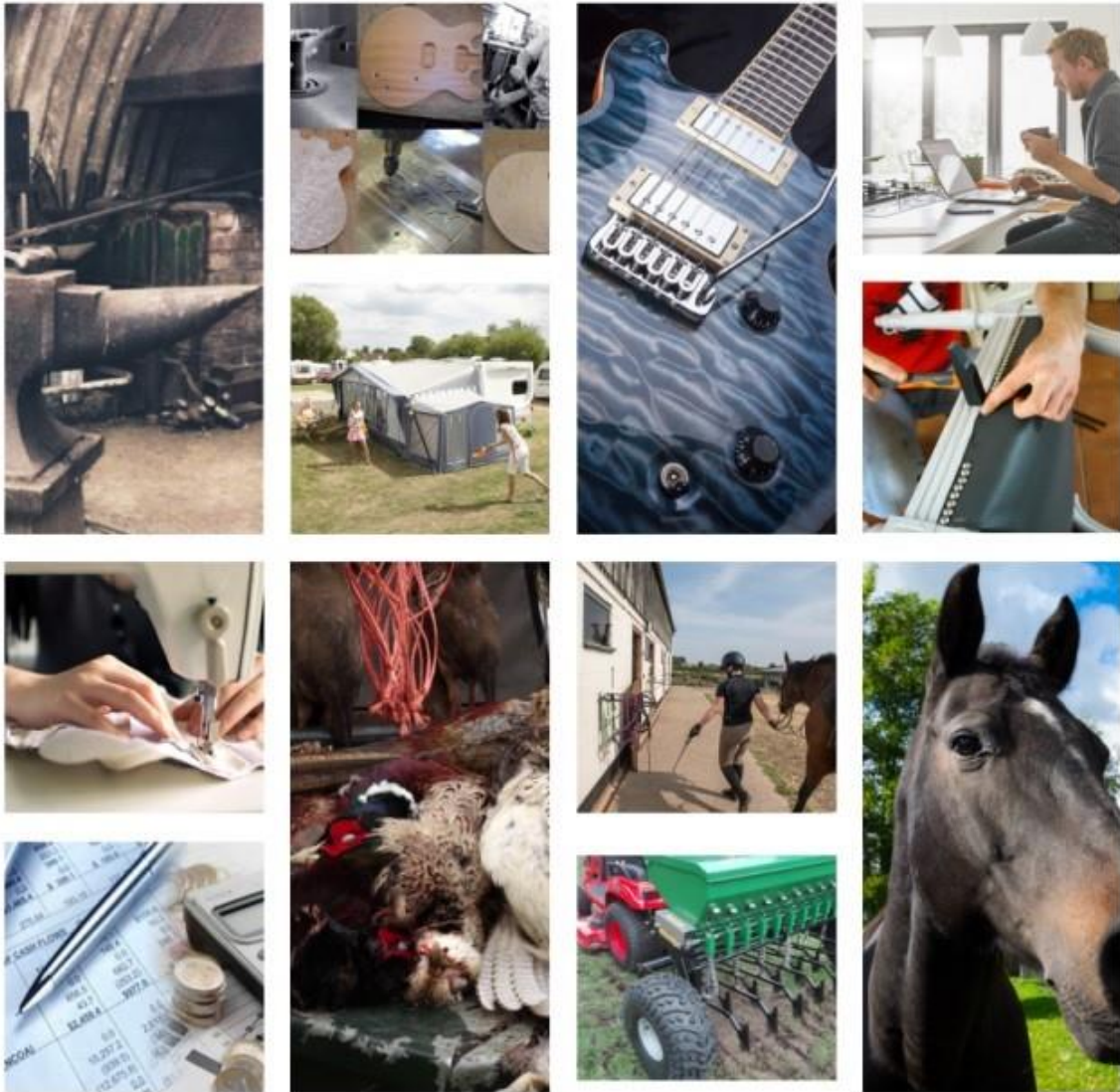


Little Cornard Neighbourhood Plan 2020 – 2037



Consultation Statement

September 2021

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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 Little Cornard Neighbourhood Plan.
- 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 neighbourhood development plan;
 - explain how they were consulted;
 - summarise the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and
 - describe how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan.
- 1.3 The policies contained in the Little Cornard Neighbourhood Plan are as a result of considerable interaction and consultation with the community and businesses within the parish as well as with statutory bodies. Work has involved community groups over approximately three years, as well as surveys, public meetings and events. Views and interactions from this entire process led to the Vision and Objectives in the Little Cornard Neighbourhood Plan, and subsequently therefore form the basis for the key policies set out in the Little Cornard Neighbourhood Plan.



2 BACKGROUND TO THE PREPARATION OF THE LITTLE CORNARD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- 2.1 In early 2018 Little Cornard Parish Council (LCPC) discussed whether to start the process of adopting a Neighbourhood Plan for Little Cornard (LCNP). This was in response to increasing concerns about possible changes to local and national planning laws. Residents and Councillors were also increasingly concerned about issues such as the conservation and protection of the countryside and the problems created by increasing traffic levels on narrow roads.
- 2.2 A meeting was arranged for councillors and residents on the 12th June 2018 and at this meeting Chris Bowden of Navigus Planning gave a presentation on the importance of Neighbourhood Plans. At the end of the meeting a straw poll of approximately fifty residents indicated strong support for the production of a LCNP.
- 2.3 LCPC met on the 10th July 2018 and reviewed the outcomes from the meeting held on 12th June 2018. It was unanimously resolved to make an application to Babergh District Council for the Parish boundary of Little Cornard to be designated a Neighbourhood Plan Area. It was resolved to set up a Steering Group to oversee the preparation of the LCNP and to ask for volunteers to join this group..
- 2.4 On the 1st August 2018 LCPC made an application to Babergh District Council to designate the whole of the parish of Little Cornard as the Neighbourhood Plan Area.
- 2.5 Babergh District Council issued an Area Designation Notice for Little Cornard on the 6th August 2018. A grant offer of funding towards preparation of the LCNP was also received.
- 2.6 The initial Steering Group meeting took place on the 28th August 2018, it consisted of eight members including four LCPC members. At the meeting a draft set of terms of reference were agreed.
- 2.7 LCPC adopted the terms of reference for the Steering Group on the 11th September 2018. It was also agreed to appoint Chris Bowden of Navigus Planning as a consultant in the preparation of the LCNP.

2.8 Villagers were regularly kept informed about the preparation of the plan through LCPC and Steering Group minutes on the Little Cornard website www.littlecornard.onesuffolk.net and regular updates in the Parish magazine.

2.9 LCPC received a report from the Steering Group at each of its meetings.



3 PREPARATION AND CONSULTATION PROCESSES

- 3.1 The LCNP has been prepared over a period of three years by a voluntary group of residents and representatives of LCPC who formed the Steering Group, in accordance with the Government's Neighbourhood Planning Regulations. LCPC has been involved at all stages and has offered suggestions to the Steering Group.
- 3.2 Extensive community engagement was undertaken to develop the LCNP's aims and objectives and gather the evidence, which in turn helped to develop the policies. The COVID pandemic and resulting restrictions made the process more challenging, fortunately Little Cornard has a relatively small population; so individual contacts and email shots reach most residents.
- 3.3 The content of the LCNP has been led by community interaction with the Steering Group and shaped by the results of an extensive parish questionnaire which elicited 106 responses from the 133 households. Local groups and businesses in the parish were also asked to contribute ideas.
- 3.4 On the 1st August 2018 LCPC submitted an application to Babergh District Council for the area within Little Cornard's parish boundary to be designated the Neighbourhood Plan Area. On the 6th August 2018 in accordance with Regulation 5A(2) and 7(1) of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) Babergh District Council issued the designation notice to Little Cornard Parish Council as the Relevant Body.
- 3.5 The Steering Group contacted those parishes which had common boundaries with Little Cornard to inform them of the intention to produce a LCNP and to ask if there were any issues which they wished to raise. The Dedham Vale AONB, which has a boundary close to Little Cornard, Suffolk Wildlife Trust and other statutory bodies were informed of the intention to produce a LCNP.
- 3.6 The Steering Group met with the Parochial Church Council in Little Cornard to inform them of the intention to produce a LCNP and to ask for any ideas and suggestions to be considered. The Steering Group also consulted the Little Cornard Conservation Society and Little Cornard History Group. Both these groups were represented on the Steering Group.
- 3.7 The Steering Group first met in August 2018 and positions of responsibility were agreed and a draft 'terms of reference' were prepared for submission to the LCPC. The SG was comprised of a cross section of residents from differing backgrounds, ages and

professions. The Steering Group agreed to meet on a regular basis and initially met in the Little Cornard Village Hall, latterly, as a consequence of COVID regulations meetings were held on Zoom.

- 3.8 The Steering Group made personal contact with the Great Cornard Parish Council to discuss common interests in the boundary area adjoining the two parishes. Contact was also made with Bures Parish Council regarding similar issues. The Steering Group was keen to work with adjoining parishes to establish aims and objectives that benefited all communities.
- 3.9 A significant contribution to the work of the Steering Group came from the results of the Village Questionnaire prepared by the Steering Group. This was distributed to all households in Little Cornard together with a number of organisations in the local area. In preparing the Questionnaire the Steering Group was aware that the population of Little Cornard had a higher than average number of elderly and retired people, most of whom had lived in the village for over 20 years and who were often reliant on cars for shopping etc. Personal contacts were therefore particularly important. The Questionnaire was distributed in April 2019. In preparation for this work the residents were briefed at the 2019 Little Cornard Annual Parish Meeting on progress towards preparing the LCNP and specifically on the questionnaire.
- 3.10 The last Housing and Population Data Profile (2015) for Little Cornard indicated that there were 286 residents in Little Cornard representing 133 households. The Steering Group was, therefore, very pleased to receive 106 responses to the questionnaire including 99 residents/households, 4 businesses and two non- residents.
- 3.11 Little Cornard is designated as 'Countryside' in Babergh's draft Joint Local Plan and there is a presumption that very few new housing developments will take place during the LCNP life cycle. The Steering Group were, therefore, not surprised that a majority of respondents to the questionnaire were not in favour of new housing developments. The only area of possible development receiving support was developing home offices within existing dwellings.
- 3.12 Other key areas which received high support in Questionnaire responses were retaining and enhancing the high quality of the countryside. Improving safe access for all road and footpath users and reducing speeding traffic. The Steering group tried to take all the responses into account. The evolving Suffolk Quiet Lanes initiative and LCPC's commitment to both safety and reducing speed on Little Cornard's roads provided additional focus.

- 3.13 The concerns expressed by the local communities living around the boundary between Little and Great Cornard, defined by Blackhouse Lane, provided additional information. Minutes provided by the Cornard Residents Association provided more information and additional contacts. The adjoining Cornard Mere, a site of SSSI, and the Great Cornard Country Park were important areas where safeguarding the environment and identifying development for the benefit of the public were important considerations. The wildlife data provided by the Suffolk Wildlife Trust and contacts with the Environment Agency, Anglian Water and Suffolk County Council were helpful.
- 3.14 The Steering Group were very appreciative of the quantity and quality of all the information provided by villagers, surrounding parishes, local business, members of the public and the wide variety of statutory bodies. This was carefully scrutinised and informed the content, key issues and objectives of the Plan. Navigus Planning Consultancy provided expert advice to the Steering Group throughout the process which was shared with villagers through issues of the parish magazine, issued three times a year.
- 3.15 The Little Cornard NP planning policies were thought through extremely carefully and crafted in consultation with Navigus Planning.

Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 3.16 LCPC submitted the draft LCNP to Babergh District Council (BDC) for a Screening Opinion in respect of the need for a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the Regulation 14 LCNP in December 2020. BDC's assessment was that the plan did not require an SEA. It then consulted with the statutory bodies Historic England, Natural England and Environment Agency in January 2021. It was determined "In the light of the SEA Screening Report prepared by Land Use Consultants, and the responses from the two statutory bodies, it is determined that the Little Cornard Neighbourhood Plan does not require a Strategic Environmental Assessment in accordance with the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004."

<https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/neighbourhood-planning/neighbourhood-planning-in-babergh/little-cornard-neighbourhood-plan/>

Habitats Regulations Assessment

- 3.17 Little Cornard Parish Council submitted the draft LCNP to BDC for a Screening Opinion in respect of the need for a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) of the Regulation 14 LCNP in December 2020. BDC's assessment was that the plan did not require an SEA. It then consulted with Natural England in January 2021. It was determined "In the light of the Screening Report prepared by Place Services and information contained in the response from Natural England, it is determined that the Little Cornard Neighbourhood

Plan does not require further assessment under the Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended).”

<https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/neighbourhood-planning/neighbourhood-planning-in-babergh/little-cornard-neighbourhood-plan/>

3.18 Alongside the summary of events held during the LCNP development process shown in the LCNP Timeline, the following communications and vehicles were used throughout the preparation of the LCNP to keep villagers updated:

- Regular Reports and updates through the Parish Magazine which were distributed to every household in the village, and Little Cornard website
- Update of LCNP Minutes on the Little Cornard website
- Posters displayed on Notice Boards in the village
- Leaflets sent to all households
- Surveys sent to all householders and stakeholder groups
- Presentations to village groups
- Handouts / Displays at meetings and Annual Parish Meetings
- Updates at every Parish Council Meeting – Minutes published on Little Cornard website..



LCNP Timeline

Date	Action	Notes
12th June 2018	Presentation by Navigus Planning to Little Cornard Parish Council and 45 residents on the importance of Neighbourhood Plans.	
10th July 2018	Little Cornard Parish Council agree to make an application to Babergh District Council for the Parish boundary of Little Cornard to be designated a Neighbourhood Plan Area.	
6th August 2018	Babergh District Council issue an Area Designation Notice for Little Cornard Neighbourhood Plan Area.	
28th August 2018	First meeting of the LCNP Steering Group.	8 members including 4 from LCPC.
11th September 2018	LCPC agree terms of reference for the LCNP Steering Group and appoint Navigus Planning as a consultant in the preparation of the LCNP.	
17th September 2018	Steering Group start meeting to agree aims and objectives of the LCNP.	
November 2018	Contact made with Great Cornard Parish Council and Bures Parish Council in order to establish common aims and objectives with the LCNP.	
April 2019	Questionnaire distributed to all residents, organisations and businesses in Little Cornard as well as adjoining parishes.	
June 2019	Analysis of feedback from Questionnaire collated by Steering Group.	106 responses from 133 households.
July 2019	Steering Group start to prepare the sections of the LCNP, which are all reviewed with Navigus Planning.	
February 2021	Draft LCNP completed.	
22nd March 2021	LCNP - Regulation 14 Pre-Submission Consultation commences for an 8-week period.	Publicised through Little Cornard website, Village magazine and leaflet drop to all households. 13 responses received.
27th April 2021	Zoom meetings for residents to discuss draft LCNP	3 residents dial-in.
August 2021	LCNP amended to incorporate feedback following Regulation 14 Pre-Submission Consultation.	

4 REGULATION 14 PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION

- 4.1 The Steering Group finalised the Draft LCNP in February 2021. The Regulation 14 Pre-Submission Consultation was published by Little Cornard Parish Council and ran for an eight-week period from 22nd March 2021 to 17th May 2021, an extended period to reflect the impact of COVID-19. The Public Notice for the consultation was placed on the notice boards in the parish, on the Neighbourhood Plan page of the Little Cornard website <http://littlecornard.onesuffolk.net/neighbourhood-plan/> and in the Village Magazine.
- 4.2 Paper copies of the draft LCNP were made available via the Parish Clerk on request. The document could also be read on the website <http://littlecornard.onesuffolk.net/neighbourhood-plan/>. Due to COVID-19 restrictions making it impossible to hold a public meeting to discuss the Draft LCNP, two Zoom meetings were arranged on the 27th April 2021 for the residents to take part in a discussion with Little Cornard Parish Council and Steering Group representatives. The joining instructions for the Zoom meeting were published on the notice boards and within a leaflet distributed to all Little Cornard households. Responses were accepted via email or post.

Distribution to statutory and non-statutory consultees

- 4.3 In accordance with requirements of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations, relevant statutory consultees, as advised by Babergh District Council, were notified by email. In addition, a range of parties that the Steering Group considered were likely to have an interest in the plan were also written to. All parties were advised to download a copy of the plan from the Little Cornard website but were advised that hard copies could be issued on request.

4.4 The full list of statutory consultees and landowners that were written to are as follows:

Position	Company / Organisation
MP for South Suffolk	Houses of Parliament
County Cllr to Stour Valley Division	Suffolk County Council
County Cllr to Gt Cornard Division	Suffolk County Council
County Cllr to Hedingham Division	Essex County Council
Ward Cllr to Gt Cornard	Babergh DC
Ward Cllr to Gt Cornard	Babergh DC
Ward Cllr to Bures St Mary & Nayland	Babergh DC
Ward Cllr to Assington	Babergh DC
Ward Cllr to Stour Valley South	Braintree DC
Council Manager to ...	Great Cornard Parish Council
Parish Clerk to	Newton Parish Council
Parish Clerk to	Assington Parish Council
Parish Clerk to	Bures St Mary Parish Council
Chairman to	Alphamstone & Lamarsh Parish Council
Parish Clerk to	The Hennys, Middleton & Twinstead PC
Planning Policy Team	Braintree District Council
Community Engagement team	Rural Community Council of Essex
Community Engagement team	Rural Community Council of Essex
BMSDC Community Planning	Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Councils
SCC Neighbourhood Planning	Suffolk County Council
Transport Policy	Suffolk County Council
Planning Obligations Manager	Suffolk County Council
Area Manager, Norfolk & Suffolk Team	Homes & Communities Agency (HCA)
Land Use Operations	Natural England
Essex, Norfolk & Suffolk Sustainable Places Team	Environment Agency

East of England Office	Historic England
East of England Office	National Trust
Town Planning Team	Network Rail Infrastructure Limited
	Highways England
Stakeholders & Networks Officer	Marine Management Organisation
	Vodafone and O2 - EMF Enquiries
	<i>EE (part of the BT Group)</i>
	Three
Estates Planning Support Officer	Ipswich & East Suffolk CCG & West Suffolk CCG
	Transco - National Grid
Stakeholder Engagement Team	UK Power Networks
Strategic and Spatial Planning Manager	Anglian Water
	Essex & Suffolk Water
	National Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups
	Norfolk & Suffolk Gypsy Roma & Traveller Service
	Diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich
Chief Executive	Suffolk Chamber of Commerce
Senior Growing Places Fund Co-ordinator	New Anglia LEP
Strategy Manager	New Anglia LEP
Conservation Officer	RSPB
Conservation Officer (Essex, Beds & Herts)	RSPB
Senior Planning Manager	Sport England (East)
	Suffolk Constabulary
	Suffolk Wildlife Trust
Director	Suffolk Preservation Society
	Suffolk Preservation Society

Community Development Officer – Rural Affordable Housing	Community Action Suffolk
Senior Manager Community Engagement	Community Action Suffolk
	Dedham Vale Society
AONB Officer (Joint AONBs Team)	Suffolk Coast & Heath AONB
	Theatres Trust
	East Suffolk Internal Drainage Board
Major Landowners	Michael Cardy
	Rob Shelley
	RABI
	Peter Schwind

4.5 In addition, all local businesses that had been identified throughout the process were written to, as were the Diocese Vicar, the Little Cornard History Society, and the Steering Group members.

Responses

4.6 In total there were 13 representations received during the consultation:

- 3 from residents
- 10 from statutory consultees.

4.7 All received responses from villagers, stakeholders and Babergh District Council were recorded and members of the Steering Group and the Parish Council then met in July 2021 to discuss each response and agreed on the modifications to the Plan. Navigus Planning provided the technical input for policy changes where necessary.

4.8 The representations, the responses and the actions taken are shown in Appendix C.

Appendix A Questionnaire

The Questionnaire was distributed to all Little Cornard dwellings, organisations and businesses in June 2019.

LITTLE CORNARD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Dear Resident,

The Parish is beginning the process of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan to submit for adoption as part of the Babergh Local Plan. Under the National Planning Policy Framework, the Neighbourhood Plan then has statutory force and becomes important for any development within our Parish.

You may have attended the meeting in the Village Hall when the idea was presented. If so, you will have heard some of the benefits of having this document to provide our own policies for the future of the Parish.

The attached questionnaire is a starting point for us to obtain your views and opinions on what that Neighbourhood Plan should contain. We may need to send a further questionnaire as the Plan is developed.

Once prepared and agreed upon by the Planning Authority, we must obtain the support of at least 50%, plus one vote, of residents for the Plan to be adopted. Your input and support is critical.

Little Cornard is designated as 'Countryside' at this time and realistically it is likely to so remain. However, we will be expected to demonstrate logical planning reasons for any development, or refusal of it, based on sound planning logic and policy.

As well as local residents, we are also consulting with the Church, the Conservation Society, the History Society, Conservation team officers at the Local Authority, Babergh District Planning Team, the Environmental Agency, AONB and businesses within or which have direct interests in our Parish.

This questionnaire will be distributed to everyone in the Parish and should you need another copy for someone in your household, please let us know or download another copy from the village website: www.littlecornard.onesuffolk.net

Thank you for your help

Your Neighbourhood Steering Group and Parish Council

Volunteer Contact is

Tel:..... email:.....

Questionnaires will be collected on:

As all your answers are confidential, they will not be used for any other purpose than the compiling of our Neighbourhood Plan. This information will be encrypted to comply with GDPR. If you feel unable or do not wish to answer any question please state that and go on to the next.

Your opinion is important.

**Little Cornard Parish
Neighbourhood Plan – Questionnaire**

Please tick your current status:

Village resident	
Business in village	
Village non-resident	

A. About your household

- How many people in total are in your household?
- What age groups are in your household (please indicate all members):

Age group	Male	Female	Prefer not to say
a. 0-4			
b. 5-11			
c. 12-17			
d. 18-45			
e. 46-64			
f. 65-75			
g. over 76			

- What is your current employment status (complete for all household please)?

	How many in your household?
a. Full-time employed	
b. Part-time employed	
c. Self-employed	
d. Unwaged (homemaker)	
e. Retired	
f. Registered disabled	
g. Owner/Director	
h. Unemployed	
i. Student/Training	
j. Child	

4. Why did you move to Little Cornard (order in Priority 1 – 3 only)?

	Prioritise 1 – 3 only
a. Work in area	
b. Prefer village to town	
c. Friends	
d. Family links	
e. Lived here as a child	
f. Wanted countryside	
g. Accessibility to your main work	
h. Born here	
i. Other	

5. How many years have your family lived in your present home?

6. The Parish Council uses the parish magazine and village website to keep in touch. How often do you read or refer to the magazine? (please tick?)

a. Quarterly	
b. Occasionally	
c. Never	

7. Do you use the village website- www.littlecornard.onesuffolk.net - to find information about the village and what goes on here?

a. Yes	
b. No	
c. Didn't know there was one	

8. Would you find it helpful to use the website to partake in this Neighbourhood Plan?

a. Yes	
b. No	

9. All Saints Church is the only church in the village. Do you find the church welcoming to the village residents and visitors?

a. Yes	
b. No	
c. Not sure	

All Saints Church has an extensive website www.littlecornardchurch.org.uk:

	Never	Occasionally	Frequently
a. Have you used the website			
b. Do you attend church services at All Saints?			
c. Do you attend First Tuesday Open Church?			
d. Do you attend the Flower Festival?			
e. Do you attend the Christmas Carol Service?			

* Frequently is at least once a month.

What do you particularly like about Little Cornard Church?

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Do you have any suggestions for the Church Council as to how to help develop inclusivity, pastoral care, communication and the wider use of the Church by the community?

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10. Where do you and your family travel to most commonly at present for the following (please include all persons in your household in this – tick all that apply):

	Work	Shopping	School/ College	Leisure/ Entertainment
a. Sudbury				
b. Great Cornard				
c. Colchester				
d. Ipswich				
e. Home				
f. London				
g. Braintree				
h. Other place				

11. Rank in order of use the form of transport you and your family mostly use for the above activities? (1 to 7 with 7 being the least used).

	Prioritise 1 – 7
a. Car	
b. Bus	
c. Motorcycle	
d. Taxi	
e. Cycle	
f. Train	
g. Walk	
h. Other	

12. What do you most like about living here (please summarise)

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13. What do you most dislike about living here (please summarise)

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B. Planning policy and the Built Environment

The Neighbourhood Plan will be used as a basis for considering all future planning applications in the village. In the Local Plan, Babergh District Council defines Little Cornard as “Countryside” or a rural village. This means any development should be strictly limited and controlled to: -

- Replacement buildings on a one-for-one basis where they are no more prominent or visually obtrusive in the countryside than the building it replaces.
- The subdivision of a larger dwelling where this would meet local need.
- Conversion or extension of an existing building subject to certain controls.

Under other sections of the Local Plan, there is further support for this approach to ensure that new developments are aesthetically suitable in terms of design and their impact on the landscape and street scene.

The only exception would be for affordable housing where a need had been submitted and supported, with evidence through a Housing Needs Survey, and community support had been demonstrated through the policies set out in the Neighbourhood Plan (Rural Exception Policy).

Which of the following Development options would you support within the Neighbourhood Plan?

	Yes	No
a. Modernising or enlarging existing residential dwellings irrespective of size or scale		
b. Small new developments with larger houses		
c. Small new developments of smaller houses		
d. New business and commercial properties		
e. Conversion of existing agricultural buildings to commercial use		
f. New small business premises		
g. Greater development of home offices within existing dwellings		
h. Small new affordable housing development		
i. More protected wildlife habitats		

C. Listed Buildings and Archaeological sites

- There are some listed buildings and archaeological sites scattered around the village. We will list these in the appendix of the Neighbourhood Plan. There is not a sufficient grouping to create a Conservation area within the village. Some buildings can become 'non listed heritage assets' if they were built before 1914 and or if they contribute to a particular street scene or area. These could support the character of the village as a rural countryside area.

Are there areas in the village that you believe could become 'non-listed heritage assets'?
 Please list them:

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- There are one or two archaeological sites registered with Suffolk County Council such as 'Danes Hole' on the borders with Great Cornard.

Would you wish to see these protected within the NP?	Yes	No
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D. The Natural Environment

- Flooding and the River Stour**

The River can pose a flood risk to parts of the village – much of which is already designated as flood plain. Any new development should not impede the river flow or increase the flood risk.

Do you agree?	Yes	No
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- Rural Countryside Corridor**

The Parish Council believes that the setting of Little Cornard on the Stour Valley creates part of the character of the village, worthy of care and protection. Our Neighbourhood Plan allows us to keep and suggest areas we think should be Special Landscape Areas (SLA) (much of the village is already designated as such), provide evidence of important wildlife

habitats, and recommend tree preservation – in groups or individual trees, specific views that define the Suffolk borders or special nature areas for conservation of wildlife.

The Mere nature reserve is an SSSI designated reserve (Site of Special Scientific Interest).

Explain any other area in the village you feel should be safeguarded etc

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3. Do you agree that the natural assets should be considered in any future planning application and protected?

a. Yes	
b. No	
c. Don't mind	

4. We have many specimen trees and some ancient hedgerows in the village in gardens and hedgerows. Do you consider any groups of trees to be particularly important such that their loss would be detrimental to the village?

a. Yes Location:	
b. No	

E. Traffic and Road Management

Specifically, the Parish Council would like to know whether you would support the provision of the following:

	Yes	No	Don't mind
a. Litter bins on or beside the road			
b. Provision of designated passing places* in the lanes			
c. Provision of more roadside footpaths			
d. Better management of surface water drainage			
e. Improved junctions with B1508 at: Wyatts Lane Blackhouse Lane Spout Lane			
f. Provision of a footpath to Great Comard			
g. Provision of a footpath to Bures			

*'Passing places' are small unsurfaced laybys which allow cars to slip off the road and allow others to pass where the lanes are particularly narrow.

F. Local Services

Your views here are important so that the Parish Council can make known within the NP and to the Babergh District Council and Suffolk County Council that any future development must consider carefully improved services.

(At the present time, it is very unlikely that the National Government service providers would provide any services such as gas or sewerage to the village. If a new substantial development were granted within the village, it would have to provide these services at the developer's cost).

Should the NP encourage provision of:	Yes	No	Don't mind
a. Gas service to the village			
b. Mains sewerage option to the village			
c. All new electricity and telephone services to be below ground			
d. Improved mobile phone coverage			
e. Improved broadband			
f. Better road maintenance			

Any other comments.

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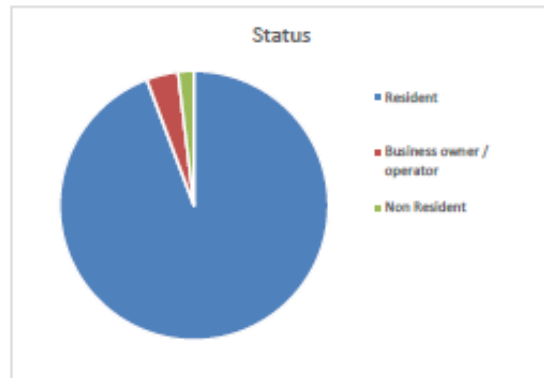
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Thank you. Your answers will be used to collate data and plan for the village future planning priorities.

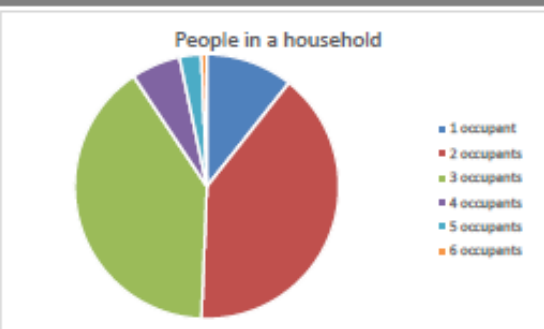
Section A: You and Little Cornard

About your premises / household		
Status	No.	%
Resident	99	94.29
Business owner / operator	4	3.81
Non Resident	2	1.90



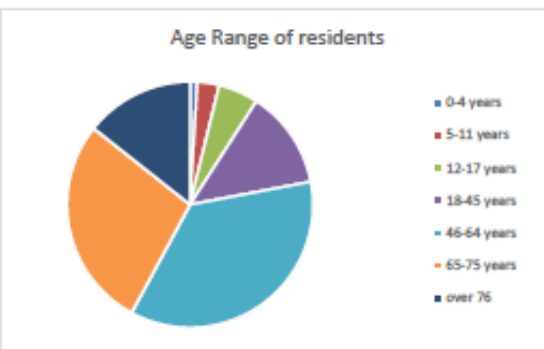
A1: How many people are in your household?

Occupants	no. of properties	%
1 occupant	16	10.67
2 occupants	60	40.00
3 occupants	60	40.00
4 occupants	9	6.00
5 occupants	4	2.67
6 occupants	1	0.67



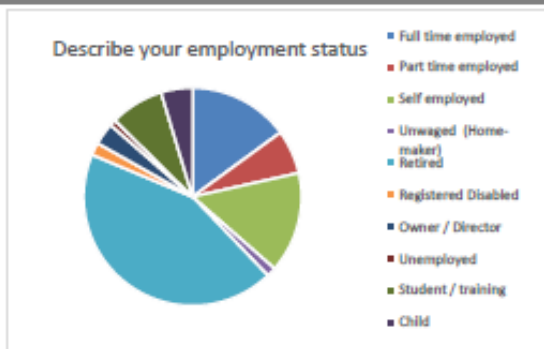
A2: What age groups are in your household?

Age range	no of occupants	%
0-4 years	2	1.3
5-11 years	6	4.0
12-17 years	11	7.3
18-45 years	27	18.0
46-64 years	75	50.0
65-75 years	58	38.7
over 76	30	20.0



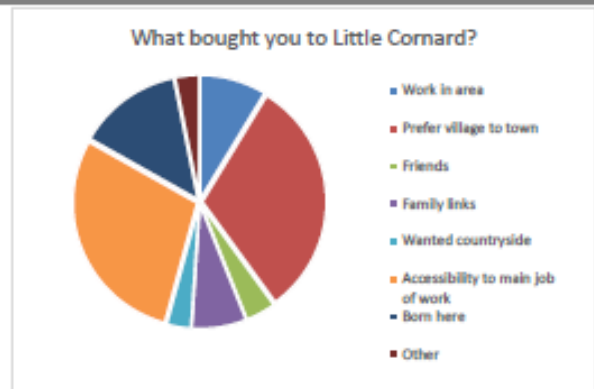
A3: What is your current employment status?

Employment status	no of occupants	%
Full time employed	32	15.0
Part time employed	14	9.3
Self employed	32	21.3
Unwaged (Home-maker)	3	2.0
Retired	93	62.0
Registered Disabled	4	2.7
Owner / Director	7	4.7
Unemployed	2	1.3
Student / training	17	11.3
Child	10	6.7



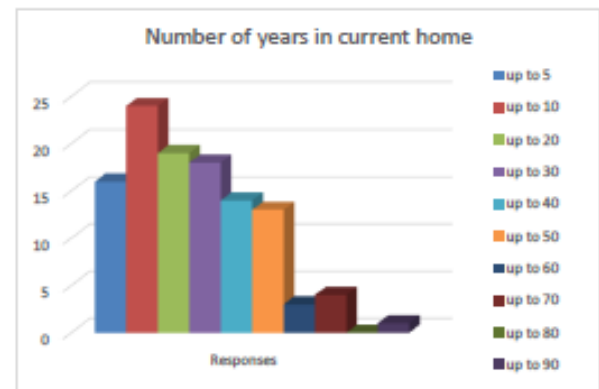
A4: What brought you to Little Cornard?

Reason	no of responses	%
Work in area	33	8.7
Prefer village to town	119	31.3
Friends	15	3.9
Family links	27	7.1
Wanted countryside	12	3.2
Accessibility to main job of work	110	28.9
Born here	52	13.7
Other	12	3.2



A5: How many years have you been in your present home?

Number of years in home	Responses
up to 5	16
up to 10	24
up to 20	19
up to 30	18
up to 40	14
up to 50	13
up to 60	3
up to 70	4
up to 80	0
up to 90	1



A10: Where do you travel to most commonly?

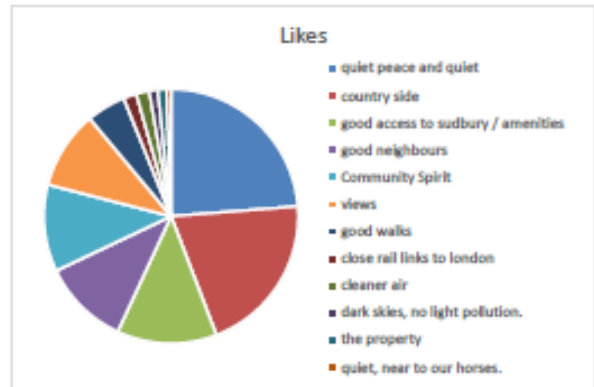
Destination	work	shopping	education	leisure
Sudbury	14	26	2	9
Great Cornard	2	0	7	2
Colchester	3	0	3	2
Ipswich	0	0	1	1
Home	6	0	0	1
London	4	0	0	2
Braintree	1	0	0	0
Other	6	1	2	3

A11: What modes of transport do you use the most?

Car	1st
Bus	2nd
Train	2nd
Walk	2nd
Taxi	3rd
Cycle	3rd
Motorcycle	4th

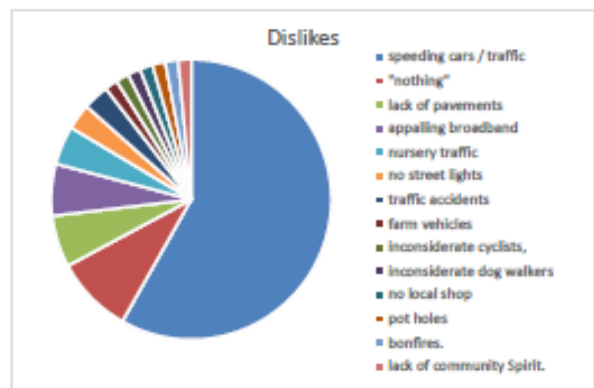
A12: What do you like most about living here?

Likes	mentioned
quiet peace and quiet	43
country side	37
good access to sudbury / amenities	23
good neighbours	20
Community Spirit	20
views	18
good walks	9
close rail links to london	3
cleaner air	3
dark skies, no light pollution.	2
the property	2
quiet, near to our horses.	1



A13: What do you like least about living here?




Dislikes	mentioned
speeding cars / traffic	39
"nothing"	6
lack of pavements	4
appalling broadband	4
nursery traffic	3
no street lights	2
traffic accidents	2
farm vehicles	1
inconsiderate cyclists,	1
inconsiderate dog walkers	1
no local shop	1
pot holes	1
bonfires.	1
lack of community Spirit.	1










B1 Which Development Options would you support?

		yes	no
Modernising or enlarging existing residential dwellings IRRESPECTIVE OF SIZE OR	👎	39%	46%
Small new developments with larger houses	👎	24%	61%
Small new developments of smaller houses	👎	33%	52%
New business and commercial properties	👎	13%	68%
Conversion of agricultural to commercial use	👎	38%	46%
New small business premises	👎	29%	50%
Small new affordable housing development	👎	31%	54%
Home offices within existing dwellings	👍	63%	17%
More protected wildlife habitats	👍	90%	9%







B1 Which planning considerations do you think are important?

		yes	no
Consideration and protection of natural assets in future planning applications		89%	11%
Consideration and protection of Archaeological sites registered with SCC in any planning applications.		92%	14%
Increased flood risk to be prevented in any future planning.		97%	3%

E: The Little Cornard Parish Council would like to know would you support the provision of the following:

		yes	no	don't mind
Litter bins		41%	33%	25%
Designated passing places in the lanes		88%	7%	8%
Roadside footpaths		57%	18%	18%
Better surface water drainage management		79%	3%	15%
Improved Junctions with B1508		70%	10%	14%
Footpath to Great Cornard		59%	15%	20%
Footpath to Bures		48%	30%	17%

F: Should the Neighbourhood plan encourage any of the following:

		yes	no
Mains Gas		29	28
Mains Sewerage		35	34
Under grounding of new Telecoms and Electricity services		79	3
Improved Mobile phone coverage		70	6
Improved Broadband		78	5
Better road Maintenance		99	1

Appendix C Representations and responses to Pre-Submission Consultation

Name of Body / Resident Ref	NP Section / Page	Representation	Response by Little Cornard Parish Council	Amendment to Plan
Suffolk County Council	Page 06	Housing Requirement Footnote 1 on page 6 states that the Emerging Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan requires three dwellings to be built in Little Cornard. It is suggested that this should be added to the main body of the text for clarity for the reader.	Agree to Change	Make change
Resident CO10 ONZ	Page 18	Typo first line "in"	Agree to Change	Make change
Babergh District Council	Page 19	This appears as a blank page. We presume this is just a formatting error.	Agree to Change	Make change
Resident CO10 ONZ	Page 20	Arrows 2 and 6 point in wrong direction and from wrong place. Arrow 4 points in wrong direction (name of house is also Long Meadow House) Arrow 5 is wrong as the pic is on the bank opposite Hammonds looking towards Spout Farm. The view from Slough Lane is different. Aside from Spout Lane itself, there are no public rights of way (footpaths etc.) so should walkers of any description be encouraged (see circular route comments). See attached jpeg View5	Agree to Change	Make change

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Resident CO10 OPB	Page 20	We couldn't make sense of the arrows on the plan showing Views. I think they may not all be pointing the right way.	Agree to Change	Make change
Resident CO10 ONZ	Page 22	Photo or the description section – pic 3 is wrong taking into account the arrow on the map. The existing picture is taken just beyond Canham's going down Chappel. Attached jpeg, view3, is almost the correct view to the 'arrow' on the map – ideally the arrow should be from just below Kingsbury Cottage.	Agree to Change	Make change
Resident CO10 ONZ	Page 27	Grade II rather tha Grade 2	Agree to Change	Make change
Babergh District Council	Page 29 / 30	It may look better if the Pillbox image appeared on page 29	Agree to Change	Make Change
Resident CO10 ONZ	Page 30	Pillbox – who does it belong to and should the council enhance its value to the community through maintenance. Information board (all-weather) is an excellent idea.	Agree to Change	Make change
Babergh District Council	Para 1.5	Suggest replacing the last sentence with: "Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council are working together to deliver a new Joint Local Plan (JLP) which will cover the period up to 2037. Once adopted, it will replace all other policies across the two Districts."	Agree to Change	Make change

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Babergh District Council	Para 1.9	Suggest you make it clear that you are referring to ‘... the NPPF (Feb 2019)’ Para 1.9 also refers to the 2014 Babergh Core Strategy as being out-of-date. NPPF para 213 advises that: ‘... existing policies should not be considered out-of-date simply because they were adopted or made prior to the publication of this Framework. Due weight should be given to them, according to their degree of consistency with this Framework (the closer the policies in the plan to the policies in the Framework, the greater the weight that may be given).’ We suggest a revised para 1.9 as follows: “Neighbourhood plans must be in general conformity with the strategic policies in the development plan. As already stated, this includes the 2014 Babergh Core Strategy. The Little Cornard Neighbourhood Plan has therefore been prepared to be in general conformity with its strategic policies. The Parish Council were mindful of the reasoning and evidence that has been used to inform the policies in the emerging Joint Local Plan and have also taken those into account when preparing this Neighbourhood Plan.”	Agree to Change	Make change
Babergh District Council	Para 2.10	In the third sentence, after Suffolk Wildlife Trust, add ‘(SWT)’ ready for the abbreviation that follow in this, and in other paragraphs. Para	Agree to Change	Make change

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Babergh District Council	Para 2.11	For the avoidance of doubt, and while not we suggest that, within or at the end of para 2.11, you include the following sentence: "The Little Cornard Neighbourhood Plan adopts the settlement boundaries as defined in the emerging Joint Local Plan (and as shown in Figure 2.1 and Figure 2.2) for the purposes of its policies."	Agree to Change	Make change
Suffolk County Council	Para 2.12	SCC notes that paragraph 2.12 indicates that planning permission was granted for the three bungalows on Bures Road in 2016, 'but development has yet to be commence.' According to the Decision Notice of the planning application B/15/00813, in accordance with section 91 of the Town and County Planning Act 1990, development must begin within three years. It is recommended that the neighbourhood planning group should check the status of this application, and then update this section accordingly.	Agree to Change	Make change

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Babergh District Council	Para 2.12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggest an amended second sentence (see below). By adding the text shown here in bold for identification purposes only, this would cover all eventualities from a Development Management perspective. “The principle of development within the settlement boundaries is established, subject to details (for example but not limited to appropriate design & landscaping).” • The last sentence states that work has yet to commence on the three bungalows granted permission under ref’ B/15/00813. If that situation changes between now and formal submission, the text should be updated accordingly. • Recommend that the footnote on page 6 read November 2020 (the date of the Reg 19 Pre-submission draft Joint Local Plan). 	Agree to Change	Make change
Suffolk County Council	Para 3.2 / Policy LCO1	<p>Health and Wellbeing</p> <p>In section 3.2, it is suggested that the second bullet point of the Vision is expanded to include the following:</p> <p>“It is a place where people of all ages can live in a safe, supportive, friendly and vibrant community which promotes the wellbeing of residents”</p> <p>SCC would suggest that Policy LCO1 could be expanded in order to emphasise that this will</p>	Agree to Change	Make change

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		improve resident's health.		
Suffolk County Council	Para 3.3	Public Rights of Way 3.3 Objective 2 could be edited to replace the word 'footpath' with the words 'public rights of way' as this would then encompass all levels of access and not limit the plan to just footpaths. Policy LC01 is very positive with regard to public access into the countryside.	Agree to Change	Make change
Suffolk County Council	Para 4.12	4.12 is also very positive with the aspiration to improve connectivity southwards to Bures. This point also states an objective to develop more footpaths but as above, thought could be given to changing the word 'footpath' to 'public rights of way' to encompass all forms of access. This is made more pertinent by the statement in 4.11 that the parish lacks bridleways yet has several equestrian centres.	Agree to Change	Make change

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Suffolk County Council	Para 4.14	Health and Wellbeing In section 3.2, it is suggested that the second bullet point of the Vision is expanded to include the following: “It is a place where people of all ages can live in a safe, supportive, friendly and vibrant community which promotes the wellbeing of residents” SCC would suggest that Policy LCO1 could be expanded in order to emphasise that this will improve resident’s health.	Noted. No change	
Babergh District Council	Para 6.16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Typo: The reference should be to ‘LP02’ (not LP2). • The quoted LP02 text needs updating. Insert the missing words ‘attached to the main dwelling’ as appropriate. 	Agree to Change	Make Change
Resident CO10 OPB	Para 6.17	The wording of 6.17 should probably refer to the Local Plan, not twice to the Neighbourhood Plan. “6.17 This policy is supported by the Neighbourhood Plan and it is therefore unnecessary to have a similar policy within the Neighbourhood Plan.”	Agree to Change	Make change

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Suffolk County Council	Para 6.17	<p>Active Travel</p> <p>Active travel, such as walking and cycling, is important in order to improve physical health and reduce obesity levels, as well as can help to minimise levels of air pollution from motorised vehicles.</p> <p>SCC welcomes the desire for safe walking and cycling routes highlighted throughout the plan. Safe routes for walking and cycling are important to ensure the safety of residents of all ages, especially those that are very young or very old, and have mobility issues or are frail.</p> <p>SCC would suggest that Section 6 on Traffic is expanded to emphasise the importance of road safety measures in allowing residents of all ages to undertake active travel.</p>	Agree to Change	Make change

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Suffolk County Council	Para 6.17	<p>Transport</p> <p>Speeding and Quiet Lanes</p> <p>It is noted that there are concerns in the parish over speeding vehicles in the 30mph zone, as indicated in Section 6. Records from SCC Highways indicates that there have been 10 recorded injury accidents on Bures Road in the past five years. SCC hopes that the recent re-installation of the SID by the parish council will help to encourage safer driving speeds.</p> <p>It is important to note that there is a criteria to follow for Quiet Lanes, where a speed and volume of traffic survey needs to show low speeds and little use. Quiet Lanes are not traffic calming or speed reducing measures – they are there to advise drivers of other road users such as pedestrians, cyclists, and equestrians.</p>	No action required	

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Suffolk County Council	Policy LCO1	<p>Natural Environment Policy LCO1 and Biodiversity</p> <p>SCC welcomes the mentions of biodiversity and green corridors in Policy LCO1 and the Community Actions, however the following amendment would help to strengthen Policy LCO1, by inclusion of reference to net gains in biodiversity and restoring fragmented habitat:</p> <p>“B. In order to protect and enhance biodiversity development proposals should seek to maintain the connectivity of the green corridors (shown in Figure 4.3) between Cornard Mere and Great Cornard Country Park. Proposals to enhance the function of these corridors will be strongly encouraged, restore fragmented habitat networks and demonstrate net gains to biodiversity.”</p> <p>The policy focuses on identified wildlife corridors but does not consider the possible measures to enhance biodiversity elsewhere in the parish or within development sites in general, which are outlined under the heading ‘Rewilding’ (p.34). The Rewilding initiatives may benefit from being included within the policy as welcome proposals that would be supported, if they were to come forward.</p>	Agree to Change	Make change

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Suffolk County Council	Policy LC02	<p>SCC welcomes the mentions of the importance of open countryside spaces in the parish. There are proven links between access to green outdoor spaces and the improvements to both physical and mental health and wellbeing for the population as a whole, including increasing the quality of life for the elderly, working age adults, and for children.</p> <p>It is suggested that Policy LCO2 could include reference to the physical and mental health and wellbeing benefits that can be gained from access to pleasant outdoor areas.</p>	Noted. No change	
Suffolk County Council	Policy LC02	<p>Policy LC02: Access into The Countryside is very positive with regard to the protection and development of the PRow network. Under Policy LC02, in the Actions Relating to Improving Pedestrian Footpaths section, the word 'footpath' could also be replaced with the words 'public rights of way', especially as point 2 refers to upgrading PRow to bridleways.</p> <p>It is suggested that part B of this policy could have the following addition: "Where possible, development should enhance the public rights of way by improving existing routes and improving connectivity through creation of new routes."</p>	Agree to Change	Make change

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Suffolk County Council	Policy LC03	Important Views: Policy LCO3 SCC welcomes Policy LCO3 for the protection of the six important views, displayed on Figure 4.7. However it would be helpful if there was a more detailed evidence base describing the important features of the view that need to be respected by development, and how and why these views were chosen.	Agree to Change	Make change
Babergh District Council	Section 2	The following are suggestions only ... 1. Change 'History of Little Cornard' to read 'Little Cornard – the past' 2. Change 'Profile of the community today' to read 'Little Cornard – the present' 3. Before para 2.10, add an 'Environment / Ecology' sub-heading 4. Before para 2.11 'Planning Context'	Agree to Change	Make change

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Babergh District Council	Section 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qstn: Could para 5.1 be re-worded on the basis that ‘less is more’? It has been pointed out that is not always the case that all barns benefit from permitted development (PD) into residential. Currently, the way the paragraph reads it sounds like all barns can be converted simply through PD. The rules on Class Q have set criteria. Also, the way this paragraph is written does not take account of any changes that could happen from the government. It also could lead the reader into a false sense of security. • If the Pond Farm Barn image is retained, could this appear after the Table? • Table 5.1 (page 26) is the only table in the plan. Why not call it Table 1? • Para 5.3: For similar reasons to our comments on Views above, what criteria have you used to carry out these assessments? This is an area that recent NP Examiners have focused on, i.e., no explanation = no ‘non-designated heritage assets (NHDAs). You may have used the guidance published by Historic England. If so, make that clear. If you used guidance from elsewhere, there is no harm in letting your examiner know. • Policy LC05: There is a slight contradiction between encouraging the conversion of agricultural barns / out-buildings and their 	Agree to Change	Make change

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		potential importance to wildlife, e.g., nesting sites for barn owls. How about including an additional policy requirement along the lines of: "Suitable and appropriate mitigation should also be provided where the conversion or redevelopment of such barns or out-buildings leads to the loss of suitable nesting sites for protected species, such as Barn Owls."?		
Babergh District Council	Views	In our informal comments, we asked if the parish council would be publishing any additional evidence to justify the identifying the five 'cherished views'. From the images, it is clear to us that all have important qualities, but your examiner may further convincing. If you have relied on supporting evidence from elsewhere, that is not necessarily a problem, but a reference to it would be appropriate. That could just be a footnote.	Agree to Change	Make change

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Resident CO10 ONZ	Whole	Quiet Lanes – I note that “The Quiet Lane is not owned by Suffolk County Council Highways, who supported the process and the pilot, but by the community itself.” If this is the case, is maintenance also down to the Community and can traffic calming measures be introduced by the Community?	Agree to Change	Make change
		Circular walks diagrams. Walk 2 – concerned that this walk includes a section which is neither a road nor a public foot path. Are there any other such sections on any of the other maps.	Agree to Change	Make change
		Dark Skies – is any proposal being considered by LCPC to ask existing residents to look at making their own properties more in-keeping with the desired policy relating to ‘future outdoor lighting systems’.	Agree to Change	Make change

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Highways England	Whole	No comment.	No action required	
Water Management Alliance	Whole	No comment.	No action required	
Newton Parish Council	Whole	Having reviewed Little Cornard's draft NP, NPC fully supports the aspirations of your plan and wishes you well during the remaining stages of the Plan's progress.	No action required	

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Resident CO10 OPE	Whole	<p>The track highlighted on the attached plan is currently designated as “unsurfaced, unclassified road (U8624)”. The track is unsuitable for vehicle traffic, however due to increased development of the surrounding area, is regularly used as a rat run between Chapel Lane and Kedington Hill, particularly when the Bures Road is blocked. I wish to see the plan make reference to efforts in getting the track reclassified as a restricted byway between points A and B on the attached plan. The reasons are as follows:</p> <p>i) The track is an important for people on horseback, cyclists and walkers, there are few routes in the parish that allow uninhibited access without the threat of road traffic, until recently this has been one of them</p> <p>ii) The route runs through a farmyard with horses and children, a child was nearly knocked over at the end of last year when he ran out from behind a parked car in the yard</p> <p>iii) The attached photographic schedule highlights the state of the track in January, the culvert is in danger of collapsing and cars have been pulled out when it has become too muddy.</p>	No action required	

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		<p>iv) Heavy traffic is spoiling the character of this ancient trackway</p> <p>v) The plan refer to the track being regularly used by church goes for access to the church. In reality this is not the case, the main car park is off Keddington Hill and access to the church via the Lychgate is through the farmyard again off Keddington Hill</p> <p>I do hope that you will give serious consideration to the points raised.</p>		

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Natural England	Whole	Natural England does not have any specific comments on the Regulation 14 of this neighbourhood plan.	No action required	
Little Cornard Parish Council	Whole	No comment.	No action required	
Historic England	Whole	<p>We therefore welcome the production of this neighbourhood plan, and are pleased to see that the historic environment of your parish features throughout. In particular, we welcome policies LCO5 and LCO6 which focus on the protection of Little Cornard’s local non-designated heritage assets including the distinctive agricultural barns and other outbuildings that proliferate in the parish. We note that each individual barn is identified and its inclusion on the list explained, which helps justify their protection.</p> <p>We would suggest modifying the language used in this section slightly – for example avoiding the use of “period” to mean “historic” or perhaps “traditional vernacular”. We would also suggest that a photograph of each barn is included, either in the main plan or potentially as part of a gazetteer in the appendix, alongside any additional information regarding its architectural or historic interest.</p>	<p>No action required</p> <p>Agree to change</p> <p>Noted. No change</p>	Make change

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		<p>We welcome the inclusion of figure 2.2 on page 8 of the plan detailing the designated heritage assets within Little Cornard but we would recommend that this map should include clearer annotations of the designated heritage assets and be rotated 90 degrees clockwise for ease of reading.</p>		
<p>Suffolk Wildlife Trust</p>	<p>Whole</p>	<p>We are pleased to see that the Little Cornard Neighbourhood Plan recognises Cornard Mere SSSI and Suffolk Wildlife Trust Reserve, as well as the importance of establishing and protecting ecological corridors between Cornard Mere and Great Cornard Country Park within Policy LC01. Consideration should be given in the plan to the risk of potential disturbance to Cornard Mere by enhancing pedestrian connectivity. Whilst we are</p>	<p>Agree to Change</p>	<p>Make change</p>

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		<p>pleased to see reference to these two areas, we believe that the plan can be expanded to further safeguard species and habitats from fragmentation caused by development.</p>		
<p>Suffolk Wildlife Trust</p>	<p>Whole</p>	<p>The Parish of Little Cornard includes two County Wildlife Sites within it; Mumford's Wood and Fitch's Wood form part of Lord's/Fitch's/Mumford's Woods CWS and Appletree Wood/Meadow CWS is also within the Parish boundary. County Wildlife Sites are non-statutory designation sites recognised within the National Planning Policy Framework as 'Locally Designated Sites'. Therefore, the County Wildlife Sites should be referenced within the Neighbourhood Plan, to help ensure the maximising of the potential of the Parish's biodiversity.</p>	<p>Agree to Change</p>	<p>Make change</p>

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Suffolk Wildlife Trust	Whole	The Neighbourhood Plan should reference safeguarding protected species, as well as Priority Habitats and Species as listed within The Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006 from future development. The NPPF (section 174) identifies that all development should protect and enhance biodiversity, including to 'promote the conservation, restoration and enhancement of priority habitats, ecological networks and the protection and recovery of priority species; and identify and pursue opportunities for securing measurable net gains for biodiversity.' Therefore, developments must demonstrate that they result in the net gain of Priority Habitats and not result in a negative impact upon protected and Priority Species.	Noted. No change	
Suffolk Wildlife Trust	Whole	There is no mention of biodiversity net gain within the Neighbourhood Plan. As the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF, 2019) Chapter 15 States, planning policy should minimise impacts and provide net gains for biodiversity. Therefore, all development should seek an enhancement, not just an equivalent replacement of lost features.	Noted. No change	

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Suffolk County Council	Whole	<p>Archaeology</p> <p>SCC welcomes the mention of historic and heritage assets in the plan.</p> <p>It is suggested that the plan could note in the History of Little Cornard section that the Historic Environment Record maintained by Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service contains further information about the history of the parish, found here: https://heritage.suffolk.gov.uk/.</p> <p>It is requested that the Non-Designated Heritage Assets section could note that early consultation with Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service is encouraged, for advice on the requirements for developing a planning application for a site or likely requirements on any consent.</p>	Agree to Change	Make change
Suffolk County Council	Whole	<p>Education</p> <p>As there are no additional housing sites allocated in this plan, there is likely to be a minimal impact on Early Years Care providers, and their capacity to take on additional children.</p> <p>As there are no additional housing sites allocated in this plan, it is unlikely there will be any significant impact on primary and secondary schools within the catchment area.</p> <p>The county council and the district council have planned a series of school expansions to take</p>	No action required	

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		place throughout the county, in order to accommodate planned growth. This can be found in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.		
Suffolk County Council	Whole	<p>Flooding</p> <p>Black House Lane forms part of the northern boundary of Little Cornard with Great Cornard and is flanked by the Black Brook which is main river at this point. This regularly overflows onto the highway (Black House Lane) and adjacent land making the road impassable at times – it may be helpful to reference this in the plan. It is something which is of local concern to Great Cornard.</p>	No action required	
Suffolk County Council	Whole	<p>Minerals and Waste</p> <p>Suffolk County Council is the Minerals and Waste Planning Authority for Suffolk. This means the County Council makes planning policy and decisions in relation to minerals and waste. The relevant policy document is the Suffolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan, adopted in July 2020. The County Council has assessed the neighbourhood plan regarding the safeguarding of potential minerals resources and operating minerals and waste facilities and has no concerns with the proposals in the plan.</p>	Noted. No change	

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Suffolk County Council	Whole	<p>The five circular walks in the appendix are noted. The plan could also acknowledge the development of The Gainsborough Trail by local councillors and SCC. The Gainsborough Trail comprises of three walking loops that when completed will encircle Sudbury, Great Cornard and Chilton. The Cornard loop will extend to the country park and therefore provide a link with Walks 1, 2, 4, and 5.</p> <p>There could be reference to other strategies that support this Neighbourhood Plan. This includes Suffolk County Council's Green Access Strategy (2020-2030)³. This strategy sets out the council's commitment to enhance public rights of way, 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>	Agree to Change	Make change
Suffolk County Council	Whole	<p>Sustainable Travel</p> <p>SCC acknowledges that due to the rural nature of the parish, car usage and ownership is high. The mentions of cycling and walking is welcomed, as this can help to encourage the community to use more sustainable modes of transport. The desire for bridleways for equestrian use is</p>	No action required	

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		noted. This would also provide access to cyclists, which would have the benefit of off-road routes to other destinations such as Great Cornard and Sudbury.		
Suffolk County Council	Whole	<p>Policy Map</p> <p>The Little Cornard neighbourhood plan does not have a policies map. It is strongly recommended to include a Policy Map, which should clearly visually display all of the core policies of the plan, including the housing site on Bures Road, important views, heritage buildings, public rights of ways and open spaces, and the settlement and parish boundaries.</p>	Agree to Change	Make change

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Suffolk County Council	Whole	<p>Local Green Spaces</p> <p>It is suggested that the parish could designate land to be “Local Green Spaces”, in accordance with paragraphs 99-101 in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2019. This would provide additional protection to important open spaces of the parish from inappropriate development.</p> <p>However, it is important to note that an assessment should be conducted, and suitable evidence must be provided to justify the protections, in line with paragraph 100 of the NPPF, where the sites must be demonstratively special to the community. These sites would then need to be designated within a policy of the neighbourhood plan and shown on a policies map.</p> <p>There is no obligation to designate Local Green Spaces in neighbourhood plans, but by doing so, the plan can provide extra protections to areas that the parish feel should be protected from development. Adding LGS to the plan may require additional consultation on any new wording and policies, and it is recommended that the neighbourhood planning group liaise with the district council on the process if this is something that you wish to pursue.</p>	No action required	

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Babergh District Council	Whole	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommend listing the six plan polices on the contents page. • Some natural updating of this NP will also be needed as both it and other plans - specifically, the Joint Local Plan (JLP) - advance through their respective plan making processes (e.g., the last sentence in para 1.19). • We recommend the inclusion of a Policies Map, which could appear at the back of the Plan. • Could the Figure references be simplified? Why not just Figure 1, Figure 2, etc. (with consequential updates to text as appropriate). • You might want to consider a less attention grabbing colour for the 'action boxes' that sit under some of the policies. 	Agree to Change	Make change
National Grid	Whole	National Grid Asset of 400Kv Overhead Transmission line routes through Little Cornard.	Noted. No change	