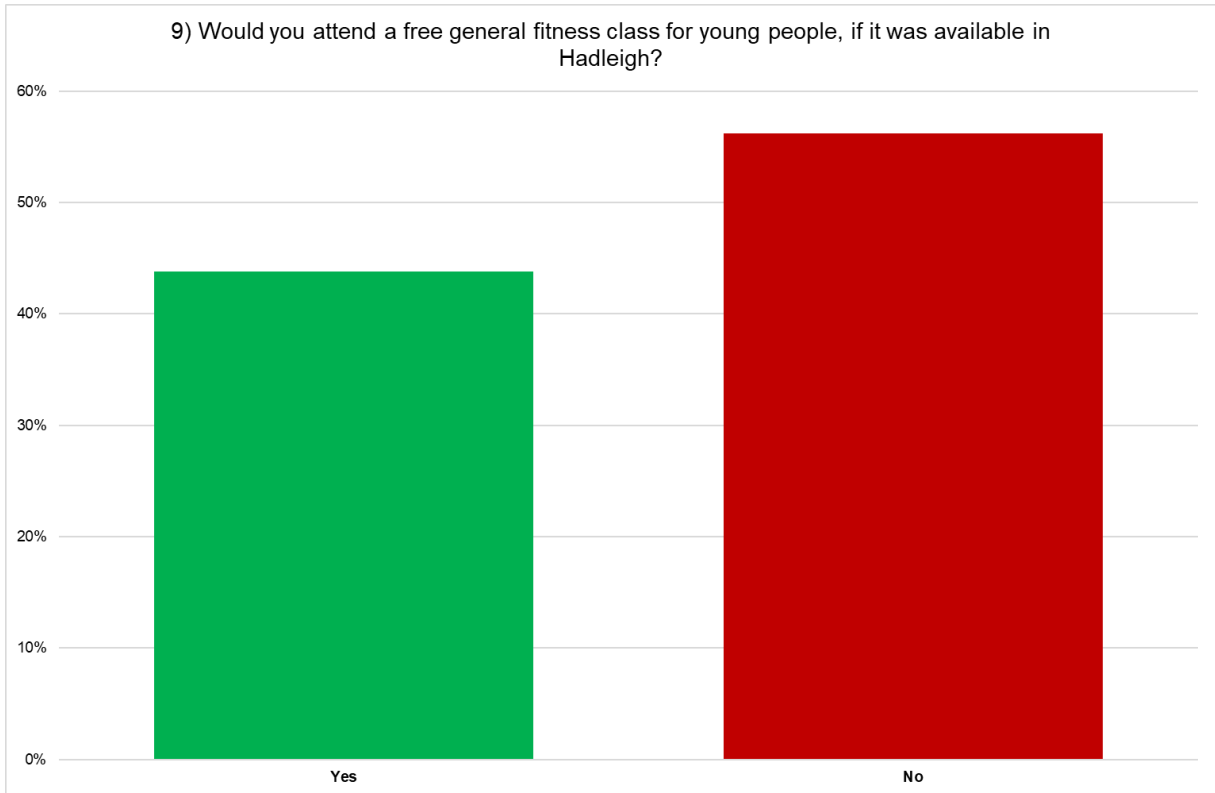


The purpose of question 8 was to gain insight into the types of activities young people enjoy in Hadleigh and how frequently they currently access these activities in order to identify any gaps.

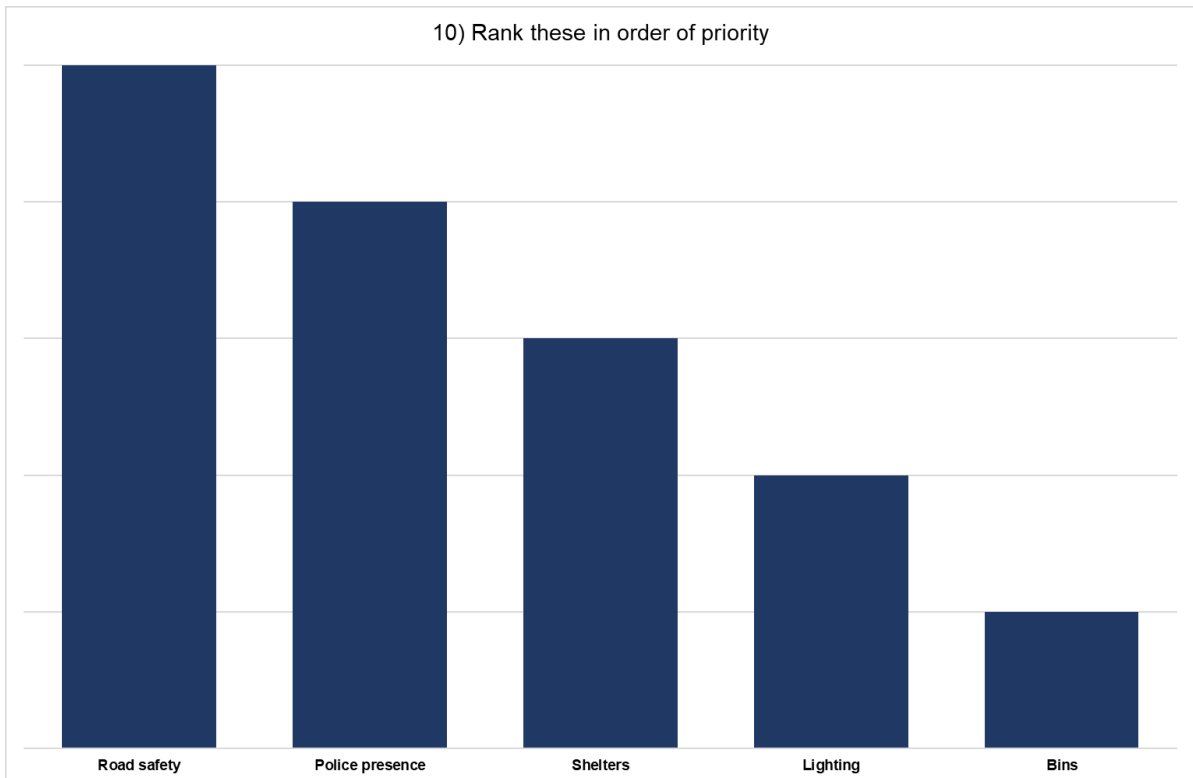
Unfortunately, the presentation of this question within the High School’s survey may have been somewhat leading and closed as it was not an open-ended question as with the Explorer group. This may have produced some false reports of activities as potentially some students may have thought they had to answer all the categories, which was not the intention initially. However, this does provide a lot of information on the frequency of these activities even if they are not necessarily what the student may have picked up on themselves and some interests potentially missed.

It is also important to note that there were no guidance notes to this question presented so it may be that activities within school are included, which may again provide false data on actual interests, as opposed to those that young people do through curriculum. Other examples of ambiguity are TV/Films – is this going to the cinema or just watching a film? Shopping – is this going with parents to do their shopping or weekly supermarket shop or is it going out and buying things for themselves, do they enjoy it as an interest or is something they just do?

However, it does show that most young people presumably consider school very social and that there are a wide range of interests of young people in Hadleigh.

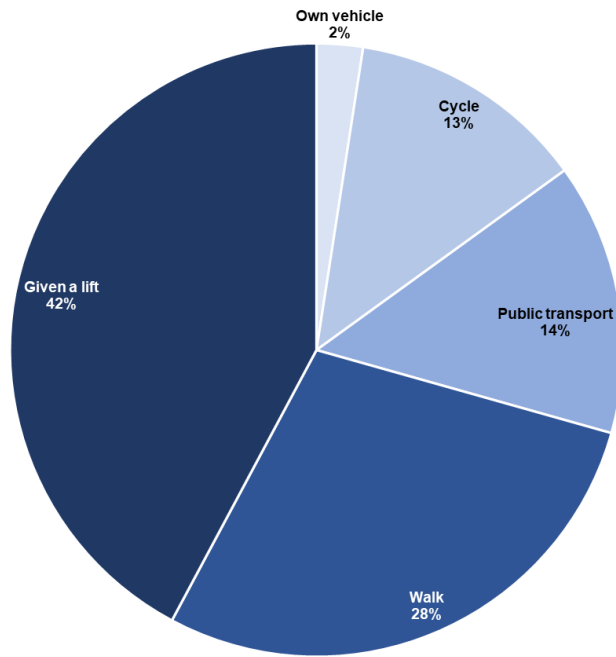


Given the response to question 7, it is not so surprising that 56% of young people would not attend a free general fitness class. Interestingly, 25% of the 280 young people who would attend a free general fitness class are in year 7.



Note the item shelters was posed in the question as “Access to sheltered areas” and bins was “Access to bins” and lighting as “Street lighting”. Shortened for fit on the chart.

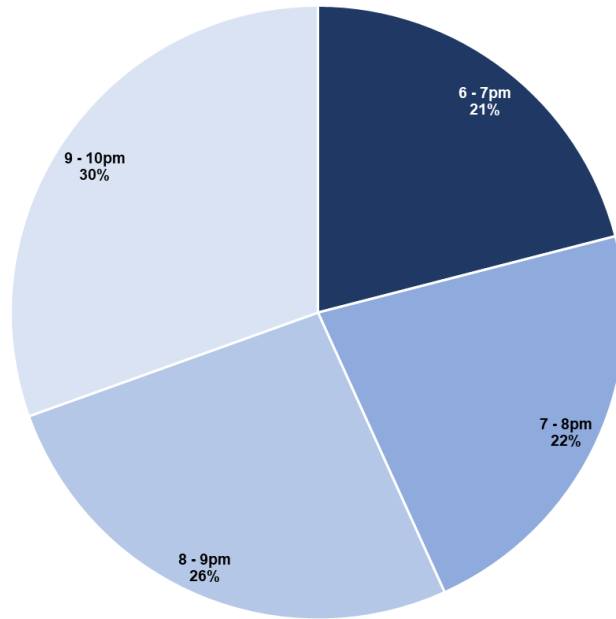
11) How do you get around Hadleigh and to other towns?



An important note here is that own transport was included as the pilot survey was up to 18-year-olds. This option remained to the High School students as from 16 years old a moped may be ridden. However, it may have caused some confusion as years 7-10 had a high number of this option selected, we have therefore transposed this into “given a lift” as it is assumed that those students probably thought the option for own vehicle referred to their parents’ vehicles but for the purposes of this survey, that falls into the “given a lift” category.

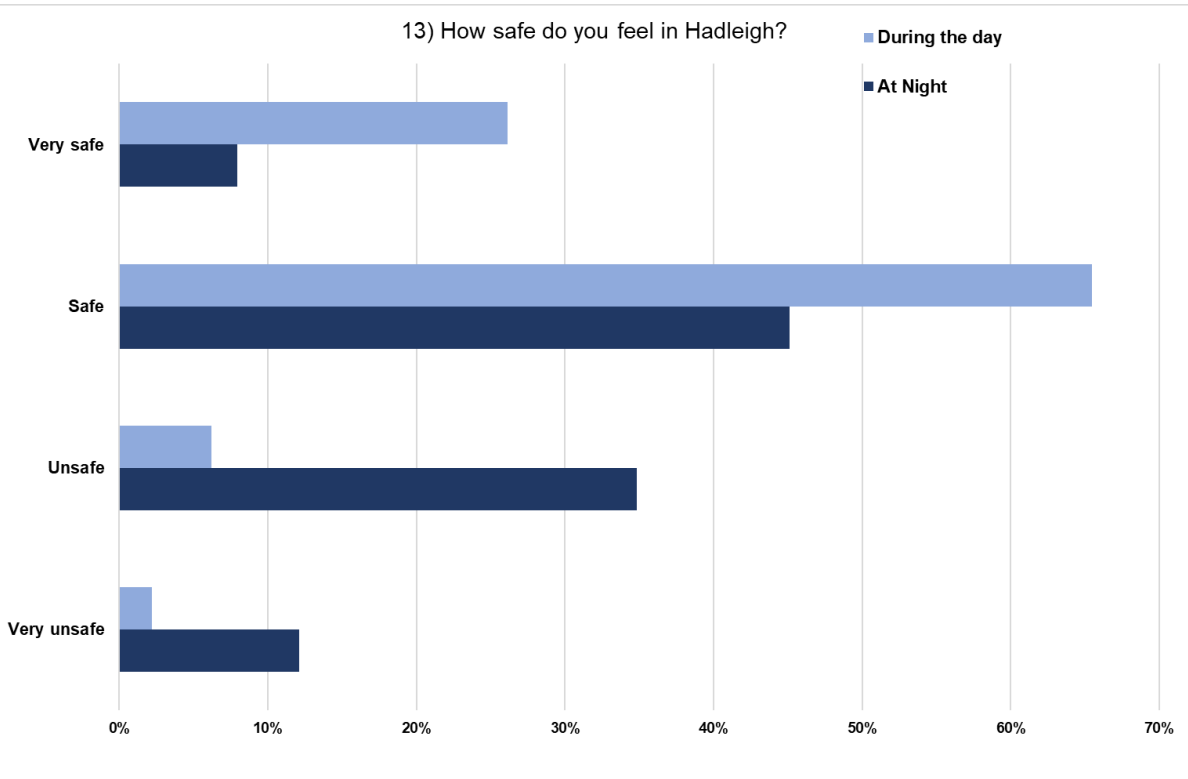
There is a clear area for improvement in the way that young people get around that that is cycling. Further investigation could provide answers as to why young people do not cycle so much and what could be provided to encourage more cycling.

12) What time should the last bus come back from Ipswich to Hadleigh?



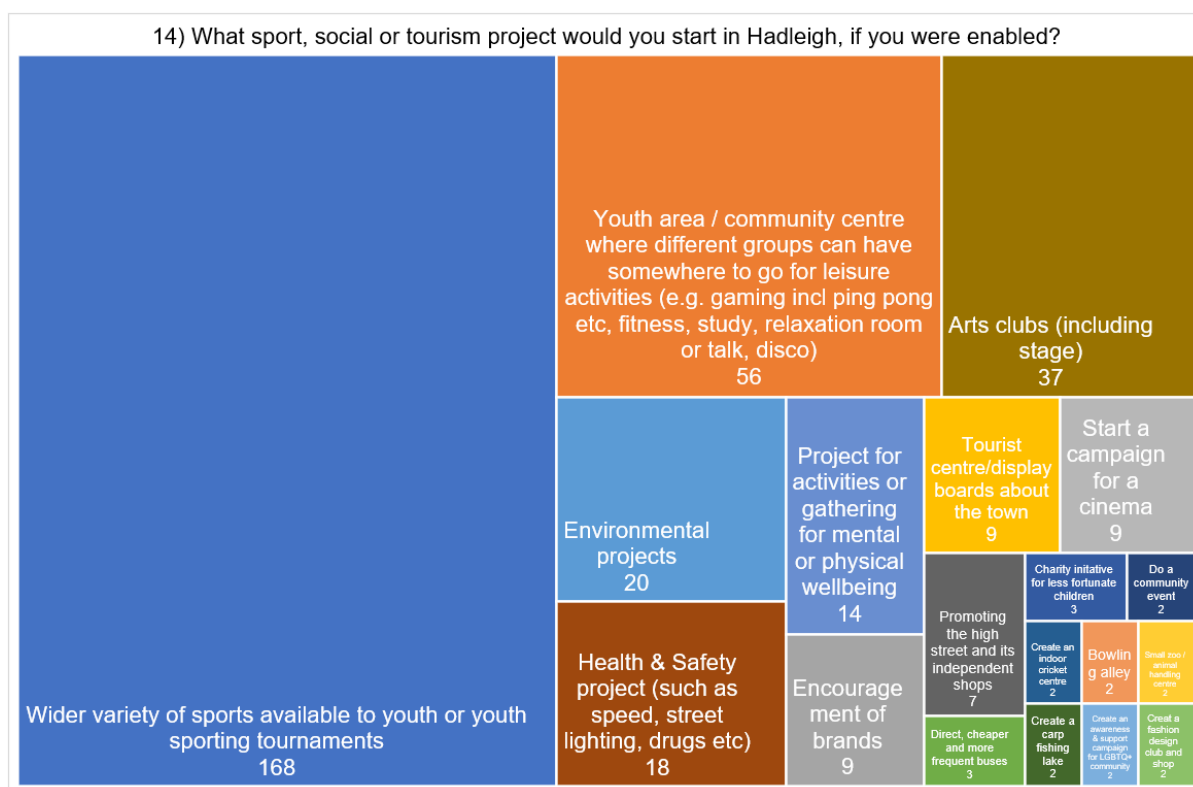
Every young person responding to the survey had an opinion of this question, which is great that they consider it an item of interest. The pie chart above details the results which are split fairly evenly between the time brackets provided. This could be a reflection on the five age ranges presented. If of interest, there could be further analysis done on this in the future. Currently, that last returning bus from Ipswich to Hadleigh leaves at 18:30.

13) How safe do you feel in Hadleigh?



This question was to highlight the feeling of young people and their safety in Hadleigh. The school altered the question from that taken to the Explorers to ascertain the feeling of safety during the day compared to night-time which was a sensible move in determining where the areas of concern may lie and what potential options to make young people feel safe all the time may be. This question should be kept in mind when reviewing back to the answers to questions 1, 3, 4 and 10 as it provides insight as to why those answers may be as they are.

Unsurprisingly there is a general feeling of young people that it is less safe at night-time than that of the daytime although throughout the whole day the overall consensus is that Hadleigh is a “safe” place.



This question posed a variety of ideas, in varying degrees. As with question 1, the ideas that were of a similar ilk have been grouped together and censored for inappropriate responses.

Under the general category of “Arts Clubs” the following apply:

Music, theatre, art, dance, choirs, 3d modelling, chess, writing, reading, film, cooking & baking.

Clearly, the largest response was around sporting activities. This is very interesting considering the responses to question 7 and the analysis of that question is further backed up here. The majority of the sporting responses were referencing starting clubs that already exist in Hadleigh, namely football, rugby, tennis, cycling, netball, gymnastics and skateboarding clubs. This indicates that a more inclusive environment for young people may need to be garnered in these existing clubs and potentially more targeted advertising to the young people. However, within some of these responses, girls and youth sections were referred to and this should be fed back to those existing clubs.

New ideas of sports included:

boxing, golf range, basketball, BMX specific club, clay pigeon shooting, archery, hockey, triathlon practice area, Taekwondo club, American football, racing areas (unspecified if this refers to bikes of any kind or go-karts or else).

Also, astro "cage" or pitches were mentioned a few times - this project is in progress by the Town Council and the school already have a pitch of this sort so more awareness is clearly needed towards to the young people of the projects the Town Council are undertaking.

Other general areas of note which provide insight as to the awareness and consideration of young people in Hadleigh are identified by two young people specifically mentioned creating a small zoo / animal handling centre for the purpose of mental wellbeing and escapism and two were passionate responses about creating an awareness and support campaign for the LGBTQ+ community.

The school may wish to pick up on several year 7 students mentioning a project to stop bullying.

The Town Council have a pilot project in 2022/23 financial year called the "People's Pick" for which brief details can be viewed in the agenda and supporting documentation of the Town Matters meeting in August (link below) and it is widely thought that this group should encourage and assist young people with ideas to put them forward for this initiative when the timings come around. Although it should be noted this will be open to everybody in Hadleigh.

<https://hadleightowncouncil.gov.uk/agenda-for-town-matters-committee-meeting-26th-august-2021/#more-3104>

Appendix I - Hadleigh Market Day March 2022

A survey was conducted for general information purposes to gather the views of people about their likes and dislikes of Hadleigh in 2022. The market is during the day on a Friday so is not necessarily representative of all Hadleigh groups of people.



Hadleigh Town Council

The Guildhall
Market Place
Hadleigh
Suffolk
IP7 5DN
(01473 823884)



Market Stall 11th March 2022

What is the main purpose for your visit to Hadleigh today?

Where do you live (town, or road in Hadleigh)?

What do you think is precious in or about Hadleigh?

What do you think the “feel” of Hadleigh is?

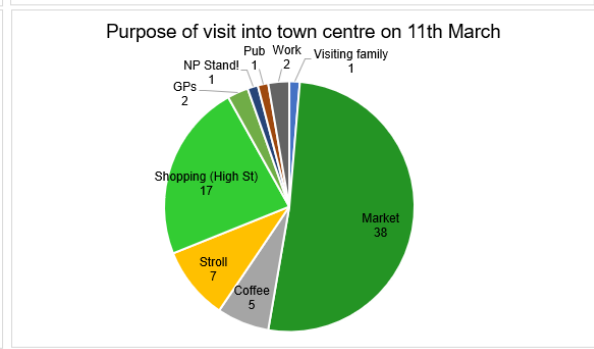
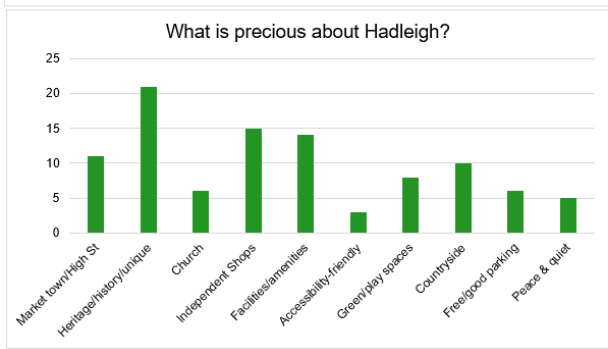
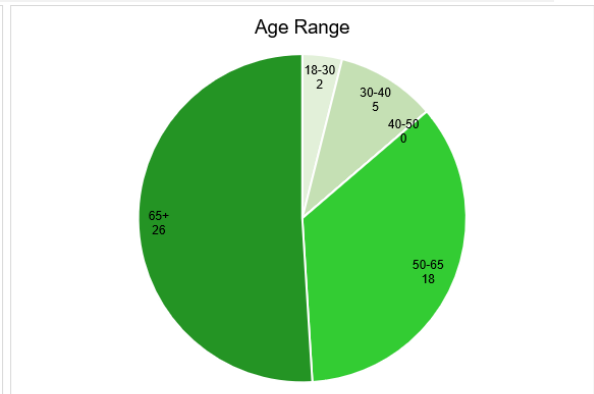
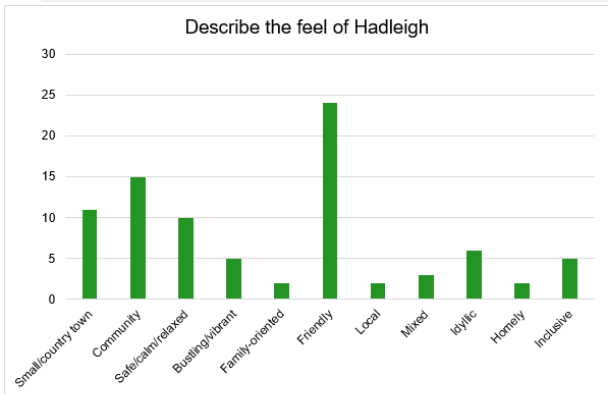
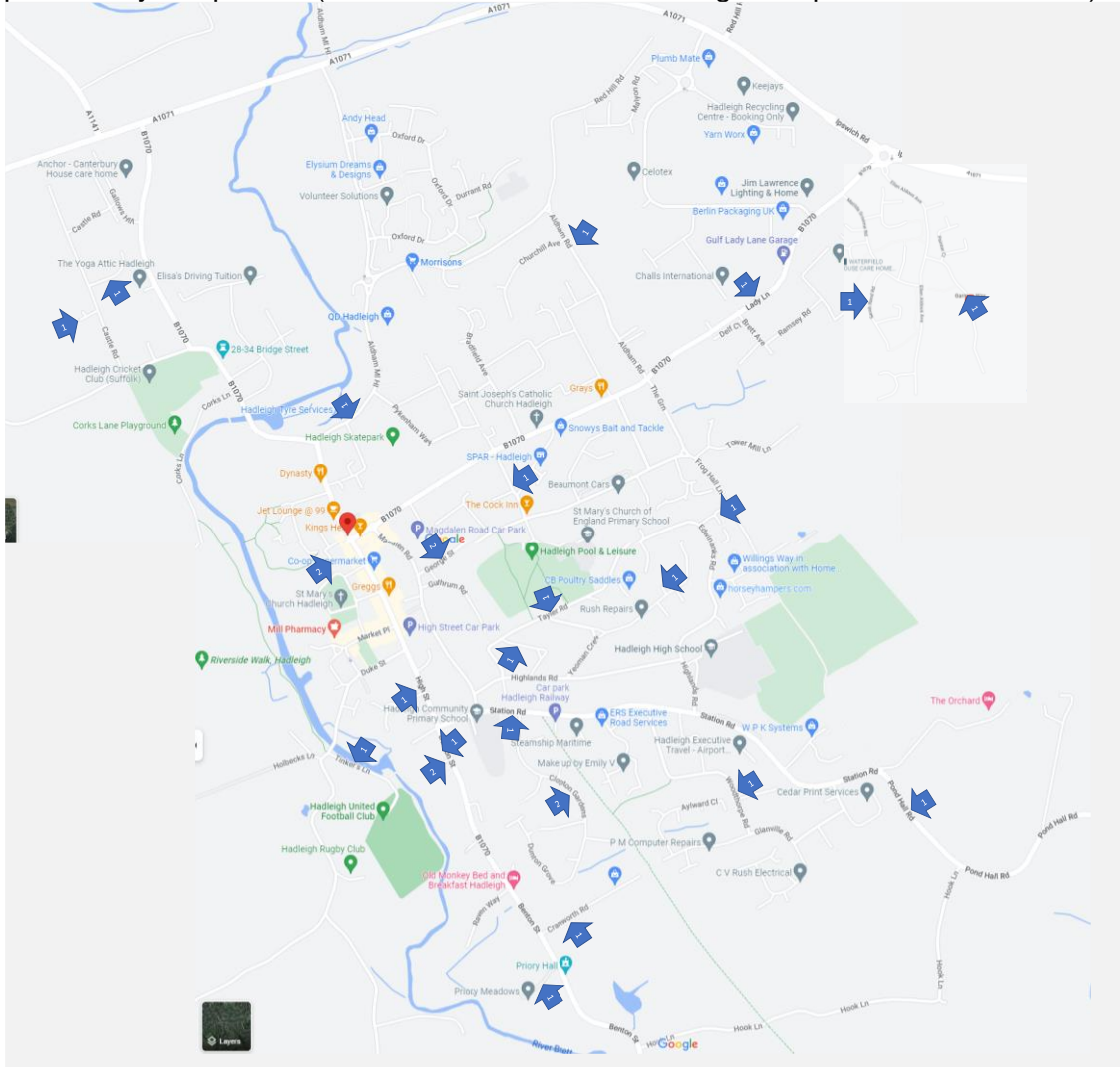
What age bracket are you?

- 18-30
- 30-40
- 50-65
- 65+

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The responses are summarised on the following page.

Map of Survey Responses (27 of the 51 who live in Hadleigh and provided street name)



At the market day we also undertook a repeat exercise of that done in 2018 whereby we had post-it notes on a board and asked members of the public what their ideals are for Hadleigh in the future. The following bullet pointed results are a summary of those thoughts.

Green Spaces

- Goalposts @ leisure centre field, grass should be cut more often
- Fixed goalpost for kicking a ball around in open ground (LRSG)
- More space around new homes
- Footpaths need attention to reduce trip hazards
- Better accessibility for wheelchair users
- Don't mow green spaces
- Enhance existing green space
- Keep Aldham Rd safe – don't open up the end of the road
- Seating areas in town with trees and flowers

Heritage

- Thoughtful development to retain its unique character
- Lovely small town with good community spirit
- Conservation area between Magdalen Rd and High St by Partridges should be kept as is and replaces like-for-like as stones required
- Get more benefit and use out of Guildhall

Sustainability

- More affordable housing should include renewable energy sources for buying and renting
- Enhance wildlife habitats
- Community bus should be run more frequently or have more of them and be electric
- More job creations for the new housing to be built
- Hedgehog highways should be put into place for all new building
- Electric public transport
- Special place better than other towns around
- Planning guidance for carbon zero emissions

Infrastructure & Transport

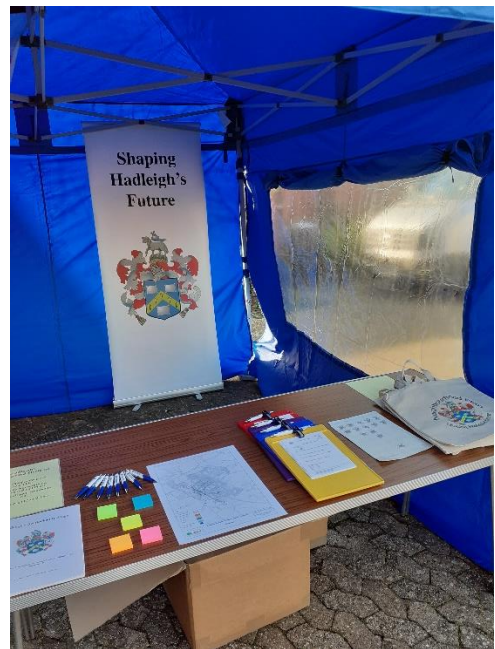
- Pedestrianize streets
- No lorries through town unless delivering
- Not enough buses and they should be electric including school buses
- Remove parking by Lenny's Fish & Chip Shop on Angel St and the roundabout as dangerous
- Mobility scooter access (think flat pavements!)
- Rearrange parking on Benton St
- New housing developments need to consider ways in and out of Hadleigh and limitations they bring
- Schools – capacity issues already, needs to be considered with new housing
- Second satellite doctors surgery at other end of town
- New housing is good as long as it comes with development of necessary services too like GP and schools
- Dentist
- Banks
- Infrastructure should be thought of first, before any housing designs

Housing

- Don't want to see Hadleigh spoiled by getting too big
- Congestion already with too many new houses
- Ensure new housing designs fit the character of the town
- Don't want any more because of schools & doctors
- Affordable housing
- Big enough with new builds don't want to lose community feel
- Quality housing that's fit for purpose
- Design depends on location & what is nearby
- Passive house designs that integrate renewables
- Do up council houses

Tourism

- Banks would help!
- Pedestrianize High St
- Keep free car parking
- Make more of Guthrum
- Bigger market, more market stalls and more often
- More affordable shops like Aldi, shoes, clothes
- Need full time tourism office and support for Visit Hadleigh



Appendix J - Public Meeting / Open Day, April 2022

Notice in Hadleigh Community news:



Hadleigh Town Council

Public Consultation Day

Hadleigh Town Council would like to inform Community News readers that there will be a public consultation day held on Tuesday 26th April 2022 between 12 noon and 8pm in the Town Hall Dining Room (entrance opposite The Ram).

Several Councillors and Town Council Officers will be present and would like to welcome residents of Hadleigh and the surrounding areas to pop in and learn about two important projects; Hadleigh Neighbourhood Plan and the plan to upgrade facilities at the Layham Road Sports Ground.

The Neighbourhood Plan Sub-Committee has been re-formed and has been working with professional consultants and is now very active in gathering the views of residents across the broad spectrum of the town's planning and infrastructure areas. The sub-committee's plan is to present a finalised Hadleigh Neighbourhood Plan to Hadleigh residents for a formal public vote within the next 18-24 months. Please come along to learn about the status of the Neighbourhood Plan, why it's so important and to help us create a valuable part of evidence for the plan, the Character Assessment.



Appendix K - Hadleigh Show, May 2022

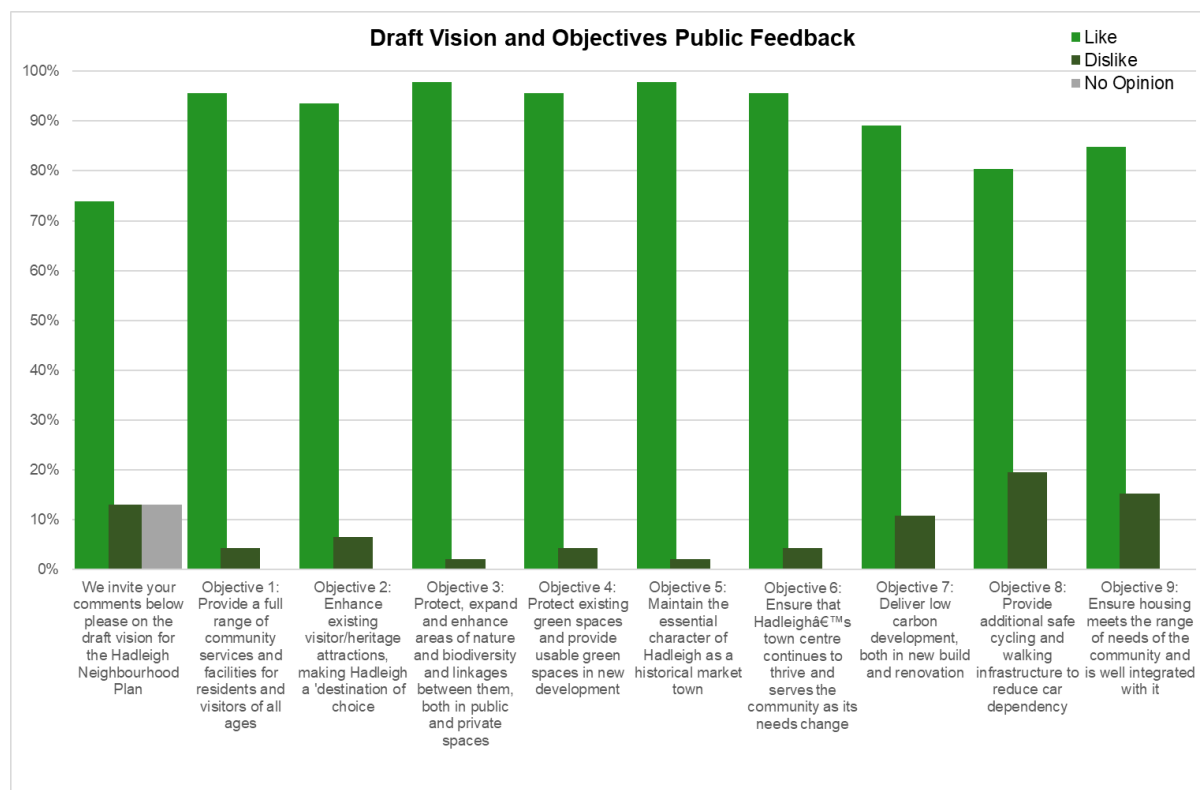
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Appendix L - Objectives and Vision Consultation 2022

Hadleigh Neighbourhood Plan – Public Consultation on draft vision and objectives

The feedback form was open during June and July and closed on 31st July 2022. There were 46 responses from Hadleigh residents and the results of the support for the vision and objectives are shown in the chart below. It can be seen that overwhelmingly those that took the time to provide their thoughts support the vision and objectives in the draft plan.



Further comments received for consideration by the Neighbourhood Plan Sub-Committee on 24th August 2022:

It is important to remember when reviewing public's comments that the objectives are supposed to be broad and vague as any explanation or detail about the objectives is what the policies will determine and cover.

- Objective 8 is a great objective but difficult to have safe cycling on narrow roads with so much parking - especially the newest development of Babergh Work Trucks being brought home and left on residential streets blocking view and safe cycling and car manoeuvring. Need to explain how this can be actually physically done.
- Objective 9 is too vague and will just allow overdevelopment.
- Excellent work - a vision for a more sustainable, more varied and more supportive future. Historic houses are individualised - new developments should try to maintain the individual nature of houses. Services, particularly health centre services need to be delivered within one site in Hadleigh - and steps taken to protect that.
- Hadleigh needs to encourage visitors through creating a fully pedestrianised and welcoming high street environment with independent shops and eateries. Highlight it's historical places of interest and it will easily become as appealing as Woodbridge or any other popular market town in Suffolk.
- Objective 6: our High Street is distinguished by its lack of chain stores. Yes, we have Boots, Greggs & the Coop but mostly the shops are independent. This should not change.
- Vision - penultimate sentence - delete it.

- Objective 6 the Town council etc cannot ENSURE therefore ought to be Encourage the continued viability and vitality of the town centre to serve the changing needs of the community
- Objective 8-there is no cycling infrastructure in Hadleigh unless you count 2metres opposite Morrisons - So Objective ought to be - Seek provision of improved cycling and walking infrastructure to provide viable alternatives to use of motorised vehicles. Objective 9 This can only really apply to new housing and unless the Council is anticipating undertaking significant redevelopment and becomes the planning authority it cannot ENSURE - Suggest -Require all new housing meets the range of needs of the community and well integrated with those needs
- I feel the current Vision and Objectives are too blinkered toward the urban elements of the community, yet 50% of the plan area is countryside and farmland, which also has several small communities scattered within the area. Additionally there are several industrial complexes in the rural area and with pressure for further industrial estates in open countryside. Finally one ought not forget that there is a large Quarrying operation being undertaken to the north of the town.
- Suggest in the Vision after 6th sentence insert :- The surrounding countryside continues to delight with improved footpath networks, increased biodiversity and enhancement of its landscape character.
- Suggested Objective 10 - Seek to enhance the landscape character of the surrounding countryside and protect it from all forms developments that are environmentally damaging to it or those living and working in the rural area.

Comments not specific to an objective, to be considered under policies:

- Need to enhance provision in secondary school to cope with additional student numbers generated by increase in housing. Also need to consider transport links to post16 providers
- With regard to objectives 1 and 2, the council could work to achieve these by supporting the Visit Hadleigh initiative, so that residents and visitors can get information about the town and have face to face contact with people who are knowledgeable about what is happening in the local area
- Regarding Objective 9 I think it would be good to have if possible something on housing that more specifically supports affordable housing. We obviously need housing that meets a range of needs and that's probably fine for many types of housing but big developers consistently try to avoid building affordable housing so I think we need, if possible, to be very clear that affordable housing is a must, we need to be really clear in our policies that we want good affordable homes and that developers who offer that will be supported and those who don't won't be supported.. By affordable I also would like to be clear that I mean affordable to buy/rent but also affordable to live in once bought and so homes need to be as energy efficient as possible (so obviously links to Objective 7 there as well)
- Hadleigh needs more facilities as the amount of housing has increased massively but still only one high school with no further education facilities and not much for young people. The gp surgery is fantastic and we have 3 good primary schools but not much leisure facilities or reasonably priced places to eat out
- Objective 9: please think about new housing that draws on the vernacular. As an historic market town, our architecture is very important & new estates should reflect Suffolk traditions. All new houses should have at least one tree planted nearby.
- Enhancing the town hall complex facilities is an imperative. A LDP starts with a review of publicly owned assets and linking actions and expenditure to declared and defined objectives. Fine words alone in a LDP are no use to any community.
- Though the town has had its population grow over the last few years with the Weavers Meadow development and extra areas on green belt land. There has not been any development to give capacity to either health, dental or education facilities within the town. How is Hadleigh going to cope with the demand that comes with the population growth?

- Better public transport is really the key to lower traffic. If there was more regular busses I would travel to work on the bus but with less than hourly it's not practical At the moment
- Although new homes maybe needed you also need infrastructure such as schools, doctors, dentists etc to cope with the increased population
- New build estates constructed to fund the profits of the building companies and destroying the feel of Hadleigh are the last thing the town needs. Redeveloping empty sites such as the old Council offices which could provide many homes or other unloved parts of the town would make more sense.

The following quotations are general comments received (verbatim):

- There is so much building I think it is reducing green space and nature. Hadleigh could do with a small community cinema (a real one not just the Ansell Centre) and then we would really have cultural facilities.
- I disagree that new life has been breathed into the High Street.
- Please keep the heritage of the town centre for all inhabitants and visitors.
- Firstly I have lived in Hadleigh for 28years and have seen it grow, you would have e to change the whole landscape in order to make it greener. Your talking about one road to pedestrianise Which is pointless as then your putting pressure then on Magdalen road for all the traffic Which incidentally houses Two elderly homes Magdalen and Sydney brown court Which contains Elderly people More Car fumes And breathing Difficulties. We have the rail walk And river walk, lower Layham and upper Layham The surrounding country side which already is of great beauty that cycle's use and walkers, elderly people need to be able to use a free bus service. To get down the road, your forgetting ANGEL STREET BENTON STREET STATION ROAD GALLOWS HILL THESE ARE ALL STEEP ROADS Yourt forgetting what the impact will have on your elderly community which is alot you are not thinking about the impact this will have on them more thinking about the tourist factor how about the people that actually live in Hadleigh?
- Walking and cycling doesn't allow for disabled or older generation
- Place more restrictions on new developments. The town is expanding too quickly.
- No more new houses to be built in Hadleigh, we do not have the infrastructure to support it.
- New housing developments are characterless with no facilities. The new residents will want to access schooling and health services, neither of these are being expanded for this need. Public transport provision needs to be increased. Don't charge for parking.
- To keep hadleigh for the people everyone knows everyone a lot of that has gone
- If we are to meet the needs of all the community then we must provide a range of activities. I would like to speak to you about starting a Men's Shed. And the hugh street us just that - a street. Local folk pull over and pop in. By al means increase cyle and pedestrian options, but do not kill the high street off with pedestrianisation and expensive parking. Elderly and vulnerable folk need easy access to their own shops!
- Poor show, try harder, speak with local businesses rather than making assumptions
- From what i have seen of Hadleigh so far its a lovely historical town & should remai so making it & keeping it a very desirable place for all its residents to live in & welcome visitors

Hadleigh Neighbourhood Plan

Photo Competition

Is your child 16 years old or younger and do they enjoy taking photos?

Want to be in with a chance of winning some cash?

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Winning photos will be ones that highlight some aspect of what makes Hadleigh a great place to live, work, school and play from buildings, to parks and anything else that interests you.



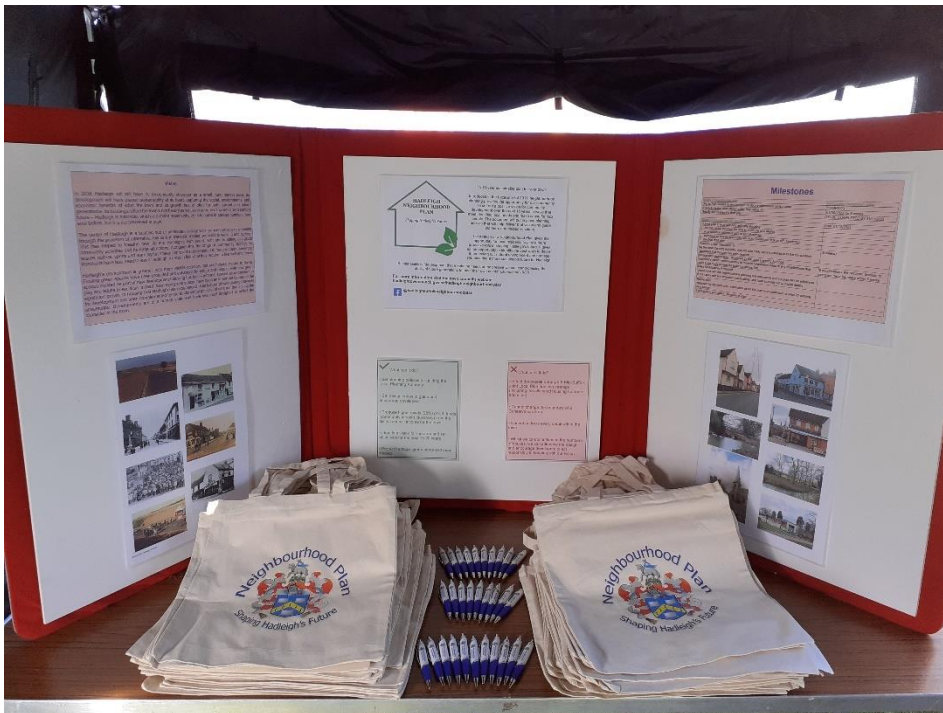
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email your pics of Hadleigh to projects@hadleightowncouncil.gov.uk



Appendix N - Hadleigh Show, May 2023

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Appendix O – Local Green Spaces – Landowners’ Consultation, April / May 2023

Over March, April and May, letters (see Local Green Spaces Report) were sent to the six identified landowners of the parcels of land being proposed for designation. They were requested to respond with any comments on the designation of their land.

Each and every landowner was provided with no less than four weeks to consider and submit responses to the proposals for designations.

Four landowners provided a response which are set out below. Two landowners were sent letters to the addresses registered with Charity Commission and no response was received.

Sir Joshua Rowley Farms’ Estate Management were the only party to follow up the letter to them with questions and suggested amendments to inaccuracies in the report which were immediately executed, and a new draft sent to them for review ahead of composing their letter, however, they chose to primarily comment on the previous draft that is not being submitted with the plan. It is also pertinent to note that the revised version passed to the Sir Joshua Rowley Farms estate secretary was uploaded to the Town Council prior to their consultation letter of 24th May 2023.

From: [Caileigh Gorzelak](#)
To: [Projects](#)
Cc: [Paul Bryant](#)
Subject: BDC Local Green Space Nomination
Date: 24 April 2023 15:03:30

Hi Alicja,

Thank you for consulting Babergh District Council as landowner in regard to several local green spaces in the emerging Hadleigh Neighbourhood Plan.

I can confirm we have no objections to any of the sites being designated as Local Green Spaces and no comments at this time.

We look forward to seeing the draft Hadleigh Neighbourhood plan in due course.

Best Wishes,

Caileigh Gorzelak
Strategic Planning Policy Officer
[Babergh District Council & Mid Suffolk District Council](#) - Working Together
T. 0300 1234 000 (Option 5, then Option 4 for Strategic Planning team)
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Hadleigh Neighbourhood Plan Group – via email

17th May 2023

Dear Hadleigh Neighbourhood Plan Group,

Thank you for your letter dated 23rd March 2023, this was discussed at the Full Council meeting on 19th April 2023.

Councillors asked me to thank the group for all the work they have done with the Local Green Spaces and to pass on our thanks to the residents of Hadleigh who voted for our green spaces.

Yours Sincerely

Wendy Brame
Town Clerk

Email: townclerk@hadleightowncouncil.gov.uk



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The Guildhall
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Suffolk
IP7 5DN

Our ref: JDP/CRASKE/37367
Date: 12th May 2023

Electronic Submission Only

Dear Sirs

Ref: Hadleigh Neighbourhood Plan - Local Green Spaces

We are instructed by HH Craske & Son, Peyton Hall, Hadleigh, Ipswich, IP7 6DL. Our client has received the letter dated 13th April 2023 in respect of the nomination of land owned by our client at Constitution Hill relating to the Local Green Spaces Report.

The report has been considered against Paragraphs 101 to 103 of the National Planning Policy Framework, which confirms that a Local Green Space should be reasonably close to the community; demonstrably special to the community and holding a particular local significance to that community; and local in character. The Planning Practice Guidance includes a chapter (Open space, sports and recreation facilities, public rights of way and local green space), which relates to Local Green Space designation and confirms that Local Green Space should be areas of particular importance to the local community; they must be demonstrably special to the community; they will need to be consistent with local planning for sustainable development in the area; they should not undermine the aim of plan making; and where land is already protected consideration should be given to whether any local benefit would be gained by designation as Local Green Space.

Our client is disappointed that consultation with landowners has only now taken place and that the period for responding is unreasonably short. It appears that engagement with landowners is an afterthought, despite the high impact such a designation would have. Given the effects of the designation, earlier engagement with landowners should have been essential. Notwithstanding this, our client wishes to make the following comments.

Justification for Designation

The justification for designation is set out in Paragraph 102 of the National Planning Policy Framework and the Local Green Space Report discusses these elements and how the land may meet these within Section 7. The suggested designations are based on the results of surveys conducted with the Public Consultation, with 114 responses logged. It is suggested that, given the size of the town, this is a poor sample size and may not give an accurate picture of the feelings of the wider community.

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Also at Bury St Edmunds, Colchester and Eye

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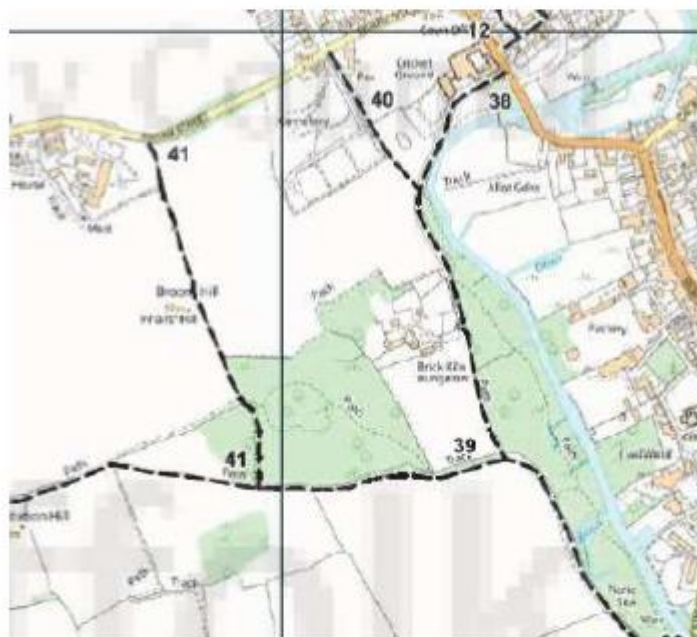
Notwithstanding this, the responses indicate that the land in question is special for several reasons, including its views/beauty/landscape, nature, isolation, space, lack of noise, and wildlife. All of these points are noted, however it is unclear whether these are applicable to the entire parcel of land, or if these points apply to only individual sections of the land.

Our client's land is within the countryside, albeit close to the built-up area of Hadleigh and access to the land is restricted making development on the land challenging. It is therefore questionable as to whether the designation is necessary to protect the land from development, as the potential for development of the land is limited as things stand in planning terms. The land may have some value to local people given the use of part of the land via the public footpaths, but the remainder of the land is not open for formal public use (as discussed below) and, as such the overall importance of the land is therefore not significant.

Public Access

The Local Green Spaces Report seeks to designate our client's land (labelled A, B and D) as Local Green Space within the Hadleigh Neighbourhood Plan, on the basis that the land has been considered to be potentially suitable within the initial Local Green Spaces assessment.

Our client would raise an objection to this designation and the implied public access that is associated with the designation. Public access to the land labelled A, B and D is restricted to the public footpaths to the east of the land labelled A and D and to the west of the land labelled B, as shown in the following extract from the Definitive Map held by Suffolk County Council (the full copy is included as Appendix 1).



The land is subject to a declaration under Section 31(6) of the Highways Act 1980, signed in May 2013. Section 31(6) of the Highways Act 1980 allows landowners to deposit statements and declarations acknowledging public rights of way across their land and stating that, at that time, they have no intention to dedicate any further public rights of way. The declaration is included as



Appendix 2. Our client has allowed permissive public access to the land out of general good will to the Town, and it is disappointing that this good will gesture would result in a significant detrimental impact by having this restrictive designation imposed upon them, largely on the back of this permissive access.

Whilst the designation of the land as Local Green Space within the Neighbourhood Plan would not include a mechanism to confer access rights, our client is extremely concerned that the designation implies that public access to the land, other than the identified public rights of way, is encouraged and acceptable. The Local Green Spaces Report suggests that the land is used for recreational use primarily for dog walking and states that there is public access to the land, indicating that the entire land is available for use by members of the public, which is certainly not the case. On this basis, our client objects to the Local Green Space designation.

Use of the Land

Whilst the lawful use of the land labelled A and B is agriculture, the land is not currently actively farmed and is sown with wildflowers. Farmers have been encouraged, since the late 1980s to transfer land from arable production into grassland. This was carried out with grass and wildflowers on the land where the cemetery is. From that point, our client has looked after it by not applying any fertiliser and has regularly mown the land after the flowers have finished in the late autumn and early winter time. This attention has preserved the land to what it is now and our client has done this with no financial help from the government, but are happy to do so as they regard farmers to be custodians of the countryside. This provides an environmental enhancement of the land and assists in improving biodiversity in the locality.

Although the land is not part of a formal environmental scheme, such as the Countryside Stewardship scheme, the land may come under this scheme in the future. Our client is concerned that the designation of the land as Local Green Space with the implied public access (as discussed above) would affect the biodiversity of the land and the potential for our client to enter into land management plans such as the Countryside Stewardship scheme, which could have a significant financial impact on our client's business.

In addition, the land labelled D is used on an annual basis for car parking purposes related to the Hadleigh Show, which takes place every May. On occasion, part of the land off Corks Lane, labelled A) is used for this purpose as an overflow car park. The land is an important part of the efficient running of the Hadleigh Show, and our client is concerned that the designation of the land as Local Green Space could limit this use and threaten the overall viability of the show, to the detriment of the local community and economy. The Hadleigh Show is a significant event and beneficial to the town, attracting a high number of visitors on a yearly basis and enjoyed by many town residents. The potential loss of a car parking area would risk the Show's ability to operate efficiently, and would have a significant knock-on effect to the local community.

Summary

Our client objects to the potential designation of their land as Local Green Space. The designation is not adequately justified and, whilst appreciating that it does not confer rights of access over and above those that are existing (in this case the public footpaths), could give rise to increased trespass onto our client's land. Our client feels that the designation penalises their good will for allowing the public to access their land and whilst they have been supportive of Town Council proposals in the past and will likely do so in the future, this should not be to the significant detriment of their interests.



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Furthermore, the designation may result in the restriction in use of the land as a car park for the Hadleigh Show, and limit the extent to which our client can benefit from the future environmental grant schemes, such as the Countryside Stewardship scheme.

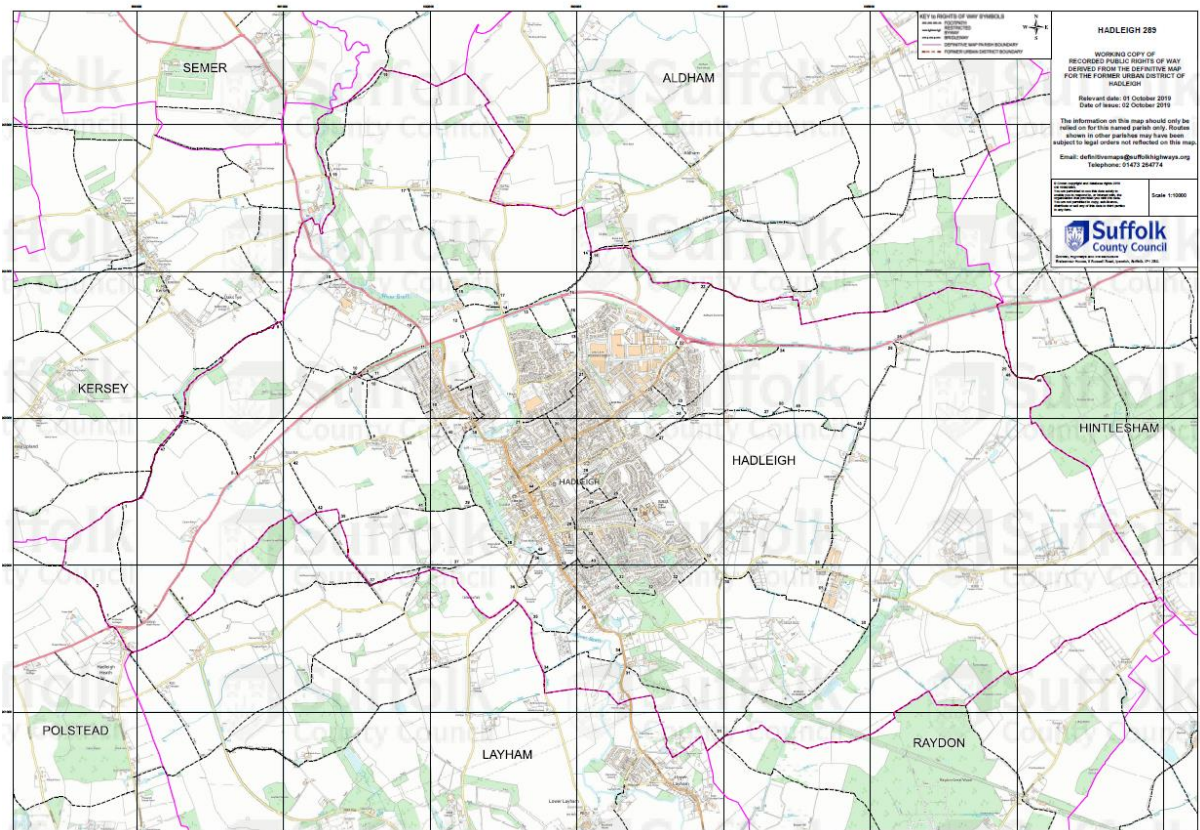
It is requested, therefore, that our client's land is not designated as Local Green Space.

Yours faithfully,

John Pearce MSc MRTPI | Principal Planner
For & on behalf of Brooks Leney

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Appendix 1



Appendix 2

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STATUTORY DECLARATION

We, Mr Michael John Craske of Peyton Hall, Hadleigh, Suffolk, IP7 8DL and Mr James Arthur Herbert Craske of Ivytree Farm, Hadleigh, Suffolk, IP7 8LG do solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:

- 1) We make this Statutory Declaration for the purposes of Section 31(6) of the Highways Act 1980.
- 2) We are the persons for the time being entitled to dispose of the fee simple of the land known as Land at:
 - Hill Farm, in the parish of Whatfield
 - Barrard's Hall, in the parish of Whatfield
 - Peyton Hall, in the parish of Hadleigh
 - Land at Friars Hall, in the parish of Hadleigh
 - Coram Street Farm, in the parish of Hadleigh
 - Pott's Farm, in the parish of Layham
 - Land at Evans Hall, in the parish of Poleslead
 - Land at Hook Lane, in the parish of Hadleigh
 All in the County of Suffolk (hereinafter called "the said land") shown edged red on the maps attached hereto.
- 3) That on the day of 17th May 2013 a Statement was submitted for the purposes of Section 31(5) and we deposited a map of the said land, the ways on which we admit have been dedicated as highways with Suffolk County Council.
- 4) No additional ways over the said land have been dedicated as highways since the 17th day of May 2013.

We make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true by virtue of the provisions of the Statutory Declarations Act 1835.

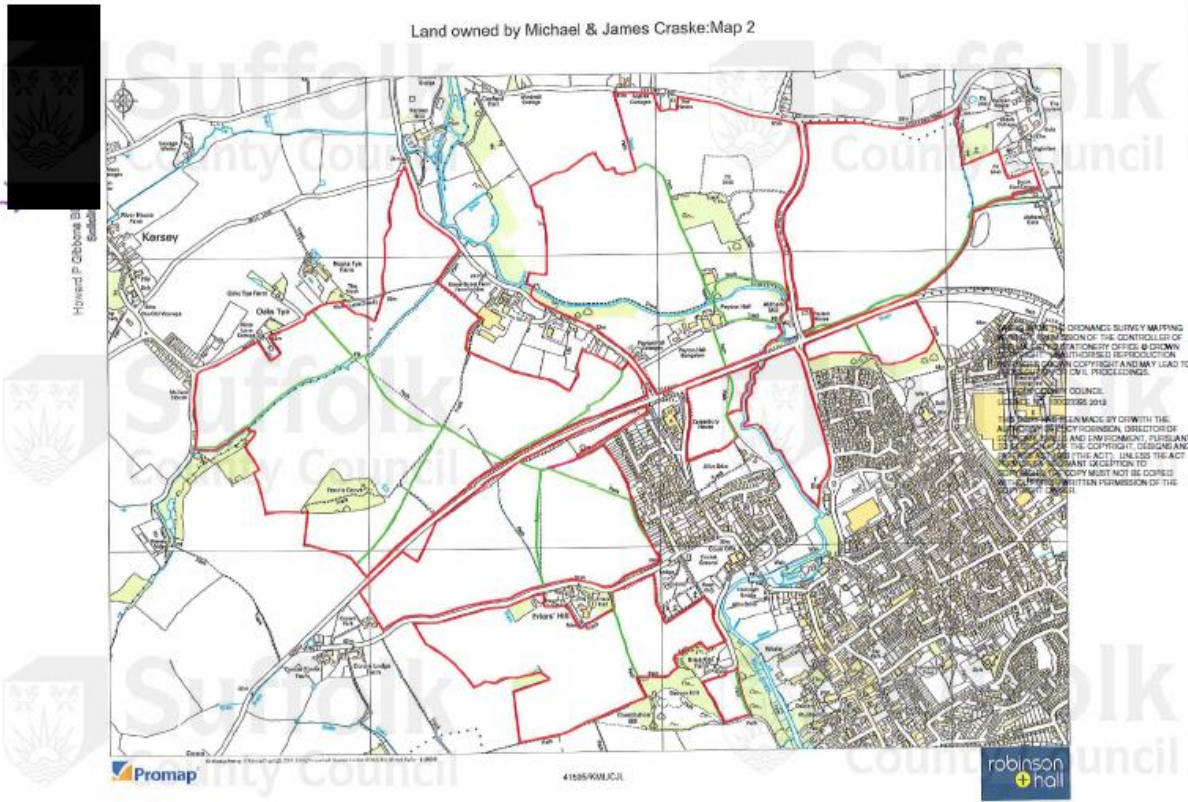
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 MICHAEL JOHN CRASKE
 133 High Green *John*
 Hadleigh Suffolk *John*
 at IP7 5EJ this 26th day of June 2013
 Howard P Gibbons BSC (Econ) Wales
 Solicitor

Declared by the said [redacted] *John*
 JAMES ARTHUR CRASKE
 133 High Green *John*
 Hadleigh Suffolk *John*
 at IP7 5EJ this 26th day of June 2013

Before me, signed [redacted]
 Name (printed) Howard P Gibbons BSC (Econ) Wales
 Occupation SOLICITOR
 Address 133 HIGH STREET HADLEIGH
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Dated: 133 High Green
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John
 A Solicitor, Commissioner for Oaths, Justice of the Peace

Land owned by Michael & James Craske:Map 2





Hadleigh Town Council
The Guildhall
Hadleigh
Suffolk
IP7 5DN

Our ref: JDP/SIRJOSHUAROWLEYFARMS
Date: 24th May 2023

Electronic Submission Only

Dear Sirs

Ref: Hadleigh Neighbourhood Plan – Local Green Spaces

We are instructed by Sir Joshua Rowley Farms in respect of the above-mentioned matter. Our client has been made aware of the nomination of land owned by our client relating to the original Local Green Spaces Report, which has now been removed from the Hadleigh Town Council website.

Our client is extremely disappointed that there has been no attempt to notify the landowner in respect of this important consultation. The Neighbourhood Plan process indicates that landowners were approached and made aware of the process several months ago, however there is no evidence that this consultation has taken place. A letter was sent to a property that does not exist ('Holbecks Park') using a postcode that does not apply to the land in question. It appears that engagement with landowners is an afterthought, despite the high impact such a designation would have, and given the issue in respect of the notification, it is questionable as to whether there had been any intention to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan, its designations and the ramifications with landowners. Given the effects of the designation, earlier engagement with landowners should have been essential and properly carried out. Notwithstanding this, our client wishes to make the following comments.

The report has been considered against Paragraphs 101 to 103 of the National Planning Policy Framework ("the NPPF"). Paragraph 102 states that the Local Green Space designation should only be used where the green space is reasonably close to the community; demonstrably special to the community and holding a particular local significance to that community; and local in character and not an extensive tract of land.

The Planning Practice Guidance includes a chapter (Open space, sports and recreation facilities, public rights of way and local green space), which relates to Local Green Space designation and confirms that Local Green Space should be areas of particular importance to the local community; they must be demonstrably special to the community; they will need to be consistent with local planning for sustainable development in the area; they should not undermine the aim of plan making; and where land is already protected consideration should be given to whether any local benefit would be gained by designation as Local Green Space.

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Assessment Criteria

The Local Green Spaces Report includes, in Section 6, criteria for the Local Green Spaces Designations and the comments in respect of these criteria. This section, insofar as it relates to our client's land (areas E, F, G, H, I and J1), contains several inaccuracies, which should be addressed before the Neighbourhood Plan process can continue.

In respect of the land labelled E, F, G, and H (also identified as area 6.1b), the site is described as being "used for recreational use primarily dog walking" – this is wholly inappropriate and misleading. Other than the public footpath between the land labelled E and F and to the east of the land labelled E, there are no public rights to access the land or to use it for any form of recreation including dog walking. The checklist for this area suggests that the owner of the land is 'Holbecks Farm', which is incorrect as noted above, whilst the assessment section states that there is public access, which there is not (other than the aforementioned public footpath). The section also states that despite comprising an area of 17 acres, this is not an extensive tract of land.

With regard to the land labelled I and J1 (also identified as area 6.1c), the site is also described as being "used for recreational use primarily dog walking" and is stated to be "the most used area of Constitution Hill" – it is noted that the Ordnance Survey map places 'Constitution Hill' on the other side of the Nature Reserve in the area of land labelled B. As aforementioned, other than the public footpath to the east of the land, there are no public rights to access the land and to use it for recreational purposes. Any access other than for use of the public footpath is unlawful. Only part of the land labelled is used for the Hadleigh Show and is rented to a grazier. As with area 6.1b, the checklist for this area suggests that the owner of the land is 'Holbecks Farm', which is incorrect, whilst the assessment section states that there is public access, which there is not (other than the aforementioned public footpath). The section also states that despite comprising an area of 25 acres, the land is not an extensive tract of land.

The assessment section is wholly inaccurate and misleading in terms of its description of the land, its area, how it is used, its ownership and the amount of access available to the general public (which is limited solely to the public footpaths). On this basis, the assessment is inadequate and should not be relied upon as evidence to support the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Justification for Designation

The justification for designation is set out in Paragraph 102 of the National Planning Policy Framework and the Local Green Space Report discusses these elements and how the land may meet these within Section 7. The suggested designations are based on the results of surveys conducted with the Public Consultation, with 114 responses logged. It is suggested that, given the size of the town, this is a poor sample size and does not give an accurate picture of the feelings of the wider community.

Notwithstanding this, the responses indicate that the land in question is special for several reasons, including its views/beauty/landscape, safe place space, nature, isolation, space, lack of noise, and wildlife. All of these points are noted, however many of these points indicate that the land is being used unlawfully as the land is private with public access limited to the public footpaths. It is clear that the combination of the various parcels of land (each with the common prefix being '6.1') makes up a large tract of land to the west of Hadleigh, which should be looked at in the whole rather than as multiple separate parcels. The Planning Practice Guidance (Paragraph: 015 Reference ID: 37-015-20140306) is clear in this respect that the designation "should only be used where the green area concerned is not an extensive tract of land", stating that "blanket designation of open countryside adjacent to settlements will not be appropriate". The Local Green Spaces Report, referencing Paragraph 102 of the NPPF, notes in respect of what constitutes an "extensive tract of land" that "this should demonstrate that the space in question is a local facility and not, for example, green countryside space". The extent of land included within the Local Green



Space designation is clearly an extensive tract of land, despite the attempt to subdivide the land into smaller parcels to circumvent the NPPF's considerations.

Our client's land is within the countryside, albeit close to the built-up area of Hadleigh and significant development is unlikely to be achievable given the existing constraints, particularly in respect of road access. It is therefore questionable as to whether the designation is necessary to protect the land from development, as the potential for development of the land is limited as things stand in planning terms. The land may have some value to local people given the limited access via the public footpaths, but the remainder of the land is not open for formal public use (as discussed below) and, as such the overall importance of the land is therefore not significant and the proposed designation should not apply to our client's land.

Public Access

The Local Green Spaces Report seeks to designate our client's land as Local Green Space within the Hadleigh Neighbourhood Plan, on the basis that the land has been considered to be potentially suitable within the initial Local Green Spaces assessment, notwithstanding the aforementioned issues.

Our client would raise a further objection to this designation on the basis that the designation implies public access to the land. Public access to the land is restricted to the public footpaths to the east of the land labelled I, J1 and J2 and between the land labelled E and F, as shown in the following extract from the Definitive Map held by Suffolk County Council (the full copy is included as Appendix 1).



The land is also subject to a declaration under Section 31(6) of the Highways Act 1980. Section 31(6) of the Highways Act 1980 allows landowners to deposit statements and declarations acknowledging public rights of way across their land and stating that, at that time, they have no intention to dedicate any further public rights of way. The declaration is included as Appendix 2.

Our client has not allowed public access to the land, and has no intention of doing so in the future. The land is frequently used, unlawfully without our client's permission, by members of the public, particularly dog walkers, many of whom fail to respect the land, leaving dog mess and bags on the land



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and in the hedgerows and trees. This is particularly prevalent on the land labelled I, which is grazed by livestock – the dog mess left behind has led to health problems for the livestock. The designation of the land as a Local Green Space has the potential to exacerbate this issue, implying that the land is available for access and recreational purposes.

Whilst the designation of the land as Local Green Space within the Neighbourhood Plan would not include a mechanism to confer access rights, our client is extremely concerned that the designation implies that public access to the land, other than the identified public rights of way, is encouraged and acceptable. The Local Green Spaces Report suggests that the land is used for recreational use primarily for dog walking and states that there is public access to the land, indicating that the entire land is available for use by members of the public, which is certainly not the case. On this basis, our client objects to the Local Green Space designation.

Use of the Land

Whilst the lawful use of the land labelled E, F, G, H, I and J1 is agriculture, not all the land is actively farmed. Some of the land, in particular the land to the west comprising the land labelled F and H is part of the Countryside Stewardship scheme. This provides an environmental enhancement of the land and assists in improving biodiversity in the locality, whilst providing landowners with financial support to deliver these benefits. Our client is concerned that the designation of the land as Local Green Space with the implied public access (as discussed above) would affect the potential for our client to continue and expand with such land management plans such as the Countryside Stewardship scheme, which could have a significant financial impact on our client's business, as well as undoing the positive work that the Stewardship scheme has already delivered.

In addition, the land labelled I and J1 is used on an annual basis for car parking purposes related to the Hadleigh Show, which takes place every May. The land is an important part of the efficient running of the Hadleigh Show, and our client is concerned that the designation of the land as Local Green Space could limit this use and threaten the overall viability of the show, to the detriment of the local community and economy.

Revised Report

It is acknowledged that the Project Officer has met with a representative of the landowner to discuss the report. The Project Officer has made amendments to the wording and criteria of the Local Green Spaces Report, however the revised version has not yet been published on the Hadleigh Town Council website. It would be remiss of the landowner not to comment on the published report that was part of the public consultation, and whilst it is appreciated that amendments have been made to the report, these changes do not appear to have been ratified by the Steering Committee. Our client would offer the following comments on the changes to the Section 6 of the report.

In respect of area 6.1b, it is unclear what is meant by the reference to 'parked cars', it is assumed that this refers to cars parked on the strip of land adjacent to the picnic area adjoining the Riverside Walk. In relation to areas 6.1b and 6.1c, the criteria assessment continues to state that the land is demonstrably special and refers to Section 7, which outlines activities that are stated to take place on the land, however all of these activities are unauthorised on our client's land. The point in respect of the area of land does not make sense as it reads "not as the whole area of ownership of land". The conclusion that the entire area does not meet the criteria is welcomed but our client is concerned that the area would be artificially subdivided in order to meet the selection criteria.

In respect of the table under the heading 'Constitution Hill Identified Parcels, the client would like to note that there is a public footpath within the land labelled F. In respect of the comments relating to the



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land labelled I, the wording should be revised to read *"the estate has challenges here with public unlawfully accessing the grass land for dog walking which restricts the farm from using their land for cattle as they historically did due to dog faeces"*. Private signs are routinely removed, and fences are cut to gain access if the gates to the field are locked.

In respect of the land labelled J, the land is part temporary grass used for the Hadleigh Show and part arable land. Public use has widened the field edges destroying crops grown in the fields.

The content of the final paragraph on page 20 is noted and it should be added that encouraging the Countryside Stewardship scheme, it should be accepted that access must be reduced in order to support the intended wildlife gains.

The objections raised elsewhere in this letter are considered to be equally applicable in respect of the revised wording. In particular, the objections raised demonstrate that the criteria for Local Green Space as not been met.

Summary

Our client is extremely disappointed that no attempt has been made to properly identify and consult with landowners until late in this process. The Planning Practice Guidance is clear that *"should contact landowners at an early stage about proposals to designate any part of their land as Local Green Space"*. It is regrettable that this approach has not been followed by the Neighbourhood Plan group.

Our client objects to the potential designation of their land as Local Green Space. The assessment has not been thoroughly carried out and, as a result includes several inaccuracies, which are highly misleading. The designation is not adequately justified and, whilst appreciating that it does not confer rights of access over and above those that are existing (in this case the public footpaths), could give rise to increased trespass onto our client's land. In addition, it is clear that the designation intends to cover an extensive tract of land, despite the subdivision of the land into 'smaller' parcels, and it is considered therefore, that this fails to meet the requirements of point c) of Paragraph 102 of the NPPF.

Furthermore, the designation may result in the restriction in use of the land as a car park for the Hadleigh Show, and limit the extent to which our client can benefit from environmental grant schemes, such as Countryside Stewardship.

It is requested, therefore, that our client's land is not designated as Local Green Space.

Yours faithfully,

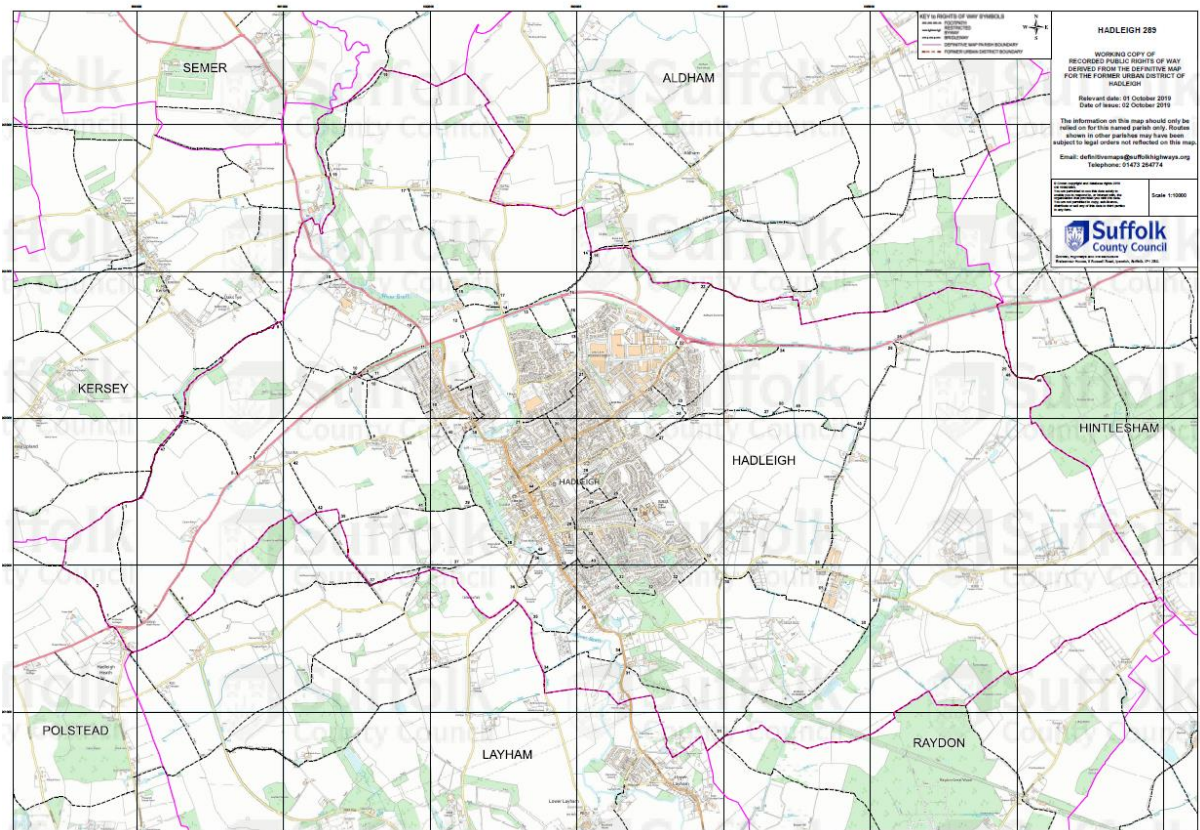
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Appendices

Appendix 1 – Definitive Public Footpath Map of Hadleigh

Appendix 2 – Declaration under Section 31(6) of the Highways Act 1980

Appendix 1



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SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 2(2)(a)

Application Form

Form CA16

Application Form for deposits under section 31(6) of the Highways Act 1980 and section 15A(1) of the Commons Act 2006

Please read the following guidance carefully before completing this form

1. Guidance relating to completion of this form is available from <https://www.gov.uk/town-and-village-greens-how-to-register>. Please refer to these separate notes when completing this form.
2. Parts A and F must be completed in all cases.
3. The form must be signed and dated by, or by a duly authorised representative of, every owner of land to which the application relates who is an individual, and by the secretary or some other duly authorised officer of every owner of land to which the application relates which is a body corporate or an unincorporated association.
4. In the case of land in joint ownership all the joint owners must complete paragraphs 2 and 3 of Part A and complete and sign the application in Part F, unless a duly authorised representative completes and signs the form on behalf of all of the owners of the land. Paragraph 3 should be completed in full to clearly explain the capacity of each applicant e.g. trustee, landowner's managing agent, executor.
5. 'Owner' is defined in section 61(3) of the Commons Act 2006 and section 31(7) of the Highways Act 1980 and means, broadly, a legal owner of the freehold interest in the land.
6. Where the application relates to more than one parcel of land, a description of each parcel should be included in Paragraph 4 of Part A and the remainder of the form should be completed to clearly identify which statement and/or declaration relates to which parcel of land. This may require the insertion of additional wording. See separate notes for further guidance. Multiple parcels of land should be clearly identified by coloured edging on any accompanying map.
7. Where a statement or declaration requires reference to colouring shown on an accompanying map or previously lodged map, the colouring must be clearly specified and must match that shown on the relevant map. For example, if a footpath is specified in a Part C declaration as shown coloured brown, the accompanying map or previously deposited map referred to must reflect that colouring.
8. An application must be accompanied by an ordnance map, or (in respect of declarations under Part C or statements under Part D of this form) refer to a map previously deposited in accordance with the Commons (Registration of Town or Village Greens) and Dedicated Highways (Landowner Statements and Declaration) (England) Regulations 2013 or (if deposited before 1st October 2013) in accordance with section 31(6) of the Highways Act 1980. Any accompanying map must be an ordnance map at a scale of not less than 1:10,560 showing the boundary of the land to which the application relates in coloured edging.
9. An application must be accompanied by the requisite fee – please ask the appropriate authority for details.

10. 'Appropriate authority' means (a) in relation to a map or statement deposited or declaration lodged under section 31(6) of that Act, an appropriate council (as defined in section 31(7) of the Highways Act 1980); and (b) in relation to a statement and map deposited under section 15A(1) of the 2006 Act, a commons registration authority (defined in section 4 of the Commons Act 2006 and section 2 of the Commons Registration Act 1965). In practice, the appropriate council and commons registration authority will usually be the same body.

**PART A: Information relating to the applicant and land to which the application relates
(all applicants must complete this Part)**

1. Name of appropriate authority to which the application is addressed:
Suffolk County Council

2. Name and full address (including postcode) of applicant:
**Mr William Barton of Landbridge Property LLP
As agent for Mrs S.E.F Holden
The Cottage
Church Street
Stoke By Nayland
CO6 4QW**

3. Status of applicant (tick relevant box or boxes):

I am

- (a) the owner of the land(s) described in paragraph 4.
(b) making this application and the statements/declarations it contains on behalf of **Mrs S.E.F Holden** who is the owner of the land(s) described in paragraph 4 and in my capacity as **authorised agent**.

4. Insert description of the land(s) to which the application relates (including full address and postcode):

Holbecks Park, Hadleigh, IP7 5PF

5. Ordnance Survey six-figure grid reference(s) of a point within the area of land(s) to which the application relates (if known):

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6. This deposit comprises the following statement(s) and/or declarations (*delete Parts B, C, or D where not applicable*):

PART B: Statement under section 31(6) of the Highways Act 1980

Mrs S.E.F Holden the owner of the land described in paragraph 4 of Part A of this form and shown **coloured pink** on the map accompanying this statement.

(delete wording in square brackets as appropriate and/or insert information as required)

~~[Ways shown *{insert colouring}* on the accompanying map are byways open to all traffic.]~~

~~[Ways shown *{insert colouring}* on the accompanying map are restricted byways.]~~

~~Ways shown on the accompanying map are public bridleways.~~

Ways shown by a **purple dashed line within the area shaded pink** on the accompanying map are public footpaths.

No other ways over the land shown **shaded pink** on the accompanying map have been dedicated as highways.

(delete wording in square brackets as appropriate and/or insert information as required)

PART C: Declaration under section 31(6) of the Highways Act 1980

1. [I am/[insert name of owner] is] the owner of the land described in paragraph 4 of Part A of this form and shown [insert colouring] on the map [accompanying this declaration/lodged with [insert name] Council on [insert day, month, year]].

(delete wording in square brackets as appropriate and/or insert information as required)

2. On the [insert day] day of [insert month, year] [I/my/[insert name of owner's] predecessor in title [insert name]] deposited with [insert name] Council, being the appropriate council, a statement accompanied by a map showing [my/[insert name of owner's]] property [insert colouring] which stated that:

[the ways shown [insert colouring] on that map [and on the map accompanying this declaration] had been dedicated as byways open to all traffic]

[the ways shown [insert colouring] on that map [and on the map accompanying this declaration] had been dedicated as restricted byways]

[the ways shown [insert colouring] on that map [and on the map accompanying this declaration] had been dedicated as bridleways]

[the ways shown [insert colouring] on that map [and on the map accompanying this declaration] had been dedicated as footpaths]

[no [other] ways had been dedicated as highways over [my/[insert name of owner's]] property]. *(delete wording in square brackets as appropriate and/or insert information as required)*

3. On the [insert day] day of [insert month, year] [I/my/[insert name of owner's] predecessor in title [insert name]] deposited with [insert name] Council, being the appropriate council, a declaration dated [insert day, month, year], stating that no additional ways [other than those marked in the appropriate colour on the map accompanying that declaration] had been dedicated as [byways open to all traffic] [restricted byways] [bridleways] [footpaths] since the deposit of the statement referred to in paragraph 2 above.

(delete if not applicable and delete wording in square brackets as appropriate and/or insert information as required)

4. No additional ways have been dedicated over the land [insert colouring] on the map [accompanying this declaration/referenced in paragraph 1 above] since the statement dated [insert day, month, year] referred to in paragraph 2 above [since the date of the declaration referred to in paragraph 3 above] [other than these [byways open to all traffic] [restricted byways] [bridleways] [footpaths] marked in the appropriate colour on the map accompanying this declaration] and at the present time [I/[insert name of owner]] [have/has] no intention of dedicating any more public rights of way over [my/the] property.

(delete wording in square brackets as appropriate and/or insert information as required)

PART D: Statement under section 15A(1) of the Commons Act 2006

[I am/[insert name of owner] is] the owner of the land described in paragraph 4 of Part A of this form and shown [insert colouring] on the map [accompanying this statement/deposited with [insert name] Council on [insert day, month, year]].

[I/[insert name of owner]] [wish/wishes] to bring to an end any period during which persons may have indulged as of right in lawful sports and pastimes on the whole or any part of the land shown [insert colouring] on the [accompanying map/map referenced above].

(delete wording in square brackets as appropriate and/or insert information as required)

PART E: Additional information relevant to the application
(insert any additional information relevant to the application)

PART F: Statement of Truth
(all applicants must complete this Part)

WARNING: If you dishonestly enter information or make a statement that you know is, or might be, untrue or misleading, and intend by doing so to make a gain for yourself or another person, or to cause loss or the risk of loss to another person, you may commit the offence of fraud under section 1 of the Fraud Act 2006, the maximum penalty for which is 10 years' imprisonment or an unlimited fine, or both.

I BELIEVE THAT THE FACTS AND MATTERS CONTAINED IN THIS FORM ARE TRUE

Signature (of the person making the statement of truth):

Print full name: William Barton (agent to the Trustees)

Date:

You should keep a copy of the completed form

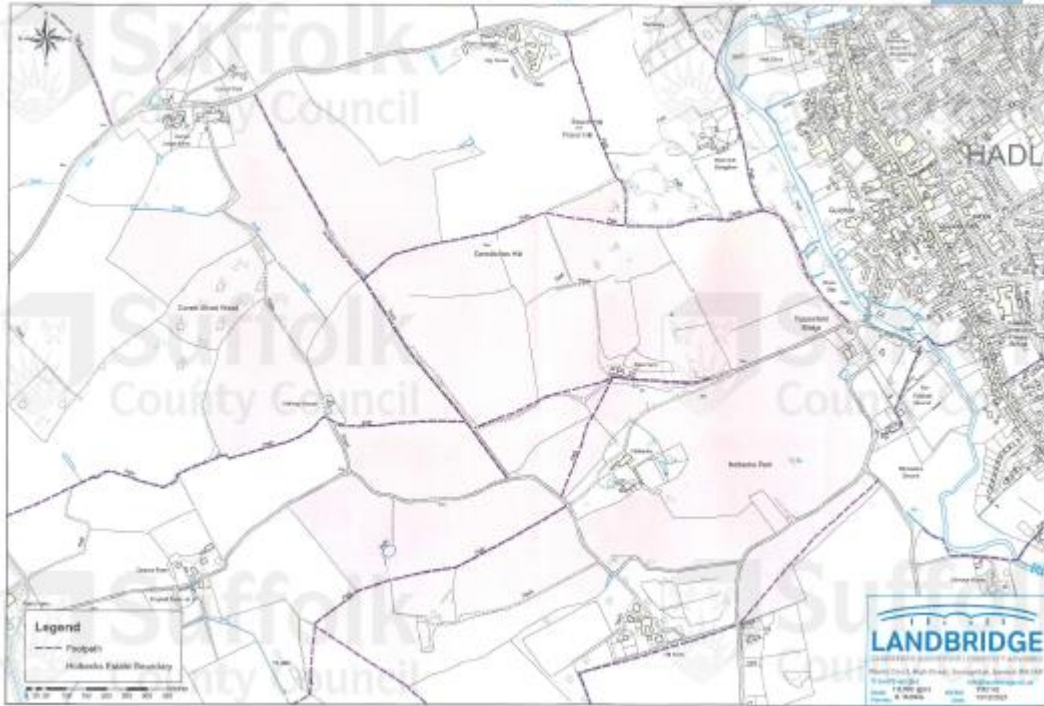
Data Protection Act 1998 - Fair Processing Notice

The purpose of this Fair Processing Notice is to inform you of the use that will be made of your personal data, as required by the Data Protection Act 1998.

The appropriate authority (see explanation of definition in above guidance notes) in England is the data controller in respect of any personal data that you provide when you complete this form.

The information that you provide will be used by the appropriate authority in its duties to process applications to deposit statements, maps and declarations under section 31(6) the Highways Act 1980 and statements under section 15A(1) of the Commons Act 2006. The information you provide will also be used by the appropriate authority in its duty to update the registers in which details of such deposits are recorded under the Dedicated Highways (Registers under Section 31A of the Highways Act 1980) (England) Regulations 2007 and the Commons (Registration of Town or Village Greens) and Dedicated Highways (Landowner Statements and Declarations) (England) Regulations 2013.

The appropriate authority is required by the legislation above to maintain a register which holds information provided in this form, which can be inspected online or in person by members of the public on request. It may also be required to release information, including personal data and commercial information, on request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 or the Freedom of Information Act 2000. However, the appropriate authority will not permit any unwarranted breach of confidentiality nor will they act in contravention of their obligations under the Data Protection Act 1998.



Appendix P – Usable Green Spaces; Questionnaire for Young People, May 2023

Throughout the process, it has been important to the Town Council and the working groups that the Neighbourhood Plan be sustainable; sustainability is all about ensuring resources are not depleted for future generations. It was therefore important to directly target engagement with young people as well as those in the workforce and the easiest demographic to reach, older people.

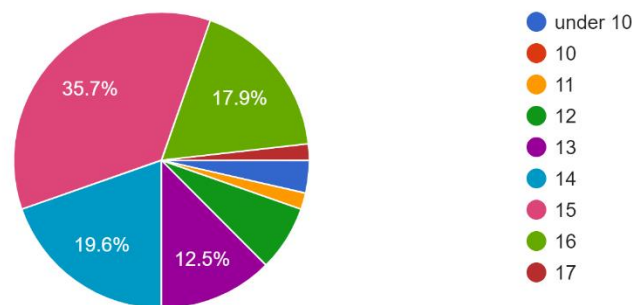
When the Topic Papers for the objective policies were being brainstormed in working group workshops, it was suggested that young people use green spaces for activities the most and as such they should be asked what they think of Hadleigh’s existing useable green spaces and what they feel is important for future, new, green spaces to make sure they are usable.

This was done via a questionnaire targeted towards 11–16-year-olds via Hadleigh High School, Suffolk Young Carers and Porch Project, during the month of May in 2023. Roughly 750 young people were sent the survey link. There were 56 respondents (8%).

The responses to each question are detailed below.

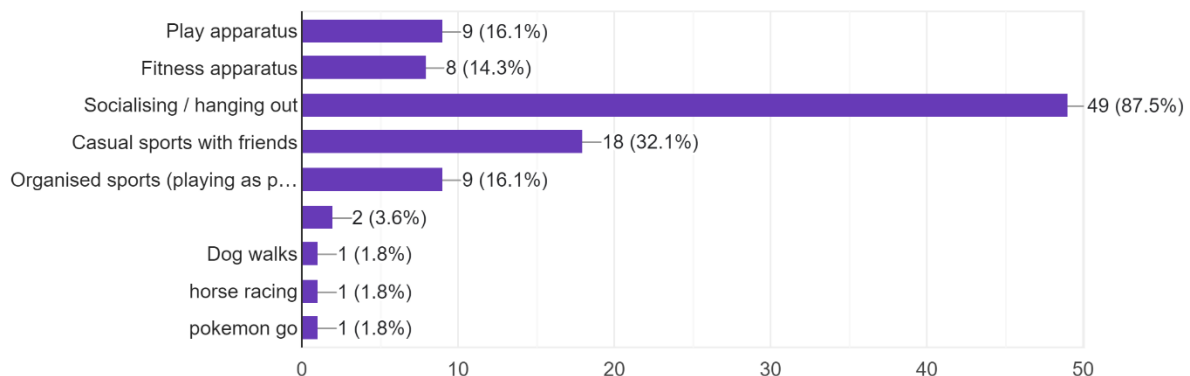
How old are you?

56 responses



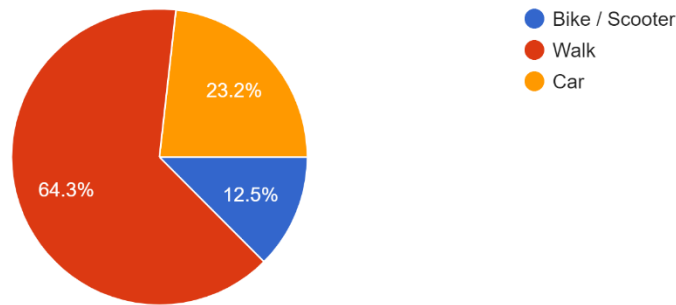
What do you currently use green spaces within Hadleigh for?

56 responses



How do you get to and from current useable green spaces?

56 responses



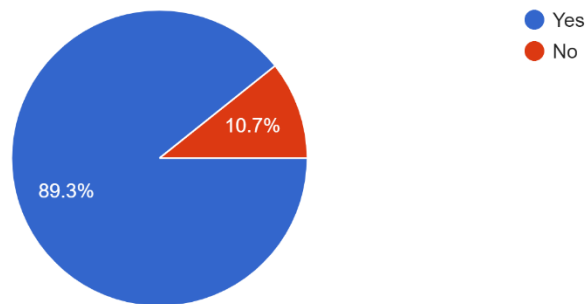
The next question asked the young people what they'd like to see in a useable to make it better or to encourage them to use the area. This was an open text question.

The top answers were:

- Sports or fitness equipment x 16
- Places to sit / more benches x 10
- Biodiversity comments such as better biodiversity by leaving grassed areas to grow / more trees / more colour and better-quality grass x 10
- More bins to tackle litter x 5
- Sheltered areas x 3
- Surveillance (from authority) x 3
- Food available nearby such as vending machines or a kiosk x 3

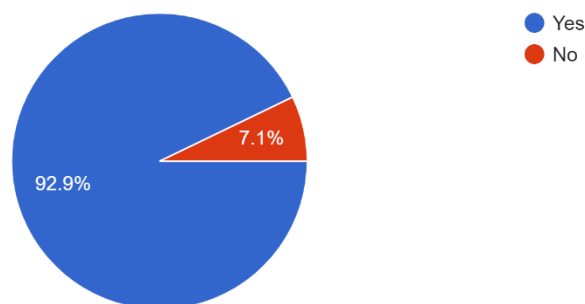
Should useable green spaces have more benches?

56 responses



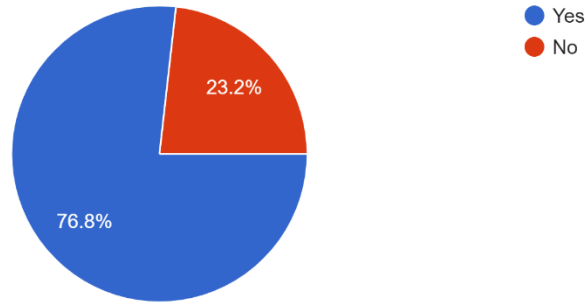
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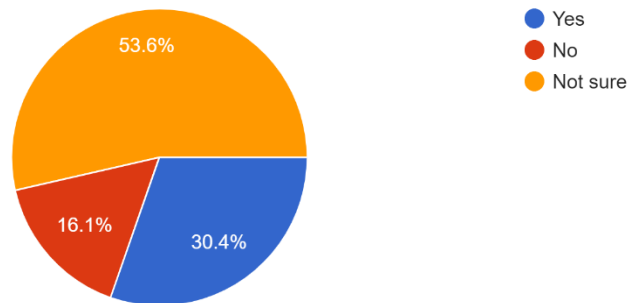
Is an area of shelter important to you within a green space?

56 responses



Would you like to see separation (by hedges for example) within green spaces for different uses?

56 responses



The final question was another open text field asking if there were any other general comments about this subject. Discarding those that are not about useable green spaces, the following were noted:

- There should be more council members clearing up any dropped litter so the green spaces are not polluted with rubbish.
- Shelter is important due to different weather
- i want more trees
- More flowers and benches.
- Small picnic tables would be nice
- More benches

Appendix Q – Local List, June 2023

Letters were sent to 161 homeowners and/or occupiers on 26th May 2023 and were asked to reply within five weeks, by 30th June 2023, to submit responses or comments to the Hadleigh Society and Hadleigh Town Council regarding the inclusion of the property in the Local List. A sample letter sent to property owners / occupiers follows this statement.

There were 10 responses within that timeframe, however the Hadleigh Society will continue to respond to comments regarding the Local List (which will be reviewed every three to five years) after that date for consideration in the reviews.

The full Local List can be viewed on Hadleigh Society's website: <https://hadsoc.org.uk/local-list/>

Summary of comments

Comments received were all positive to the inclusion of properties in the Local List. Several photographs were provided to Hadleigh Society for addition or reference and further historic evidence of the history of the buildings supplied. Every respondent was interested in the Local List, supportive of its work and purpose and in the history and architecture of their buildings.

Six respondents specifically thanked Hadleigh Society and Hadleigh Town Council for their property being included in the list, and none raise any objection to inclusion. Six respondents provided additional information regarding their property and/or correcting errors spotted in the Local List text. Three respondents invited the Local List organiser to their property to be able to provide more historical information about their property. The Organiser visited these three respondents at the end of the consultation period and from which additional new history of the properties was provided.

Responses were received from:

24 New Cut
Holbecks Park Farm Farmhouse
23 Gallows Hill *
2 Yew Cottages, Long Bessels *
Hadleigh Cricket Clubhouse, Friars Rd
Toppesfield Mill House Tinker Lane *
Stone Street Farmhouse
121 Benton Street
157 George Street

** indicates property visited by Organiser*

The results of the consultation resulted in the Local List Organiser being able to update/correct 5 entries and to add several additional photographs of the properties giving a fuller record of the buildings appearance both current and in the past.

On 28th June, a meeting of the Hadleigh Society was held in the evening at the Guildhall in which the 34 persons attending were given a presentation of the Local List. The presentation was well received.

It can be summarised as a worthwhile exercise and useful addition to the Neighbourhood Plan.



Hadleigh Town Council

THE HADLEIGH SOCIETY

Projects & Finance Officer
Hadleigh Town Council
The Guildhall
Hadleigh
Suffolk
IP7 5DN

[address]

26th May 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: [Property if not in address]

Hadleigh's List of Local Heritage Assets

The Hadleigh Society, in partnership with Hadleigh Town Council, is currently undertaking selections of properties for a Local List of Non-Designated Heritage Assets for inclusion in the Hadleigh Neighbourhood Plan which is now being drawn up. The purpose of the list is to identify locally valued heritage assets which are not 'listed', but which do so much to give the town its special character and distinctiveness. The full draft Local List can be viewed online at: <https://hadsoc.org.uk/local-list/>

I am writing as the above property has been identified as being sufficiently merit worthy for inclusion in the Hadleigh List of Local of Non-Designated Heritage Assets. This Local List may, in many ways, be considered as a snapshot of properties existing today that have, and continue to have, a special character worthy of note in the cultural and architectural heritage of Hadleigh that deserve recording before they may be lost.

Should you not be the owner of this property could you please pass this letter to them. As an owner we are consulting you and invite any comments you have on this nomination, in particular including any further information about the building, its history, its past uses, and/or interesting past occupants. Your comments are welcomed as part of this process and can be included in the background information regarding the heritage and history of the property.

We are keen to stress that local listing does not provide extra legislative controls or protection for those buildings, parks and gardens included on the Local List. Nor are Permitted Development rights affected. There is no additional control over changes which do not require planning permission or over internal alterations. As such, therefore, local listing is not the same as statutory Listed Buildings which do have

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additional controls over changes to both the interior and exterior of those properties. When planning permission is required for the local listed property, or for development next to the property, the special interest of the asset will be taken into account.

To have been included on the Local List the property is considered to have met at least two of the criteria set out in the Hadleigh Local List Selection Criteria. These criteria are based on national good practice guidance provided by Historic England. A copy of the Selection Criteria used may be found on the Council's website.

The list of properties has been developed by The Hadleigh Society working with Hadleigh Town Council. Out of some 150 property groups initially considered, 100 were finally selected for the draft Local List. The list will be reviewed every 3 to 5 years to assess any additional nominations and to update any changes to the properties on the List.

Should you wish to make any comments on the inclusion of this building, its history or other interesting aspects concerning the property please email projects@hadleightowncouncil.gov.uk and secretary@hadsoc.org.uk. You can also submit comments via <https://hadsoc.org.uk/local-list/>

Any comments should be submitted by 30th June 2023.

Yours faithfully,

Alicja Barnes
Projects & Finance Officer