

# **Newton Neighbourhood Plan**

**2018 – 2036**

**Today, Tomorrow, Together**

**Consultation Statement**

**December 2020**

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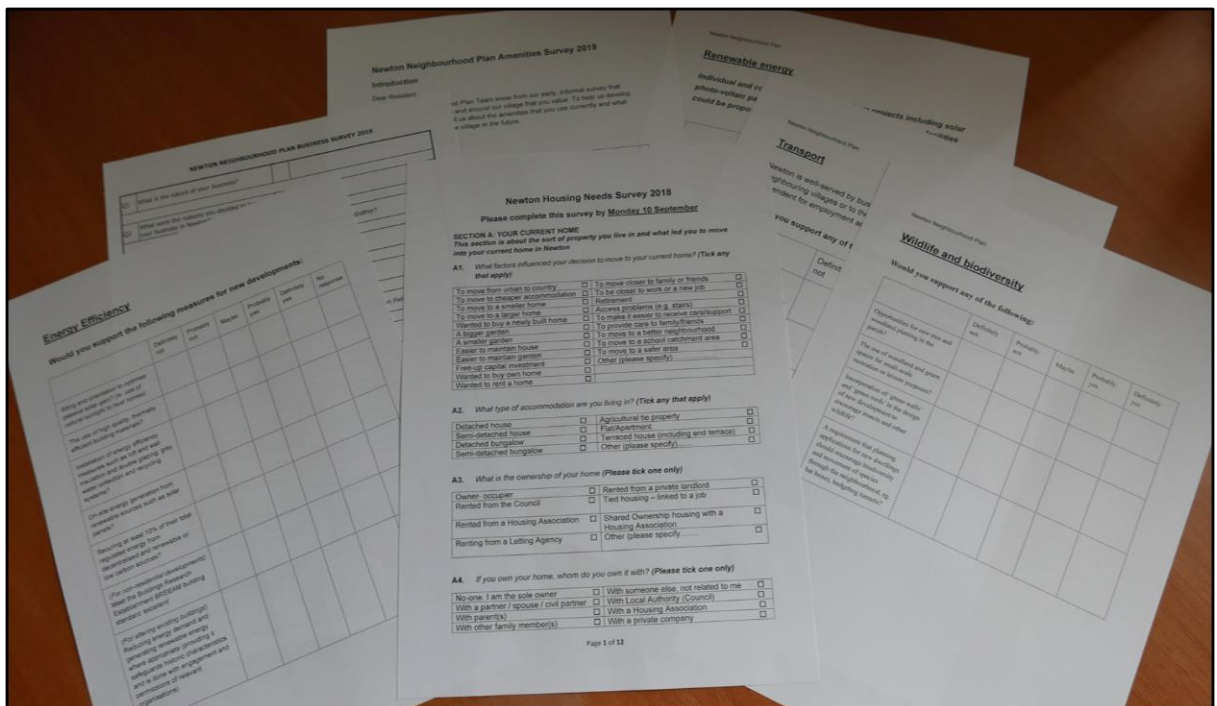
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# 1 INTRODUCTION

- 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 Newton Neighbourhood Plan (NNP).
- 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 NNP 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 NNP, and subsequently therefore form the basis for the key policies set out in the NNP.



## 2 BACKGROUND TO THE PREPARATION OF THE NNP

- 2.1 In 2011 and 2015 Newton Parish Council conducted housing and amenities surveys with its local community [www.newton.onesuffolk.net/home/np/documents/](http://www.newton.onesuffolk.net/home/np/documents/). This was in response to increasing concern about possible changes to local and national planning laws. For both surveys there was a 40% response rate. The village comments were analysed and as a result of the findings Newton Parish Council began a dialogue with Babergh District about developing a Neighbourhood Plan. Following the decision to proceed with the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan, Newton Parish Council had consultation meetings with Babergh District Council representatives over the next 18 months.
- 2.2 At the Newton Parish Council meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017, Councillors formally agreed to call for volunteers from the community to begin preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.



- 2.3 A Public Consultation morning was held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2018 to launch the preparation of the NNP. After leafletting every household to inform them of the event, it was extremely pleasing that 60 villagers came to the Village Hall to learn about Neighbourhood Plans. Villagers heard presentations by the Chair of the Parish Council and the District Councillor who outlined the reasons why Neighbourhood Plans were so important to communities.



2.4 Villagers were able to view information boards and to share ideas over a cup of tea. At the end of the morning, villagers came together to ask further questions and receive further guidance from members of the Parish Council. The Chairman summarised the Neighbourhood Planning process and asked for volunteers to join the Steering Group. 15 villagers took up the baton and agreed to attend an inaugural Steering Group meeting which was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018.



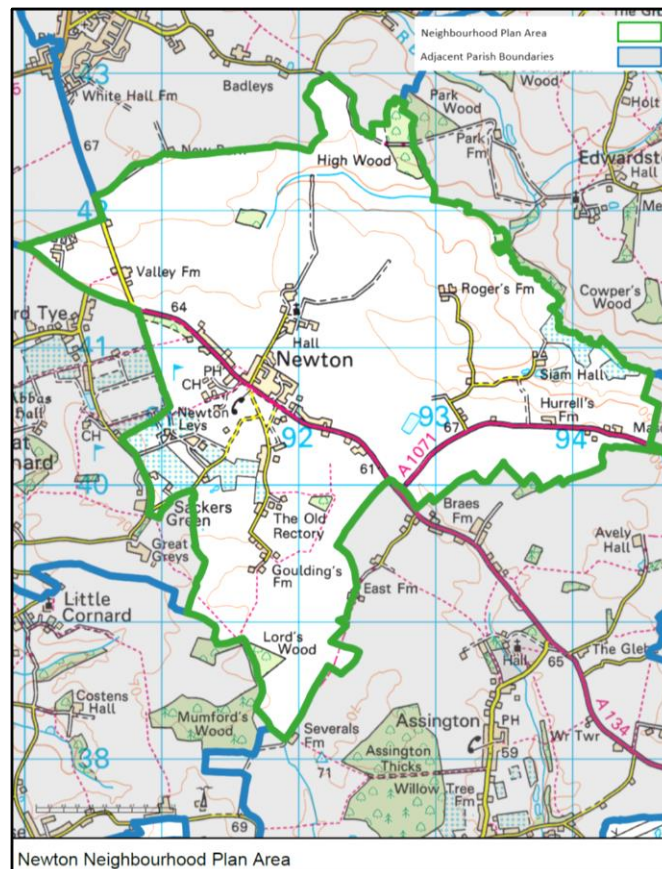
2.5 The structure put in place was a Steering Group comprised of fifteen residents, three of whom were Parish Councillors, who engaged with the community to develop the NNP. The Steering Group was overseen by Newton Parish Council.



2.6 The Parish Council received a regular report on the NNP at each of its meetings with all updates being minuted. There is more detail about the Steering Group on the NP pages of the Newton website [www.newton.onesuffolk.net/np](http://www.newton.onesuffolk.net/np) This includes all the minutes of the Steering Group meetings held throughout the preparation of the NNP.

### 3 PREPARATION AND CONSULTATION PROCESSES

- 3.1 The NNP has been prepared over a period of 3 years by a voluntary group of residents as well as representatives of Newton Parish Council (the Steering Group), in accordance with the Government's Neighbourhood Planning Regulations. Extensive community engagement was undertaken to develop the NNP's aims and objectives and gather the evidence, which in turn help develop the policies. The content of the NNP has been led and generated by the community and shaped by the results of the surveys undertaken and the engagement events held with the residents, community groups, businesses and statutory stakeholders.
- 3.2 The NNP Area was discussed with villagers at two coffee mornings in February and March 2018. Villagers agreed that the NNP boundary should mirror the boundary of the Newton parish. Newton Parish Council submitted an application to Babergh District Council for the area within Newton's parish boundary to be designated as the NNP Area.



- 3.3 On the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 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 Newton Parish Council as the Relevant Body.



## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA DESIGNATION NOTICE NEWTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Babergh District Council received an application from Newton Parish Council (the 'Relevant Body') to designate the whole of the parish as a Neighbourhood Plan Area on 20 March 2018.

The application was made under Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended). A copy of the application and a map which identifies the area to which this relates can be found on the District Council website at:

[www.babergh.gov.uk/NewtonNP](http://www.babergh.gov.uk/NewtonNP)

Regulation 5A states that ... "where (1)(a) a local planning authority receives an area application from a parish council" *and* (1)(b) the area specified in the application consists of the whole of the parish council's area, (2) the local planning authority must exercise their powers under section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to designate the specified area as a neighbourhood area."

Regulations 6 and 6A relating to publicising an area application do not apply in this instance. Therefore, in accordance with Regulation 5A(2) and 7(1) of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) Babergh District Council hereby give notice that it has designated Newton Parish as a Neighbourhood Area in order to facilitate the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan by Newton Parish Council.

**Tom Barker**

Assistant Director - Planning for Growth  
Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council

Dated: 23 March 2018

- 3.4 The NNP Steering Group first met in February 2018 and positions of responsibility were agreed. The group comprised of a cross section of villagers from differing backgrounds, ages and professions. The NNP Steering Group agreed to meet on a monthly basis. With the exception of August 2019, the Steering Group met every month until February 2020 when COVID-19 halted face to face meetings. Between March and December 2020, the Steering Group used Zoom to work on drawing the NNP together in readiness for the Regulation 16 submission.
- 3.5 In the interests of gaining information about writing Neighbourhood Plans, in April 2018, a representative of the Steering Group visited the Chairman of Lawshall Neighbourhood Plan to discuss their methodology. In the same month the Steering Group shared Newton's methodology with Assington Parish Council. Both these actions demonstrated a willingness to work with local parishes in an open and transparent way.

3.6 A comprehensive Housing and Historic Environment Survey was distributed to all homes in September 2018 and 50% of households responded. The responses were matched with the results of the 2011 and 2015 Household Surveys and the content of the surveys were informed by comments received at other drop-in events between 2015-18. The key messages that came from the Housing and Historic Environment Survey were:

- no appetite for large scale developments
- developments should be ideally 6-10 dwellings
- should be built within the BUAB and be in keeping with the existing building characteristics
- new builds to be environmental friendly.

Exception to the BUAB rule would be affordable homes for rent to enable villagers to remain in the village. As a result of the survey, a detailed Character Assessment was commissioned to illustrate why it is so important that new builds enhance the village and which views were most important to villagers.

3.7 On the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2019 a Strapline competition was held for villagers and the "Today, Tomorrow, Together" was created by a group of villagers who had very recently moved into the village.



3.8 The following surveys were also undertaken by the Steering Group in February 2019 to gather the views and opinions of villagers the Natural and Sustainable Environment Survey, the Amenities Leisure and Recreation and the Local Business Survey. A copy of first two surveys were delivered to every household in the village and responses could be made on paper or online, and the Local Business Survey was initially trialed with businesses before being delivered to each business in paper form.

3.9 The results from the Natural and Sustainable Environment Survey demonstrated a clear wish to protect the large Green space located in the middle of the village known as The Green. The village wish resulted in a policy being written to protect the area. Villagers also wanted to protect the five village ponds, that are important historical assets, and wanted villager representatives to continue to work with Newton Golf Club to help protect the flora and fauna on The Green.



- 3.10 The results from the Amenities Survey clearly demonstrated the wish from villagers to improve the playground facilities and sports facilities on the village recreation ground. This was incorporated into the Plan. Newton Parish Council successfully applied for grants to provide these improved facilities and the building work should be finished by Spring 2021. Villagers also wanted to re-introduce a village shop and in December 2020 the Saracens Head applied for planning permission to open a shop within its premises.
- 3.11 The results of the Local Business Survey showed that no business required any more land and so no land was earmarked. However, reference was made to any new development of businesses within the Parish Boundary eg Perrywoods and The Saracens Head Public House and the fact that local people being employed by businesses helps to provide village sustainability.
- 3.12 Suffolk Wildlife Trust delivered an environmental workshop for children on the 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019 and villagers took part in a hedgerow survey. The Steering Group also used evidence from the Newton Green Golf Course Pond Management Survey conducted in 2015.



- 3.13 All the information and feedback from villagers was carefully scrutinized, villagers' ideas and views 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 via newsletters. The monthly Village Newsletter was used to communicate and liaise with villagers about The Plan. To ensure that the NNP liaison did not get lost amidst other articles in the Village Newsletter, an addition NNP Newsletter was given to every household. It was a monthly document which focused just on the NNP and was printed in colour in an effort to engage with villagers.



- 3.14 The ten Newton policies which form the backbone of the Plan were thought through extremely carefully and crafted in consultation with villagers and Navigus Planning.
- 3.15 The Newton Character Assessment was written by a villager and the photographs within it were also taken by different villagers. Villagers chose the most important views in the village which form an integral part of the Natural Environment section.



### **Strategic Environmental Assessment**

- 3.16 Newton Parish Council submitted the draft NNP to Babergh District Council (BDC) for a Screening Opinion in respect of the need for a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the Regulation 14 NNP in October 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 November and December 2020. It was determined that "In the light of the SEA Screening Report prepared by Land Use Consultant and the responses to this from the two statutory bodies it is determined that the Newton 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/newton-neighbourhood-plan/>

### **Habitats Regulations Assessment**

3.17 Newton Parish Council submitted the draft NNP to BDC for a Screening Opinion in respect of the need for a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) of the Regulation 14 MNP in in October 2020. BDC's assessment was that the plan did not require an SEA. It then consulted with Natural England in November and December 2020. It was determined "In the light of the Screening Report prepared by Place Services and the response from the statutory body it is determined that the Newton 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/newton-neighbourhood-plan/>

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

- Regular Reports and updates through the Newton Newsletter and NNP Newsletter which were distributed to every household in the village, and Newton website
- Update of NNP Minutes on the Newton website
- Posters displayed on Notice Boards in village, the village pub and local golf club
- Leaflets sent to all households
- Surveys sent to all householders and stakeholder groups
- Presentations to village groups
- Whats App and Newton Facebook social media
- Handouts / Displays at meetings, coffee mornings and Annual Parish Meetings
- Display on the Village Green during Regulation 14 Pre-Submission consultation
- Updates at every Parish Council Meeting – Minutes published online.

## NNP Timeline

Date	Action	Notes
8 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2017	Newton Parish Council agree to form a Steering Group to develop Newton Neighbourhood Plan (NNP).	
20 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2018	First public meeting held with 60 attendees to launch the preparation of the NNP.	15 volunteers to form Steering Group.
22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb 2018	First meeting of the NNP Steering Group.	
23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar 2018	Babergh District Council designated the boundary of Newton Parish as the NP designation area.	
March 2018	Steering Group meet for first time.	Steering Group meets on monthly basis (August 2019 excepted) until February 2020.
April 2018	Meetings with Lawshall Neighbourhood Plan team and Assington Parish Council	
June 2018	First NNP Newsletter distributed to all households in Newton.	Further Editions in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• July, Aug and Sept 2018</li> <li>• Jan, Mar, Aug and Nov 2019</li> <li>• Aug 2020</li> </ul>
September 2018	Housing and Historic Survey distributed to all dwellings in Newton.	50% of households respond to survey.
26 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2018	Wildlife and Flora Evening	
6 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2018	Results of Housing Needs Survey discussed with Fireside Club	
16 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2019	Hastoe Drop-in Event	
26 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2019	NNP Roadshow & Strapline competition	"Today, Tomorrow, Together" won competition
Feb 2019	Amenities, Leisure and Recreation Survey undertaken	
Feb 2019	The Natural and Sustainable Environment Survey undertaken	
Feb 2019	Local Business Survey undertaken	
14 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2019	Village Update	
Q1 2020	Hedgerow Survey	Curtailed because of COVID-19
17 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2020	NNP - Regulation 14 Pre-Submission Consultation commences for an 8-week period.	Publicised through Newton Facebook page, banner on roadside, Newton website, Newton Newsletter and NNP Newsletter. 14 responses received
16 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2020	Zoom meetings for residents to discuss draft NNP	3 residents dial-in
Nov 2020	NNP amended to incorporate feedback following Regulation 14 Pre-Submission Consultation.	

## **4 REGULATION 14 PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION**

- 4.1 The Steering Group finalised the Draft NNP in July 2020. The Regulation 14 Pre-Submission Consultation was published by Newton Parish Council and ran for an eight-week period from 17<sup>th</sup> August 2020 to the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020, an extended period to reflect the summer holiday period and 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 Newton website [www.newton.onesuffolk.net/np](http://www.newton.onesuffolk.net/np), in the Newton Newsletter for the months of August and September and in the NNP Newsletter. A banner publicising the consultation was erected on the Village Green before and during the consultation period.
- 4.2 Paper copies of the draft NNP were made available via the Parish Clerk on request. The document could also be read on the website [www.newton.onesuffolk.net/np](http://www.newton.onesuffolk.net/np). Due to COVID-19 restrictions making it impossible to hold a public meeting to discuss the Draft NNP, two Zoom meetings were arranged on the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020 for the residents to take part in a discussion with Newton Parish Council and Steering Group representatives. The joining instructions for the Zoom meeting were published in the Newton and NNP Newsletters, and the notice boards. Responses were accepted via email, post or dropped through the Clerk's letter box at his address in the village.

### **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 Newton website but were advised that hard copies could be issued on request.

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

Position	Company / Organisation
MP for South Suffolk	House of Parliament
County Cllr to Sudbury East & Waldingfield	Suffolk County Council
County Cllr to Stour Valley Division	Suffolk County Council
County Cllr to Gt Cornard Division	Suffolk County Council
Ward Cllr to Assington	Babergh DC
Ward Cllr to Lavenham	Babergh DC
Ward Cllr to Lavenham	Babergh DC
Ward Cllr to Box Vale	Babergh DC
Ward Cllr to Great Cornard	Babergh DC
Ward Cllr to Great Cornard	Babergh DC
Ward Cllr to Great Cornard	Babergh DC
Council Manager to ...	Great Cornard Parish Council
Town Clerk to	Sudbury Town Council
Parish Clerk to	Great Waldingfield
Parish Clerk to	Little Cornard Parish Council
Parish Clerk to	Chilton Parish Council
Parish Clerk to	Edwardstone Parish Council
Parish Clerk to	Boxford Parish Council
Parish Clerk to	Assington Parish Council
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 Ltd
	Highways England
Stakeholders & Networks Officer	Marine Management Organisation
	Vodafone and O2 - EMF Enquiries
	EE (part of the BT Group)
	Three
Estates Planning Support Officer	Ipswich & East Suffolk CCG & West Suffolk CCG
	Transco - National Grid
Infrastructure Planning North	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

Position	Company / Organisation
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
	Babergh DC
Businesses	Manders
	Homefield Sheds
	Nails by Grace
	Paul Devlin
	NG Golf Club
	MD Mills
	Saracens Head
	Ged Fisher
	Boxstore
	Perrywood Garden Centre

- 4.5 In addition, all local landowners that had been identified throughout the process were written to, as were the Diocese Vicar, the Newton Village Recorder, and the Steering Group members. The Newton Village Recorder undertakes to track all incidents in the village that may be of interest to future generations. In Newton's case, the recorder has lived in the village all his life which was the case for his father and grandfather.

### Responses

- 4.6 In total there were 14 representations received during the consultation:
- 4 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 late October 2020 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 E.

## **Appendix A      Housing and Historic Environment Survey**

The Housing and Historic Environment survey was distributed to all Newton dwellings in September 2018.



## Newton Housing Needs Survey 2018

Please complete this survey by **Monday 10 September**

### SECTION A: YOUR CURRENT HOME

*This section is about the sort of property you live in and what led you to move into your current home in Newton*

**A1.** *What factors influenced your decision to move to your current home? (Tick any that apply)*

To move from urban to country	<input type="checkbox"/>	To move closer to family or friends	<input type="checkbox"/>
To move to cheaper accommodation	<input type="checkbox"/>	To be closer to work or a new job	<input type="checkbox"/>
To move to a smaller home	<input type="checkbox"/>	Retirement	<input type="checkbox"/>
To move to a larger home	<input type="checkbox"/>	Access problems (e.g. stairs)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wanted to buy a newly built home	<input type="checkbox"/>	To make it easier to receive care/support	<input type="checkbox"/>
A bigger garden	<input type="checkbox"/>	To provide care to family/friends	<input type="checkbox"/>
A smaller garden	<input type="checkbox"/>	To move to a better neighbourhood	<input type="checkbox"/>
Easier to maintain house	<input type="checkbox"/>	To move to a school catchment area	<input type="checkbox"/>
Easier to maintain garden	<input type="checkbox"/>	To move to a safer area	<input type="checkbox"/>
Free-up capital investment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify).....	
Wanted to buy own home	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Wanted to rent a home	<input type="checkbox"/>		

**A2.** *What type of accommodation are you living in? (Tick any that apply)*

Detached house	<input type="checkbox"/>	Agricultural tie property	<input type="checkbox"/>
Semi-detached house	<input type="checkbox"/>	Flat/Apartment	<input type="checkbox"/>
Detached bungalow	<input type="checkbox"/>	Terraced house (including end terrace)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Semi-detached bungalow	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify).....	<input type="checkbox"/>

**A3.** *What is the ownership of your home (Please tick one only)*

Owner- occupier	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rented from a private landlord	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rented from the Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tied housing – linked to a job	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rented from a Housing Association	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shared Ownership housing with a Housing Association	<input type="checkbox"/>
Renting from a Letting Agency	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify).....	<input type="checkbox"/>

**A4.** *If you own your home, whom do you own it with? (Please tick one only)*

No-one. I am the sole owner	<input type="checkbox"/>	With someone else, not related to me	<input type="checkbox"/>
With a partner / spouse / civil partner	<input type="checkbox"/>	With Local Authority (Council)	<input type="checkbox"/>
With parent(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	With a Housing Association	<input type="checkbox"/>
With other family member(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	With a private company	<input type="checkbox"/>

**A5.** How many bedrooms does your home have?

**Please write number in box**

**A6.** How long have you lived at your current address? **(Please tick one only)**

Less than a year <input type="checkbox"/>	3 to 10 years <input type="checkbox"/>
1 to 2 years <input type="checkbox"/>	Over 10 years <input type="checkbox"/>

## SECTION B: YOUR FUTURE HOUSING CHOICE

**This section asks about your plans for the future and, if you are thinking of moving home, asks the reasons why**

**B1.** Do you think you will need to move to a different home or extend your property in the future? **(Please tick one only)**

Yes, in the process of doing so <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Continue to B2</b>	Yes, in 3 to 5 years <b>Continue to B2</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
Yes, within a year <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Continue to B2</b>	No <b>Skip to Section C</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
Yes, in 1 to 2 years <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Continue to B2</b>	Don't know <b>Skip to Section C</b> <input type="checkbox"/>

**B2.** If you are thinking of moving, would you like to move **(Please tick any that apply)**

Specifically, within Newton <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Continue to B3</b>	Outside Newton and surrounding parishes <b>Skip to Section C</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
Within Newton or surrounding parishes <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Continue to B3</b>	Outside Suffolk <b>Skip to Section C</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
A Parish /Town surrounding Newton <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Continue to B3</b>	Other (please specify)..... <input type="checkbox"/>

**B3.** What type of property would you like to move to? **(Please tick any that apply)**

New build <b>Continue to B4</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	Self-Build <b>Skip to B5</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
Existing property <b>Skip to B5</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	*Part of co-housing development <b>Skip to B5</b> <input type="checkbox"/>

*\* Co-housing is a community of self-contained homes with shared facilities managed by residents*

**B4.** *Why do you intend to move to a newly built property? (Please tick any that apply)*

**Once you have answered, skip to B6**

Lower maintenance costs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Better energy efficiency	<input type="checkbox"/>
Range of mortgage schemes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Better overall design	<input type="checkbox"/>
Better build quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	More adaptable/accessible home	<input type="checkbox"/>
Special offers or discounts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify).....	<input type="checkbox"/>

**B5.** *What type of existing property would you hope to move into? (Please tick any that apply)*

**Once you have answered, continue to B6**

Flat/Apartment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Detached bungalow	<input type="checkbox"/>
Terraced house (including end terrace)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Semi-detached bungalow	<input type="checkbox"/>
Detached house	<input type="checkbox"/>	Self-Build	<input type="checkbox"/>
Semi-detached house	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Affordable housing	<input type="checkbox"/>		

**B6.** *Ideally, how many bedrooms would you like and how many do you expect to have when you move? (Please write a number in each box)*

**Would like to have**  **Expect to have**

**B7.** *If you will be moving, what ownership status would you expect to have? (Please tick one only)*

Owner-occupier	<input type="checkbox"/>	Residential care home	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rented from the Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shared ownership with a Housing Association	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rented from a Housing Association	<input type="checkbox"/>	Supported Living/Assisted living accommodation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rented from a private landlord	<input type="checkbox"/>	Living in accommodation with family (e.g. annexe, purpose-built property/extension to their home)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Renting from a Letting Agency	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tied housing – link to job	<input type="checkbox"/>

**B8.** *Has something been preventing you from moving within Newton? (Please tick one only)*

Yes, Continue to B9	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Skip to Section C	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**B9. What has been preventing you from moving within Newton? (Please tick any that apply)**

Cannot afford the monthly cost of a mortgage	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rent/mortgage arrears	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cannot afford the deposit on a property	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unable to sell	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cannot afford the moving costs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Negative equity	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cannot find right property	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unsure of options available to help you move (e.g. Shared Ownership, Help to Buy)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local education choices	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of affordable rented housing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family reasons	<input type="checkbox"/>	Would need emotional and practical support to move house, from friends or a third-party organisation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Location of employment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify).....	<input type="checkbox"/>

**B10. Would you consider any of the following options to help you move? (Please tick any that apply)**

Moving to a cheaper area within Babergh	<input type="checkbox"/>	Using more of your disposable income to pay mortgage/rent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Moving to a cheaper area within Suffolk	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moving to a smaller house	<input type="checkbox"/>
Using a Help to Buy scheme	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moving into family/friends' home	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buying with a share in the property with an organisation (e.g. Shared ownership with a Housing Organisation)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Self-Building a home	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buying with a friend/relative	<input type="checkbox"/>	Being part of a co-housing development	<input type="checkbox"/>
Renting with a friend/relative	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify).....	<input type="checkbox"/>

**B11. What are the main reasons for wanting or needing to move to a different home? (Please tick any that apply)**

To move to cheaper accommodation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wanting to rent a home	<input type="checkbox"/>
To move to a smaller home	<input type="checkbox"/>	To move closer to family or friends	<input type="checkbox"/>
To move to a larger home	<input type="checkbox"/>	To be closer to work or a new job	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wanting to buy a newly built home	<input type="checkbox"/>	Retirement	<input type="checkbox"/>
A bigger garden	<input type="checkbox"/>	To move to an adaptable/accessible home	<input type="checkbox"/>
A smaller garden	<input type="checkbox"/>	To make it easier to receive care/support	<input type="checkbox"/>
Easier to maintain house	<input type="checkbox"/>	To provide care to family/friends	<input type="checkbox"/>
Easier to maintain garden	<input type="checkbox"/>	To move to a school catchment area	<input type="checkbox"/>
Free up capital investment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify).....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wanting to buy own home	<input type="checkbox"/>		

**SECTION C: FUTURE CHANGES TO YOUR HOUSEHOLD**

*This section asks about the people in your household. It will provide an understanding of how many extra homes need to be provided for different types of people and how the demographics of Newton may change in the future.*

**C1.** *Are you looking to move out of Newton to live nearer to or with family relatives? (Please tick one box only)*

Yes

No

**Continue to C2**

**If Yes, (Please tick one only)**

Now (or within next 2 months)	<b>Continue to C2</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Within 6 months	<b>Continue to C2</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Within a year	<b>Continue to C2</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1 – 2 years	<b>Continue to C2</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 – 6 years	<b>Continue to C2</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7 – 10 years	<b>Continue to C2</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**C2.** *Are any existing members of your household looking to move into their own accommodation in the next 10 years? (Please tick one box only)*

Yes

No

**Continue to C3**

**Skip to Section D**

*The following questions allow answers for up to 4 people who might leave your household. If more than 4 people who are looking to move, please answer for the 4 most likely to leave*

**C3.** *Who is looking/likely to look for accommodation in the next 3 years? (Please tick)*

	<i>Person 1</i>	<i>Person 2</i>	<i>Person 3</i>	<i>Person 4</i>
Parent/Grandparent				
Child who will be over 16				
Other				

**C4.** When is each person likely to move? **(Please tick)**

	<i>Person 1</i>	<i>Person 2</i>	<i>Person 3</i>	<i>Person 4</i>
Now (or within next 2 months)				
Within 6 months				
Within a year				
1 – 2 years				
3 – 6 years				
7 – 10 years				

**C5.** Does each person plan/looking to move within Newton? **(Please tick)**

	<i>Person 1</i>	<i>Person 2</i>	<i>Person 3</i>	<i>Person 4</i>
Yes				
No				

**C6.** If you are in a position to predict, what ownership status is each person likely to have for the home they move to? **(Please tick)**

	<i>Person 1</i>	<i>Person 2</i>	<i>Person 3</i>	<i>Person 4</i>
Own outright				
Own with a mortgage				
Part own/part rent (e.g. Shared Ownership)				
Rent from the Council				
Rent from a Housing Association				
Rent from private landlord/letting agent				
Rent from a relative/friend of household				
Rent a tied property/linked to job				
Rent student accommodation (for college or university)				
Share a flat/house in the private rented sector				

**C7. What type of property would each person expect to move to? (Please tick)**

	<i>Person 1</i>	<i>Person 2</i>	<i>Person 3</i>	<i>Person 4</i>
Bedsit/Studio				
Flat/Apartment				
Terraced house (including end of terrace)				
Detached house				
Semi-detached house				
Detached bungalow				
Semi-detached bungalow				
Mobile home/Caravan				
Self-Built home				
Part of co-housing development				
Supported living/Assisted living property				
Residential home				
Other (please specify)				

**SECTION D: CARE AND SUPPORT NEEDS**

*This section asks about any care or support needs you might have. Your answers will help partner agencies plan for the future.*

**D1. Has your current home, or the access to it, been built or adapted to meet the needs of someone with a disability? (Please tick one box)**

- Yes**  **Continue to D2**      **No**  **Skip to D3**  
**Yes, but no longer needed**  **Continue to D2**      **No, no adaptations needed**  **Skip to D3**

**D2.** *If your present home is not adequate for you, or for another household member, why do you need to move to resolve this difficulty? (Please tick any that apply)*

Because I cannot afford the adaptations <input type="checkbox"/>	My house is too large for my needs e.g. not able to access/use rooms even with adaptations <input type="checkbox"/>
Because my current home cannot be adapted (e.g. privately rented) <input type="checkbox"/>	My house is too small to be adapted <input type="checkbox"/>
I need to be closer to healthcare facilities <input type="checkbox"/>	I need to be closer to family/friends <input type="checkbox"/>
I cannot manage the stairs and need a home on one level <input type="checkbox"/>	For another reason (please specify)..... <input type="checkbox"/>

**D3.** *Do you have elderly relatives who may need to move to Newton in the next 3 years to receive support? (Please tick one only)*

- Yes**  **Continue to D4**      **No**  **Skip to Section E**  
**Don't know**  **Skip to Section E**

**D4.** *What sort of property would they be looking for? (Please tick any that apply)*

Bedsit/Studio <input type="checkbox"/>	Detached bungalow <input type="checkbox"/>
Flat/Apartment <input type="checkbox"/>	Semi-detached bungalow <input type="checkbox"/>
Terraced house (including end of terrace) <input type="checkbox"/>	High spec village style retirement complex <input type="checkbox"/>
Detached house <input type="checkbox"/>	Supported living/Assisted Living property <input type="checkbox"/>
Semi-detached house <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify)..... <input type="checkbox"/>

**SECTION E: GENERAL QUESTIONS**

*This section seeks your views about developments in Newton since the 2015 Newton Housing Needs Survey and your views on future development*

**E1.** *Do you think the housing development at Whisper Wood, on the main road opposite the golf course near The Deans, (large white house) is in keeping with the existing profile of the village? (Please tick one box only)*

- Yes**       **No**       **No comment**



**E2.** *Do you think the recently built housing development Fairways, opposite the Saracen's Public House is in keeping with the existing profile of the village?  
(Please tick one box only)*

**Yes**  **No**  **No comment**

**E3.** *There are several community buildings of historical interest and importance in our parish e.g. the Church, village hall and the pub  
Do you think that every effort should be made to preserve these buildings?  
Please tick one box only)*

**Yes**  **No**  **No comment**

**E4.** *Do you think infill building developments along the main road through Newton (A134) like the Fairways development opposite the Pub are appropriate providing they are in keeping with the appearance and sustainability of our village?  
Please tick one box only)*

**Yes**  **No**  **No comment**

**E5.** *Do you think infill building development between existing properties in other roads is appropriate providing they are in keeping with the appearance and sustainability of our village?  
Please tick one box only)*

**Yes**  **No**  **No comment**

**E6.** *Do you think infill building development developments along the main road through Newton (A134) to the Parish Boundary is appropriate providing they are in keeping with the appearance and sustainability of our village?  
Please tick one box only)*

**Yes**  **No**  **No comment**

**E7.** *In the 2015 Newton Housing Needs Survey, villagers' responses showed that there was no appetite for developments of 10 properties and above. Do you agree with that view? **Please tick one box only***

Yes

No

**E8.** *What small-scale developments would you support for Newton? **(Please tick one box only)***

Between 1 and 5 properties	<input type="checkbox"/>	6 – 10 properties	<input type="checkbox"/>
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## SECTION F: MONEY MATTERS

*This section asks questions about the cost of your housing and household finances. Your answers to these questions are especially helpful for the guidance of future planning decisions and can help ensure that villagers will not be priced out of the housing market. If you are willing to answer these questions, please be assured your answers are anonymous and will be confidential.*

**F1.** *Do you wish to answer any questions about your personal money matters? **(Please tick one only)***

Yes

Continue to F2

No

Skip to Section G

**F2.** *How much of your net household monthly income (after tax, National Insurance, Pension, Benefits etc) do you estimate is spent on your rent or mortgage? **(Please tick one only)***

Below 15%	<input type="checkbox"/>	45% or above	<input type="checkbox"/>
15% to 25%	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>
25% to 35%	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer not to say	<input type="checkbox"/>
35% to 45%	<input type="checkbox"/>	0%	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Continue to Section G**

## SECTION G: PERSONAL DETAILS

*For the purpose of equality and diversity monitoring, it would be helpful to know a few details about you and your household*

**G1.** *What is the age of each member of your household?*

	You	2	3	4	5	6
Under 5						
5 - 10						
11 - 17						
18 - 24						
25 - 34						
35 - 44						
45 - 54						
55 - 64						
65 - 74						
75 - 84						
85+						

**G2.** *What gender is each member of your household?*

	You	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4	Person 5	Person 6
Male						
Female						
Prefer not to say						

**Please complete this survey by Monday 10 September**

**What do I do with the survey once I have completed it?**

One of the Newton Neighbourhood Plan team members will visit to collect your Housing Needs Survey **week commencing Monday 10 September**. If you do not want to be disturbed, please leave your completed survey in the envelope provided on your doorstep where it can be seen, **on the date shown on your envelope**.

Or alternatively, once you have completed this paper copy of the survey you can take it to any of the following locations in the village and **post it in any of the secure 'Newton Housing Needs Survey' post boxes**:

**Saracens Public House  
Newton Golf Club  
Redwoods, Church Road (Home of Paul/Sue Presland)  
Village Hall**

If you need help completing this form, or require additional copies, please contact one of the Newton Neighbourhood Plan Team Members detailed below:

Name	Telephone number
Rita Schwenk	01787 210838
Paul Presland	01787 379204
Sue Presland	01787 379204

*Please note that Newton Neighbourhood Plan Team will only use your personal details during the development of a Neighbourhood Plan and will not pass this information onto any third party. All information will be destroyed once the project is completed or by a request from you to remove your details.*

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this 2018 Newton Housing Needs Survey. Your views are important to us. The more people who get involved, the more influence we may have with Babergh District Council in Newton's housing needs now and in the future, so please let us know how you feel.**

*Barry Coleman*

Barry Coleman

Newton Neighbourhood Plan Chairman  
On behalf of Newton Neighbourhood Plan Team

## **Appendix B Amenities, Leisure and Recreation Survey**

## Newton Neighbourhood Plan Amenities Survey 2019

### Introduction

Dear Resident

The Newton Neighbourhood Plan Team know from our early, informal survey that there are many features in and around our village that you value. To help us develop the plan we need you to tell us about the amenities that you use currently and what you might like to have in the village in the future.

### SECTION A: Amenity use

What do you use?	Daily	Weekly	Fortnightly	Monthly	Rarely
Recreation ground					
Footpaths					
Church					
Village Hall					
Saracen's Head					
Allotments					
Golf Course					

**Please list any other village amenities that you use that were not mentioned in our early informal survey.**

**Section B What type of amenities would, in your opinion, enhance or improve the village?**

**Survey for 11 to 18 year olds**

**We are beginning to write a plan for our village that will help u to keep the things that we like and to try to develop other amenities to make life even better for those who live in the village. It is important that we hear from our younger residents, we want to know what you like about the village and what you might like to have in the village in the future. We value your idea and thoughts.**

<b>What do you use?</b>	<b>Daily</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Fortnightly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Rarely</b>
Playing field					
Play equipment					
Footpaths					
Village Hall					
Church					
Allotments					
Golf Course					

**Think about what you like about Newton, please write down below what it is you like.**

**Now please tell us what you would like to be able to do in the village in the future and what the village would need to make this happen.**

**Survey for younger children.**

**Parents /Carers, please help us to gather the ideas of our younger residents to help us to write a Neighbourhood Plan to meet the needs of as many of the community as possible.**

**What do you like about the village?**

**What do you do around the village?**

**If you could choose to something to put in the village, what would it be?**



## Appendix C Natural and Sustainable Environment Survey

### Wildlife and biodiversity

**Would you support any of the following:**

	Definitely not	Probably not	Maybe	Probably yes	Definitely yes
Opportunities for new tree and woodland planting in the parish?					
The use of woodland and green spaces for small-scale recreation or leisure purposes?					
Incorporation of 'green walls' and 'green roofs' in the design of new development to encourage insects and other wildlife?					
A requirement that planning applications for new dwellings should encourage biodiversity and movement of species through the neighbourhood, eg. bat boxes, hedgehog tunnels?					

## Transport

Newton is well-served by buses, but lacks cycle and pedestrian route links to neighbouring villages or to the town of Sudbury, on which many people are dependent for employment and services.

**Would you support any of the following:**

	Definitely not	Probably not	Maybe	Probably yes	Definitely yes
Proposals to improve and extend footpaths?					
Proposals to create cycle lanes?					
Charging points for electric vehicles in community spaces such as the Village Hall car park? <i>(Revenue from this could be spent on the community)</i>					

## Renewable energy

***Individual and community scale energy from projects including solar photo-voltaic panels, anaerobic digestion or local biomass facilities could be proposed. This could create revenue for the community.***

	Definitely not	Probably not	Maybe	Probably yes	Definitely yes
Would you support such a project, as long as it did not have an unacceptable impact on the landscape, amenities or wildlife of Newton?					

Can you suggest any area of the village/parish that would suit such a project?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Village hall</li> <li>• Field to rear of village hall</li> <li>• Field behind allotments</li> <li>• Rogers Farm</li> <li>• Area within orchards</li> <li>• Part of Wheldons orchards</li> <li>• Outskirts of village</li> <li>• Chairman's back garden?</li> </ul>
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## Energy Efficiency

**Would you support the following measures for new developments:**

	Definitely not	Probably not	Maybe	Probably yes	Definitely yes	No response
Siting and orientation to optimise passive solar gain? ( <i>ie. use of natural sunlight to heat homes</i> )						
The use of high quality, thermally efficient building materials?						
Installation of energy efficiency measures such as loft and wall insulation and double glazing; grey water collection and recycling systems?						
On-site energy generation from renewable sources such as solar panels?						
Securing at least 10% of their total regulated energy from decentralised and renewable or low carbon sources?						
<i>(For non-residential developments)</i> Meet the Buildings Research Establishment BREEAM building standard 'excellent'						
<i>(For altering existing buildings)</i> Reducing energy demand and generating renewable energy where appropriate (providing it safeguards historic characteristics and is done with engagement and permissions of relevant organisations)						

## **Appendix D Local Business Survey**

<b>NEWTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN BUSINESS SURVEY 2019</b>			
Q1	What is the nature of your business?		
Q2	What were the reasons you decided to locate your business in Newton?		
Q3	Are your business premises		Owned/leased/rented/other?
Q4	Are you likely to expand your business in the next five years?		Yes/No
Q5	Will you need extra space to expand your business?		Yes/No
Q6	What type of land would you prefer to use to develop your business?		Industrial/Agricultural/Brown Field
Q7	What type of resources would help you develop your business.?		
Q 8	How many full time staff do you employ?		
Q9	How many part time staff do you employ?		
Q10	How many full time staff reside in the parish of Newton?		
Q11	How many part time staff reside in the parish of Newton ?		
Q12	How long do you intend to stay in the parish of Newton?		
Q13	Are there any points that you would like to make about the contribution your business makes to the parish of Newton and its immediate neighbours?		

## Appendix E Representations and responses to Pre-Submission Consultation

Name of Body / Resident Ref	NP Section / Page	Representation	Response by Newton Parish Council	Amendment to Plan
Newton Parish Council	App 4	In Allotments some unnecessary ellipses: expansive views north across.....field towards the church	Agree to change.	Make change.
Babergh District Council	Contents Page	<p>We suggest some further changes to the Contents page. Insert a 'Policies' sub-heading after item 11 (Acknowledgements) then list the policies and provide page references. (This may also render Appendix 1 as superfluous). With regards to the list of Supporting Documents, we see that the listing in the Plan differs from that shown at: <a href="http://newton.onesuffolk.net/home/np/reg-14">http://newton.onesuffolk.net/home/np/reg-14</a> These should be the same to avoid confusion. It is assumed that the main supporting documents are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Surveys (listed as a. to e.)</li> <li>• the Newton Character Assessment</li> <li>• Local Green Space Justification</li> <li>• History of Newton (A. Vince, 2018)</li> </ul> <p>Beyond these, the website also lists other supporting documents which, in actual fact, are links to third party websites. Given that (1) we will be asking you to be very clear at the point of submission re what is and what is not a supporting document, and (2) that your Examiner may reasonably ask for ALL supporting documents to be made available as printed documents, we suggest a clear distinction be made between what has been produced / commissioned by the</p>	<p>Agree to change.</p> <p>Agree to change.</p>	<p>Make change.</p> <p>Make change.</p>

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		<p>NP Group and what may be better described as supplementary information sources.</p> <p>The 'Community Engagement Strategy' will, we assume, be incorporated within your 'Consultation Statement'.</p> <p>If changes are made, be mindful of cross-references within the Plan to specific supporting documents, e.g., para 2.8 currently refers to "a detailed set of survey results .. Appx.( 1)", and para 6.24 refers to the 'Character Assessment' as Appx.(2) etc. etc. See also our comment below re para 7.4</p> <p>You may also want to include a 'List of Map' on the contents page. Happy to discuss further outside of this consultation response.</p>	<p>Yes, that is correct. Community Engagement Strategy will be submitted as an appendix to the Consultation Statement.</p> <p>Agree to Change</p>	<p>Make change.</p>
Babergh District Council	Foreword	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3rd para: A reminder that this will need to update as the Plan progresses.</li> <li>• 2nd bullet: A reminder that our consultation will be for a 'minimum' of 6- weeks.</li> </ul>	<p>Noted and agreed</p> <p>Agree to change.</p>	<p>Make changes.</p>
Babergh District Council	Front Cover	<p>We suggest adding the plan period as follows: "Newton Neighbourhood Plan 2018 – 2036 Today, Tomorrow, Together"</p> <p>NB: When you prepare the 'Submission Draft' version it would be helpful if that description also appears on the cover, below the sign image and above the date.</p>	<p>Agree to change.</p>	<p>Make change.</p>
Babergh District Council	Newton Character Assessment	<p>We commented above about Map 6 and View B. Relevant to that is the Newton Character Assessment supporting document. On page 6, Map 2 clearly shows just the four views, with view B looking back eastwards towards the Church from Valley Farm. However, the text</p>	<p>Agree to change.</p>	<p>Make change.</p>



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		<p>above still refers to five views (labelled a. to e.). For consistency, 'b. View to church tower from Rogers Farm' should be deleted from the list and the remaining views re-labeled accordingly. The remainder of the Character Assessment document appears to be fine but do undertake your own checks.</p>		
<p>Newton Parish Council</p>	<p>Newton Character Assessment</p>	<p>Para 3.0 - To the east, towards the neighbouring villages of Edward and Boxford, the land begins to rise a little but only to approximately 100 ft above sea level. To the west, towards Gouldings Farm and Lord's Wood it rises to approximately 70 ft above sea level.</p> <p>This is not correct. In the centre of the village the land is around 60 metres above sea level. The land dips to the east to 35 metres above sea level (because the river is there, on the boundary). Gouldings Farm and Lords Wood are in the south (not the west), the land rises there to 70 metres above sea level. Please note that we are quoting metres rather than feet.</p>	<p>Agree to change.</p>	<p>Make change.</p>
<p>Resident CO10 0QH &amp; Resident CO10 0TY Both arrived after deadline.</p>	<p>Page 07</p>	<p>Para 1.3 - The village has seen some new development in the last few years, this has been tempered by the complete lack of growth in last 20 years. The real growth of the village was in the post war years, when the village took shape, and 100 dwellings were added in the 40 years after the war. However, the character of the village is safe, being focused around the central point of the Green and its immediate surroundings. With a high proportion of "older" character dwellings located close-by, and as indicated many times in the plan, there are no significant sites around the Green for future development. The village grew rapidly following the end of the second World War, these are the prominent dwellings when you arrive and depart through the village by the main A134, along with a</p>	<p>Noted but no need to amend the plan.</p>	

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		taster of the village character present around the Green.		
Babergh District Council	Page 08	Para 1.2 Typo: insert character space after '(July 2019),'	Agree to change.	Make change.
Newton Parish Council	Page 08	Para 1.8 The caption should read Hayward's rather than Haywoods. The picture is not of Hayward's Cottage.	Agree to change.	Make change.
Babergh District Council	Page 19	Para 4.6 Typo: the letter 't' is missing from the word 'joint' on the fourth line.	Agree to change.	Make change.
Babergh District Council	Page 21	<p>Section 5 The more simplified presentation of the Themes and Objectives in the table is welcomed. If we do have one further suggestion, it would be to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add a new second sentence to para 5.1: "These are set out in the table below."</li> <li>• Delete the 'Themes' sub-heading and associated text after para 5.2</li> </ul> <p>A small change but with the benefit of a cleaner look to the page. The village sign logo would also be freed from the text that sits above it and the table itself could be placed higher on the page, which will help draw readers attention to it.</p>	Agree to change.	Make change.
Newton Parish Council	Page 23 / 24	<p>In paragraphs 6.4, 6.8 and the associated map, the total number of new dwellings that have been approved since 1st April 2018 should read 30, as per the following permissions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Red House Farm Phase 1 - 9 dwellings now completed Phase 2 – 9 dwellings yet to be constructed</li> <li>2. Alston Close 4 affordable dwellings yet to be constructed</li> <li>3. Marks Meadow 3 dwellings yet to be constructed</li> <li>4. Airey Close 2 dwellings being constructed</li> <li>5. Brook Farm 2 dwellings yet to be constructed</li> </ol>	Agree to change.	Make change.

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		6. Jordans 1 dwelling yet to be constructed.		
Babergh District Council	Page 25	<p>Para 6.10 (4th bullet) The Councils Heritage Team note and welcome the changes made to this Plan based on our previous informal comments. With regards to the fourth bullet at para 6.10 (and with apologies if this not made as clear as it could have been) we recommend it be amended to read as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• preserving and enhancing the significance of any heritage asset, including their setting, ensuring their contribution to local character, distinctiveness and sense of place.</li> </ul> <p>This would tie it closer to the language used in the NPPF.</p>	Agree to change.	Make change.
Resident CO10 0QH & Resident CO10 0TY Both arrived after deadline.	Page 26	<p>Para 6.12 - Any affordable provision within a village is difficult to achieve. Villages are seen to be more affluent places to live than towns, hence the average property price is significantly higher as reflected in the plan. Due to this price differential, it is likely that the "children" of villagers will find it difficult to stay and will move to towns to find work and take the first steps onto the property ladder. This is not helped by the fact that any new development within villages are treated as the highest CIL index contribution value by the local council as they are seen as affluent locations. The plan mentions the need to use "good materials" in keeping with the character of the village. Affordability, along with Quality of design and materials do not sit comfortably together, housing associations will look to keep the build cost down to a minimum specification. This can be verified by looking at the Alison Close site and the years of delay caused by the cost restrictions. Unfortunately, affordable housing only meets the need for affordable housing within the village but will do nothing to retain or enhance the character of the village. The current system requires affordable housing to be offered via a housing association. It</p>	The policy approach is seeking to encourage affordable housing on rural exception sites to specifically address proven local needs. Some limited market housing may be appropriate to ensure that any such schemes are viable. No change.	

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		<p>could be argued that too much affordable housing, especially in the wrong position within the village could have a negative impact on its character. On larger developments with a degree of affordable housing, local planning authorities like to see a spread of affordable housing around the development rather than clumped all together.</p>		
Anglia Water	Page 26 / App 1	<p>Newt 1 The policy as drafted includes a requirement for development located outside of the development boundary including that proposed by Anglian Water for our customers to demonstrate that it is of community benefit. It is unclear on what basis Anglian Water would be required to demonstrate that water supply and sewerage infrastructure are of community benefit.</p> <p>We therefore consider the Neighbourhood Plan should be amended to state that the principle of development which is proposed by Anglian Water as an infrastructure provider within the designated countryside is supported subject to other development plan policies.</p> <p>It is therefore proposed that the final sentence of Policy NEWT 1 be amended as follows:</p> <p>2. Development proposals where it is essential to have a countryside location e.g. utilities infrastructure will be supported in principle subject to it being in accordance with other development plan policies.</p> <p>Proposals for other types of development located outside the</p>	<p>The point is noted and agreed. However, it is considered that tighter policy wording could be used.</p>	<p>Make change.</p>

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		settlement boundary will only be permitted where it can be satisfactorily demonstrated that it will provide benefits to the local community and that it cannot be satisfactorily located within the settlement boundary.		
Babergh District Council	Page 26 / App 1	Newt 1 - We make no comment on this policy at this time.	No action required	
Babergh District Council	Page 27 / App 1	Newt 2 - The substantive changes made to the policy are noted. To reflect the policy text, we recommend it be re-titled "NEWT 2: Affordable Housing on Rural Exception Sites"	Agreed.	Make change.
Suffolk County Council	Page 27 / App 1	<p>Newt 2 or Newt 3</p> <p>Health and Wellbeing</p> <p>Adaptable homes &amp; ageing population</p> <p>The neighbourhood plan makes reference to the fact that 54% of the residents are aged 55 or older, and paragraph 6.12 has mention of the Housing Needs Survey that highlighted the desire for "more accessible/adaptable home for care/disability needs". It is recommended that this desire for accessible and adaptable homes should be worded explicitly in policy, to ensure that the needs of all of the residents of the parish are met. Building homes that are accessible and adaptable means that certain residents such as elderly or young families are not excluded from buying property, as these homes are built to a standard that can meet the needs of a lifetime. While it is understandable that each housing type may not be suitably accommodated everywhere, efforts should be made where possible to ensure that each site contains a mixture of housing types. This can help prevent segregation by age group and possible resulting isolation. Therefore, the following wording is recommended for either Policy NEWT2 Local Housing Need, or Policy NEWT3 Character and Design of Development: "Support will be given for smaller 2 and 3 bed roomed homes that are adaptable (meaning built to optional</p>	<p>Whilst the point is noted, the encouragement of proposals other than rural exception sites for affordable housing would not be commensurate with the overall position of established housing need, the housing requirements of the Emerging Joint Local Plan and Newton's status in the settlement hierarchy. Policy NEWT1 allows for</p>	

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		<p>M4(2) standards), in order to meet the needs of the aging population, without excluding the needs of the younger buyers and families.”It is suggested that there could also be further considerations for the needs of residents who suffer from dementia, and the potential for making Newton a “Dementia-Friendly” village. The Royal Town Planning Institute has guidance on Town Planning and Dementia<sup>1</sup>, which may be helpful in informing policies.</p>	<p>development outside the settlement boundary where there is an identified local need. Therefore, if further work established the extent of this need for care/disability needs, then a proposal may be suitable. However, to explicitly identify this based on the evidence gathered at the current time would be inconsistent with the overall spatial strategy. No change.</p>	
Babergh District Council	Page 29	<p>Para 6.18 This may be a consequence of the typeface but please check that the listings are written as ‘Grade II’ or ‘Grade II*’ as appropriate and are not represented by the numerical ‘1’.</p>	<p>Agree to change.</p>	<p>Make change.</p>
Suffolk County Council	Page 29	<p>Archaeology SCC welcomes the mentions of Saxon and Norman settlements in</p>	<p>Agree to change.</p>	<p>Make change.</p>

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		<p>paragraphs 3.1 – 3.4, and the detailed history of the church in paragraph 6.19. It is suggested that the plan could note in the historical context section that the Historic Environment Record maintained by Suffolk County Council contains further information about the history of the parish, found here: <a href="https://heritage.suffolk.gov.uk/">https://heritage.suffolk.gov.uk/</a>.</p> <p>It is noted that the supporting documents will include a history of the parish by one of the villagers, which looks interesting. If the parish has any questions about archaeology that we might be able to assist with, they are welcome to get in touch with SCC Archaeology Department (email: <a href="mailto:archaeology@suffolk.gov.uk">archaeology@suffolk.gov.uk</a>).</p>		
Babergh District Council	Page 32 / App 1	Newt 3 - We make no comment on this policy at this time.	No action required	
Babergh District Council	Page 33	<p>Para 7.4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Re-worded text noted. On the second line, insert a space before the word 'play'</li> <li>• The text refers to the 'Local Green Spaces Justification Document Appendix 3'. Should this read Appendix 4? (assuming you retain the Appendix references)</li> </ul>	Agree to change.	Make change.
Suffolk County Council	Page 36	Paragraph 7.9 does not have a sentence ending.	Agree to change.	Make change.
Newton Parish Council	Page 36	Para 7.9 Sentence left hanging: ..can be satisfactorily accommodated within the	Agree to change.	Make change.
Resident - CO10 0QJ	Page 37	In relation to the Newton Neighbourhood plan I am generally in support of the proposals and the protection of some key views. One item I would like to highlight which may be considered if not already included is in relation to the area covered by key views. The views to	Planning is not able to protect private views and it is not appropriate to use	

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		<p>Newton church from the Sudbury end of the main road (view b I believe), while being iconic should not be restricted to just the area shown on the plan. I feel that the fields in their entirety should be protected. In this instance the view from the allotment, and along the footpath, to the church would also be protected along with the views for all residents who's property back onto that field. To place houses on the field between the current houses and the area shown as a protected view on the map would effectively be stealing the views from current residents. I believe we need to protect the views of current residents and not just those who are driving through the village. I trust this makes sense but I am happy to explain further if required. If the whole field is covered already my apologies for misunderstanding. Thankyou to you and all your team for the time and effort you have put in to this work.</p>	<p>views to protect wide areas of open countryside. Each specific view must be publicly accessible and clearly justified. No change.</p>	
<p>Babergh District Council</p>	<p>Page 37</p>	<p>Map 6 (View B) shows four 'Views of Significance'. This is an amended version of a map that appeared in the earlier draft version of this Plan and responds to a comment from both ourselves and Suffolk County Council.</p> <p>The first map on page 38 still shows the view from Rogers Farm, not Valley Farm. It will need to be changed accordingly. It is assumed that the photograph of the church in the distance was taken from the correct location. If not, use the correct image.</p>	<p>Noted and agreed.</p>	<p>Make change.</p>
<p>Anglia Water</p>	<p>Page 37 / App 1</p>	<p>Newt 4 Newton Golf Course/Common Land: this designated local green space includes an existing water main.</p> <p>Land designated as Local Green Spaces has the same status as Green Belt land as outlined in the National Planning Policy</p>	<p>The point is noted, however access to a water main does not constitute development. Moreover, it would</p>	



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		<p>Framework and the associated policy requirements. As such most types of development which require planning permission are not considered to be appropriate with some limited exceptions.</p> <p>It would be helpful to clarify whether the intention is that utility infrastructure which requires planning permission would constitute very special circumstances use for the purposes of Policy NEWT4.</p>	<p>not be considered appropriate for new utilities infrastructure above ground that did require planning permission to be placed on a Local Green Space. It is therefore not considered appropriate to identify utilities infrastructure as a specific exceptional circumstance. No change.</p>	
Babergh District Council	Page 37 / App 1	<p>Newt 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Move the policy box so that it appears after page 35 but before the section headed 'Local Landscape Features'.</li> <li>• Amend first paragraph to read: "The following areas shown on Map 5 and on the Policies Map are designated as Local Green Spaces:"</li> </ul>	Agree to change.	Make change.
Suffolk County Council	Page 37 / App 1	<p>Para 7.1 or Newt 4 Green Spaces and Facilities</p> <p>The provision of the designated Local Green Spaces in the Neighbourhood Plan is welcomed. There are proven links<sup>2</sup> between access to green outdoor spaces and the improvements to both physical and mental health and wellbeing for the population as a</p>	Noted and agreed.	Make change.

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		<p>whole, including increasing the quality of life for the elderly, working age adults, and for children.</p> <p>It is therefore suggested that paragraph 7.1 or Policy NEWT4 could include reference to the physical and mental health and wellbeing benefits that can be gained from access to pleasant outdoor areas.</p> <p>The plan states that community facilities and small businesses help to contribute the wellbeing of the parish, which is welcome.</p>		
Suffolk County Council	Page 37 / App 1	<p>Policy NEWT4: Local Green Spaces The four designated Local Green Spaces are welcomed by SCC, as this is in support of the ongoing work towards the Greenest County. It is appreciated that these sites have been justified clearly, as they have historical or ecological importance, or are pleasant community outdoor spaces for leisure activities. The second part of the policy could be more clearly defined as to what these 'very special circumstances' are. It is suggested that the plan should amend part 2 to state: "2. Proposals for development on a Local Green Space will only be permitted in very special circumstances, or where function or character of LGS is enhanced."</p>	Noted and agreed.	Make change.
Babergh District Council	Page 39 / App 1	<p>Newt 5 - As per our comment on policy NEWT 4, it would be helpful to include a suitable reference to Map 6.</p>	Noted and agreed.	Make change.
Suffolk County Council	Page 39 / App 1	<p>Policy NEWT5: Important Views Paragraph 7.8 says there are five important views, but there are actually four displayed on Map 6 and in Policy NEWT5. Further, view b) (from Valley Farm) is inconsistent in its directionality: in Map 6 the viewpoint is west of the village/church, in the following, more detailed illustration "View B Church tower from Valley Farm" the viewpoint appears to be east of the village/church. This requires clarification.</p> <p>Looking at the Newton Character Assessment, it appears the view</p>	Noted and agreed.	Make change.

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		from Rogers Farm somehow got lost.		
Babergh District Council	Page 42 / App 1	Newt 6 - We make no comment on this policy at this time.	No action required	
Anglia Water	Page 44 / App 1	<p>Newt 7 Reference is made to sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) being incorporated within the design for all development proposals.</p> <p>Anglian Water support the requirement for applicants to include the provision of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS). The use of SuDS would help to reduce the risk of surface water and sewer flooding and which have wider benefits e.g. water quality enhancement.</p> <p>We also welcome the requirement to consider a wide range of SuDS measures as part of the design of new development proposals as this will help promote better design which will have community and environmental benefits.</p> <p>Similarly, we are supportive of the requirement to the provide a maintenance plan for any SuDs features including details the adopting body. (Anglian Water is an adopting body for SuDs features which meet the legal definition of sewers and the Water sector Design and Construction Guidance and encourages applicants to contact us as early as possible).</p>	No action required	
Babergh District Council	Page 44 / App 1	<p>Newt 7 - The changes made to this policy are noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At criteria 2, you may wish to add: “but is not limited to” after the word include</li> <li>• On the matter of SuDS, and subject to any representation made by</li> </ul>	Noted and agreed.	Make change.

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		<p>others, criteria 4. and 5. could feasibly be combined as they both appear to address the 'on-site provision unless' scenario.</p>		
Suffolk Wildlife Trust	Page 44 / App 1	<p>Newt 7 - Whilst we welcome the protection offered to biodiversity within the Newton Neighbourhood Plan, we recommend some modifications to ensure that future development within the parish does not have a negative impact. These changes will ensure the plan meets its biodiversity obligations as set out within the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the Government's emerging Environmental Bill.</p> <p>The Parish contains Edwardstone Woods SSSI. This site is a statutory designated site and so should be referenced within the plan. We are pleased to see that Newton Green Golf Course/Common Land is protected as a Local Green Space, however it should be stated within the plan it is also Newton Green County Wildlife Site. Furthermore, Alstrop Wood County Wildlife Site and Lord's Wood County Wildlife Site are located within the Parish. County Wildlife Sites are non-statutory designation sites recognised within the National Planning Policy Framework as 'Locally Designated Sites'. Therefore, all three County Wildlife Sites should be referenced within Policy Newt7, to help ensure that the objectives of maximising the Parish's biodiversity are met.</p>	Noted and agreed.	Make change.
Suffolk Wildlife Trust	Page 44 / App 1	<p>Newt 7 - The River Box runs along the Western border of the Parish. There are several protected species records including otter and water vole (Suffolk Biodiversity Information Service) along this river and within its surrounding habitat. This highlights the importance of this area to the wider ecological network. We are concerned that without protection, there is the potential for future development to fragment</p>	Noted and agreed.	Make change.

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		<p>this habitat and therefore result in the loss of a wildlife corridor. In accordance with the NPPF, ecological networks should be established to ensure that they are more resilient to current and future pressures. Therefore, the River Box and its surrounding habitat should be referenced within Policy Newt7.</p>		
Suffolk Wildlife Trust	Page 44 / App 1	<p>All future development proposals should apply the mitigation hierarchy to help deliver biodiversity net gain and reduce, as far as possible, negative effects on biodiversity. The mitigation hierarchy requires that in the first instance impacts are avoided, if they cannot be avoided then they should be mitigated for and only as a last resort should impacts be compensated. Enhancement and delivery of biodiversity net gain i.e. an approach that leaves biodiversity in a better state than before should be part of all development proposals, in line with the Government's emerging Environment Act predicted to receive Royal Assent in 2021. This should therefore be referenced within this policy to help deliver Policy Newt7 objectives of ensuring that future development will not have a negative effect on the area's biodiversity and will deliver a biodiversity net gain.</p>	Noted and agreed.	Make change.
Suffolk County Council	Page 44 / App 1	<p>Newt 7 Flooding As it stands, SuDS is promoted for their wildlife benefit, which is supported. A greater emphasis should be made of the water reuse/conservation and water quality benefits of SuDS. The county council does not support the policy wording that SuDS should be expected on development unless it is "unviable or unfeasible". NPPF paragraph 165 states that SuDS should be included on major development unless it is "inappropriate" which is different from unviable. SCC does not consider it appropriate for sustainable</p>	Noted and agreed.	Make change.

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		<p>water management to hinge on viability and that the term “inappropriate” in the NPPF refers to environmental constraints (such as contamination) or other practical reasons. Amendments to Policy NEWT7 have been proposed to better align this policy with national policy.</p> <p>Therefore, it is suggested that part 5 of Policy NEWT7 is amended to read:  “... Such development is encouraged to demonstrate the use of a wide range of creative SuDS solutions, for example through the provision of SuDS as part of green spaces, green roofs, permeable surfaces and rain gardens. Only where it is demonstrably unviable or not feasible will an absence of any on-site SuDS provision be permissible in such developments. Increasing the sustainability of water resources through rainwater harvesting and greywater recycling is encouraged. Only where it is demonstrably inappropriate will an absence of any on-site SuDS provision be permissible in such developments.”</p>		
Suffolk County Council	Page 44 / App 1	<p>Policy NEWT7: Maximising Wildlife and Biodiversity  It is recommended that Policy NEWT7 should be expanded to cover biodiversity in a little more depth, and to enhance the biodiversity networks. The following additions are recommended:  “1. Development proposals that should provide Biodiversity net gain. Proposals that incorporate into their design features which encourage wildlife to thrive will be strongly supported.  3. Planting, landscaping and features which encourage the net gain of habitats for wildlife in new development should connect wider ecological networks where possible.”</p>	Noted and agreed.	Make change.

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Babergh District Council	Page 46	Para 8.5 Should this read: "A survey of Newton villagers ..."	Agree to change.	Make change.
Babergh District Council	Page 46	Para 8.6 We suggest a change to improve the message. What about: "Villagers are also concerned about road safety and the speed of traffic using the A134. The installation of permanent, high visibility speed signs and appropriate traffic calming systems, including the reintroduction of the Community Speedwatch scheme, can go some way to ensuring that the roads are safer for all. Villagers are also seeking the installation of a Zebra Crossing to provide a safe place to cross. Whilst this is not a policy matter, it is an important action which will continue to be advocated for by the Parish Council." The last sentence reads simply as a repeat of para 8.5 so can be deleted.	Agree to change.	Make change.
Babergh District Council	Page 46	Paras 8.5, 8.6 and Newt 8 - A suggestion about layout which reverts back to the earlier drafts we have seen. Move para 8.5 to the right hand column so it and para 8.6 fill the space opposite the bicycle image, then move the policy text box off the bottom of the page so it becomes more prominent.	Agree to change.	Make change.
Suffolk County Council	Page 46 / App 1	Public Rights of Way Policy NEWT8 Ensuring Pedestrian Safety and Encouraging Walking part 1) could be expanded slightly, in order to cover the opportunity for developer contributions to enhance the local green access network: "... This includes providing access and improvements to footways, public rights and of way, circular walks and to other routes into the countryside and to local services and facilities."  There could be reference to other strategies that support this	Noted and agreed.	Make change.

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		Neighbourhood Plan. This includes Suffolk County Council's Green Access Strategy (2020-2030) <sup>4</sup> . 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.		
Newton Parish Council	Page 47	In Key Issues it should read maintaining and promoting	Agree to change.	Make change.
Resident CO10 0QH & Resident CO10 0TY Both arrived after deadline.	Page 48	<p>Para 8.15 - A village shop, like a good village pub, requires customers to survive. There is a valid point that an increase in customers promotes an increase in traffic, pollution, parking etc. The very same thing that villages are said to get annoyed about. Thinking about traffic being generated, how many journeys are made by "out of village" golfers during a day? More than that generated by a few extra households going to and from work we would wager.</p> <p>Getting back to the Village shop, to survive it needs to have trade, trade requires either local or passing customers to purchase goods. If you are looking to avoid having a large carpark to support passing trade to the shop, then it will require a greater number of local customers, IE an expansion of the population, which in turn requires an increase in housing. Without thinking about how a business would be supported long term it will remain a pipedream.</p>	Noted. The Plan recognises that certain infrastructure items may, at the current time, be aspirational. However, the policy deliberately makes reference to a community shop and café because this doesn't have to be profit driven. It can be opened and operated to suit the needs of the community. No change.	



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Babergh District Council	Page 49	As above, we suggest a similar approach to page layout. Para's 8.19 and 8.20 could be moved to the right hand column and the policy text box shifted upwards on the page.	Agree to change.	Make change.
Newton Parish Council	Page 49	Businesses and employment point 8.20 reference is made that none of the businesses within the NP area require further land to expand. However with the expansion of the Perrywood's Garden Centre now imminent the Plan should make reference to the company's intentions but stressing that no additional agricultural land will be used. It would be good to mention Perrywood's intention to create 150 job opportunities.	Agree to change.	Make change.
Little Cornard Parish Council	Whole	Little Cornard Parish Council fully support Newton's draft Neighbourhood Plan and commend all those involved in producing the document.	No action required	
Natural England	Whole	Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 14 August 2020. 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. 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. Natural England is not able to fully assess the potential impacts of this proposal on statutory nature conservation sites or protected landscapes or, provide detailed advice on the application. If you consider there are significant risks to statutory nature conservation sites or protected landscapes, please set out the specific areas on which you require advice. The lack of	Noted. No change.	

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		<p>detailed advice from Natural England does not imply that there are no impacts on the natural environment. It is for the local planning authority to determine whether or not the proposal is consistent with national and local environmental policies. Other bodies and individuals may provide information and advice on the environmental value of this site and the impacts of the proposal on the natural environment to assist the decision making process. Generic advice is provided in the Annex attached. For any further consultations on your plan, please contact: <a href="mailto:consultations@naturalengland.org.uk">consultations@naturalengland.org.uk</a>.</p>		
Resident - CO10 OQT	Whole	<p>Many thanks for providing us with a printed copy of the Newton Neighbourhood Plan via Paul Presland.</p> <p>Having read the plan and now returned it to Paul, we would just like to say a very big thank you to anyone involved for such a high quality, well thought out and well-presented document. The Strategic Working Group and anyone else who has made a significant contribution have obviously worked very hard.</p> <p>Us Newtonians are very fortunate to have such an excellent plan!</p>	No action required	
Resident - CO10 OYA	Whole	I support the Newton Neighbourhood Plan.	No action required	
National Grid	Whole	<p>Proposed development sites crossed or in close proximity to National Grid assets:</p> <p>An assessment has been carried out with respect to National Grid's electricity and gas transmission assets which include high voltage electricity assets and high-pressure gas pipelines.</p>	No action required	

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		National Grid has identified that it has no record of such assets within the Neighbourhood Plan area.		
Babergh District Council	Whole	<p>This Plan is well prepared and presented. The careful and selective use of images convey a real sense of the village and its surroundings.</p> <p>A reminder that, while there is no legal requirement to examine the Newton Neighbourhood Plan against emerging policy, Planning Practice Guidance advises that the reasoning and evidence informing the [Joint] Local Plan process may be relevant to the consideration of the basic conditions against which it is tested and, that conformity with emerging plans can extend the life of neighbourhood plans, providing this does not result in conflict with adopted policies.</p>	Noted.	Make change.
Historic England	Whole	<p>We welcome the production of this neighbourhood plan, but do not currently have capacity to provide detailed comments. We would refer you to our detailed guidance on successfully incorporating historic environment considerations into your plan, which can be found here: <a href="https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/planning/planmaking/improve-your-neighbourhood/">https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/planning/planmaking/improve-your-neighbourhood/</a>.</p>	Noted. No change.	
Suffolk County Council	Whole	<p>Education Early Years Care - Newton is in the Assington Ward. After Local Plan growth is taken into account, there would be a deficit of five Full Time places for early years care. As it stands, we would seek to expand existing provision. Primary &amp; Secondary - The catchment primary school for Newton is Boxford CEVCP School. Thomas Gainsborough School is the nearest school, but it does not operate a catchment area. Instead, admissions to Thomas Gainsborough School are based on a priority admission area based on the school's partner</p>	No action required	

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		primary feeder schools of which Boxford CEVCP School is included.		
Suffolk County Council	Whole	<p>Active travel</p> <p>The encouragement for active travel methods, such as walking and cycling, is strongly welcomed by SCC. Active travel (i.e. cycling, walking) increases physical activity levels and improves physical and mental wellbeing. Prioritisation of active travel may also reduce over-reliance on motorised transport, contributing to improved air quality and a reduction in road injuries. Design of both new developments and, where possible, changes to existing infrastructure should maximise the potential for active travel. It is encouraging to see the Newton Neighbourhood Plan encourages healthier lifestyles through active travel for exercise and recreation, and positive to see a specific principle around safe walking and cycling.</p>	Noted. No change.	
Suffolk County Council	Whole	<p>Safe Communities</p> <p>Lighting is important for personal safety and creating a safe environment will be key to promoting active travel. Provision of sufficient seating will be necessary when considering the needs of an aging population. Additionally, clear signage/marketing of cycle paths and appropriate segregation from pavements will be necessary to ensure the safety of elderly and frail pedestrians.</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</p>	No action required	

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		proposals in the plan.		
Suffolk County Council	Whole	<p>Transport</p> <p>The County Council welcome the enthusiastic support for accessible, active, and sustainable transport, and the shift away from reliance on private car usage in Policy NEWT8.</p> <p>Paragraph 8.4 states: “New homes require sufficient parking to avoid obstruction of the highways. Development must demonstrate that it meets the standards required by the Suffolk County Council Parking Guidance” which is supported.</p> <p>There is a frequent bus service between Ipswich and Sudbury which serves the village and could be used to commute to work. There is scope to improve the bus stops in the village with raised kerbs to DDA (The Disability Discrimination Act 1992) standards and installation of bus shelters where possible.</p> <p>There have been 6 recorded injury accidents on Sudbury Road in the past 5 years; 1 serious and 5 slight injuries; this is a relatively straight, high trafficked road where speeds can be over 30mph.</p> <p>SCC acknowledges that there is a concern for road safety and high-speed traffic in the village. We welcome the ambitions of the parish to improve highway and pedestrian safety set out in Chapter 9 Non-Policy Actions, as traffic calming usually can help with the reduction in the risk of accidents.</p> <p>The Plan does not include any allocation for housing in the villages. However, if there are any future developments (such as ‘infill’), a developer would need to consider the impact it would have on the highway. They will also need to consider the injury accident history of</p>	Noted. No change.	

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		<p>the area and provide a report on the details to determine if there is a factor that can be reduced by mitigation; such as speed reduction if speed is considered the factor in the crashes. There may be a need for improving the pedestrian facilities such as controlled crossing points in the centre of the village.</p>		
<p>NHS West Suffolk</p>	<p>Whole</p>	<p>Thank you for communicating with West Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) regarding the Newton Parish Council's proposal to create a Neighbourhood Plan (NNP). Due to the general nature of the response, I thought it would be more appropriate to respond this way than the normal response forms. It is clear to see that the community have great affection for the village. To maintain a primary care service for the residents of Newton the CCG has been working with Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils on their Local Plan and producing an Infrastructure Delivery Plan. The NNP proposes allocation for 23 dwellings during the years 2018-2036 and this is not anticipated to create any further capacity issues for primary care in the area. The lack of inclusion of issues accessing primary care in the NNP can only be a good thing and must be concluded that the residents of Newton are content with the primary care provision in the area. With Great Cornard (branch of Hardwicke House Group Practice) less than 3 kilometres from the centre of the village and with the surgeries in Sudbury less than 5 kilometres from the village it is very well located. The CCG is pleased to see that your number 1 priority is to upgrade sports facilities in the village and provide new outdoor gym equipment for adults to use. This is very important as being active and social is good for the physical and mental health of the community and aligns with NHS prevention goals. The CCG works closely with voluntary organisations that look</p>	<p>Agree to change.</p>	<p>Make change.</p>

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		<p>at helping the elderly and vulnerable to get more active and help reduce isolation which might be of benefit to the elderly residents in Newton? We would welcome the addition of a simple statement, to confirm that Newton Parish Council will support West Suffolk CCG in ensuring suitable and sustainable provision of Primary Healthcare services for the residents of Newton. West Suffolk CCG would not have any issues supporting the NNP as the proposed developments would not have any significant impact on primary healthcare.</p>		
<p>Resident CO10 0QH &amp; Resident CO10 0TY Both arrived after deadline.</p>	<p>Whole</p>	<p>The plan indicates it will look to limit the further development in the village of Newton, using the term "limited sustainable growth" - can you confirm this is the case please.</p>	<p>It is not the intention of the plan to 'limit' growth as the plan is required to be positive, within the limits of Newton's role as a Hinterland Village. However, it is accepted that the use of the word 'limited' is misleading.</p>	<p>Make change.</p>
<p>Resident CO10 0QH &amp; Resident CO10 0TY Both arrived after deadline.</p>	<p>Whole</p>	<p>Newton is expected to accommodate a minimum of new dwellings, as directed by the local planning authority. There is no "actual" upper limit to the quantity that could be built in the village. The Neighbourhood plan is there to influence the type and where dwellings are built and is not a controlling authority on how many.</p>	<p>Noted. The Plan does not seek to create any upper limit on the number of dwellings. No change.</p>	

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Resident CO10 0QH & Resident CO10 0TY Both arrived after deadline.	Whole	Policy drafted at government level is passed down to local authorities to dictate who should take what and where, these guidelines are in a state of constant fluidity, even more so with the recent pandemic an ongoing situation.	Noted. No change.	
Resident CO10 0QH & Resident CO10 0TY Both arrived after deadline.	Whole	<p>You have stated in the plan that "any" development should be focussed within the development boundary; this is simply impossible due to the settlement boundary only encompassing that which has already been built in the village. Or is that the idea ?? Some clarity around this point would be welcomed.</p> <p>In Newton there is minimal future development growth potential within the current settlement boundary, therefore the settlement boundary has to increase to encompass future development, as it has at Red House Farm.</p>	None of the Plan policies state that 'any' development should be focussed within the development boundary. The focus for growth, given Newton's role as a Hinterland Village and the scale of growth required to be accommodated by the Emerging Joint Local Plan, is within the settlement boundary. Policy NEWT1 then notes the circumstances where development outside the boundary may be	



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			appropriate. No change.	
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Resident CO10 0QH & Resident CO10 0TY Both arrived after deadline.	Whole	Stating that the focus should only be within the current settlement boundary seems a tactic to try to cancel out any further development in the village. If this policy had been in place 100 years ago the village could not have developed to its present state.	Policy NEWT1 does not state this. It says that the focus of development should be within the settlement boundary. It then notes the circumstances where development outside the boundary may be appropriate. No change.	
Resident CO10 0QH & Resident CO10 0TY Both arrived after deadline.	Whole	As ever, there are always positives and negatives for any changes within the village. If the majority of future growth is pushed to the towns, then as they grow they will absorb more of the local villages, rather than them remaining a separate community.	Noted. No change.	