



# Newton Parish Survey 2015 Summary Report for Newton Parish Council

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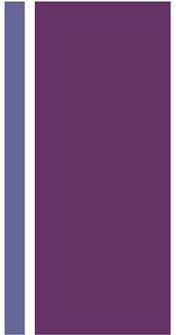


# + Parish Survey

- Survey was carried out in the village in October 2015
- In total 85 people responded
- Section A refers to the public meeting held in July, summarises the points made at that meeting and asks for agreement.
- Section B asks for specific information regarding Newton, housing, amenities and transport.



# + Parish Survey



## Main Issues

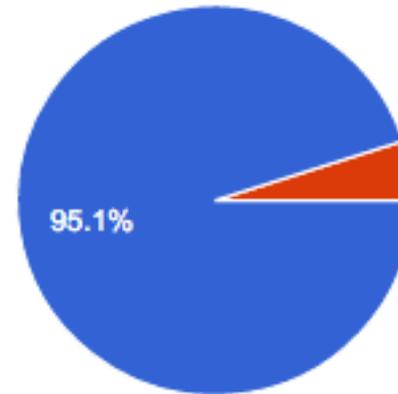
- RED TEXT = Traffic
- BLUE TEXT = Shop
- LILAC TEXT = Affordable, smaller, downsize properties



# + Statement 1

Smaller properties are required instead of building more 4-5 bed homes and there should be a balance of private and affordable housing. This will offer people the flexibility to downsize if they so wish, it will encourage new people to move into the village and it will help young villagers to stay within their own community.

Yes	77	95.1%
No	4	4.9%



# + Statement 1 comments

There should be a mixture of smaller and larger properties to avoid transit camps" and include 3 bed properties as there is a shortage. There should be more private housing than affordable as there are limited facilities in the village - i.e. no school, shop, no jobs, poor public transport.

Single storey - Downsizers would find it helpful

In small groups

Very important to have small houses for people on low incomes. Should be affordable/middle and large family homes complete range. I do not accept premise that village must grow. Must be built for local villagers and not for buy to let.

Demographic change to village would be healthy. The option is a village of "old codgers" and wealthy "weekenders"

Why not both?

Whilst not all plots will suit a wide choice of properties, the ones in the centre of the village, particularly the one opposite the Saracen's Head (and extended out onto current allotments) are a good location for smaller, but high quality, private bungalows which should be attractive to existing residents to downsize to. If we don't provide for them, we force our older residents to choose between moving out of the village or having to continue to live in properties which are unsuitable, beyond their means to maintain and could be better occupied by younger families.

Affordable housing as long as it is privately owned and lived in by the owner.

About time!

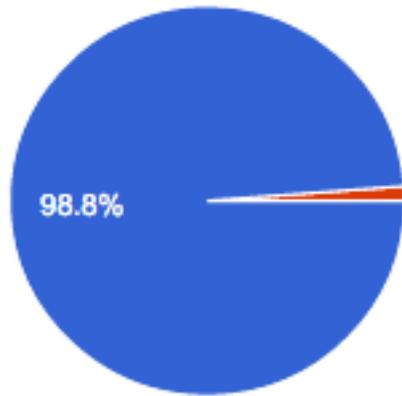
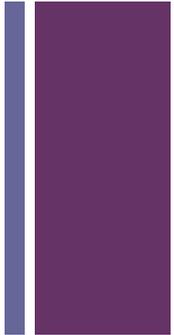
2-3 bedroom properties preferably, not one bed.





# Statement 2

There is no appetite for large-scale developments; new properties, regardless of size, must be built to the highest quality and should enhance the appearance of the village.



Yes	82	98.8%
No	1	1.2%



# + Statement 2 comments

Quality should be good but not so high as to make them less affordable

What is large scale development? One which is good quality, in keeping with the rest of the village and with some **affordable** housing would be fine in the correct positioning

But not at the expense of being **affordable**

No permanent gypsy and traveller sites. Encourage smaller developers with more unique designs than standard square boxes. Should have sufficient off-street parking and garages where appropriate.

I don't have one single answer to all three statements.

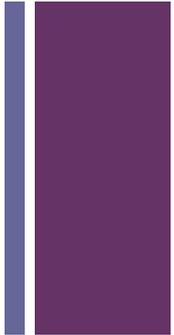
The village green should remain the feature of the village

A hotchpotch patch of houses of poor seeing built in poor materials would spoil the village. **Small developments** high quality and design to compliment the current village. Building in Newton does not offer realistic solution to addressing national housing problems, it is no more than a token measure. Small developments of up to 15 homes should be possible without detracting from quality.

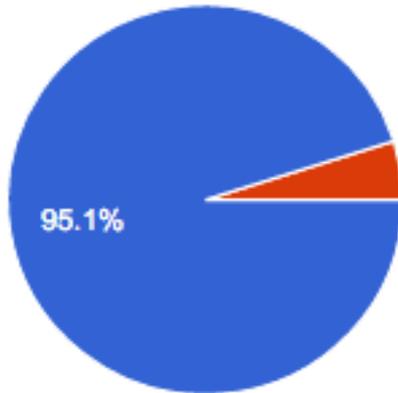




# Statement 3



Small scale infill developments along the A134 may be an appropriate way forward but other possible sites should also be investigated. .



Yes	<b>78</b>	95.1%
No	<b>4</b>	4.9%



# + Statement 3 comments

Development should not be on A134 but in small groups elsewhere.  
There are obvious potential infill sites on other fillage road.

No more along A134

Let's retain the playing field for future generations

All future building to be off Church Road

They must be **affordable**.

North and South along the A134 should be looked at as a major ribbon development mirrors 80% of all villages in Suffolk. **Access to A134 presents safety issues and should be avoided until addressed. Infill on golf course side should be avoided in line with existing rules. Traffic control by solar power smiley faces will slow the traffic down, foot paths and street lighting. This will stop accidents.** I see no reason why spare land at the edge of the village going towards Sudbury should not be used. Off the main A135 is best prepared for the services required for these homes

How about Rectory Road?

Areas like behind the Airey Houses would fit in as well as next to Red House Farm on the A134

**Volume of existing traffic would seem to be sufficient**

Some of the roads are far too narrow to consider.

**Small scale infill** developments should be encouraged over other sites in the village to avoid agricultural land being developed and raising the opportunity for medium to large scale developments.

The building plot down Rectory Road would suit 2, 3 family homes, as too far from village centre for older people.

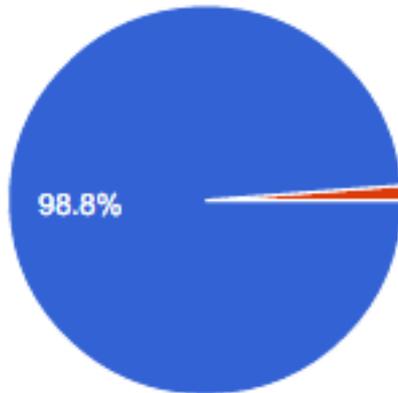
Mainly infill

Cannot understand why development on the south west side of the A134 seems to be out of the question.



# + Statement 4

A major concern to the village is the impact of significant increases in traffic from other large-scale developments nearby. We know the A134 will only get busier and our village needs reassurance that the Community Infrastructure Levy and other funding streams will be used strategically to help alleviate these traffic issues.



Yes	81	98.8%
No	1	1.2%



# + Statement 4 comments

1 Speed light 2 Crossing to Village Hall with beacons 3 Widen pavements where narrow.

Speed limits are essential to allow old girls like me to cross the road.

And use of CIL for footpath development and cycle paths along the A134.

No idea what a CIL is!

Chilton Development monies could be directed towards A134/Valley Road junction improvements

Infrastructure development is key to whole Sudbury area to mitigate congestion and pollution

Often difficult to join A134 during peak travelling time. Safety in crossing A134.

A northern bypass is absolutely imperative. Start talks now

Traffic through village is already a problem and something needs to be done to sort this. Village bypass is only a pipe dream so increased traffic levels demand control (roundabouts?) at Valley road and Boxford turn. Speed limit signs at Western end must be positioned earlier than they are now. Nothing will happen to help with the A135 not in the next 50 years. The increase in housing should only take place once the traffic measures are in place and working. I would like the village to benefit from traffic calming measures as a result do development. I worry every day when my children have to cross the road to get to their bus stop.

Traffic control is vital, but NOT major bumps

Why not have a roundabout at Valley Road and the Ipswich Road to keep the traffic flowing at all times.





# Question 1 Characteristics of the Parish



(a) What do you like about living in the Parish of Newton?

It suits my current circumstances well I use the golf course & pub regularly

Quiet, countryside close to town, frequent bus service, low crime, village activities, community, pub, golf course.

The friendly community The village green maintained so well by the golf club Access to Sudbury

The activities and the friendly attitude of the residents. Very happy atmosphere

In the country but close to town

Very friendly

Lovely people!

We like to live outside of town

Because of village life and the golf course which I believe is open to the locals.

very civilised, no vandalism





# Question 1 Characteristics of the Parish

(a) What do you like about living in the Parish of Newton?

Community spirit Lovely scenery Lots of social events No unsightly developments

Attractive village with plenty going on in Village Hall.

It's character of old and new houses and the community spirit community spirit. Various activities for all ages.

Rural environment so close to town if needed. Picturesque.

It's rurality and the sense of space.

Community spirit The Golf Club The pub Proximity to Sudbury

Very attractive village, close to Sudbury, in a very pleasant area of Suffolk

It suits our needs

The golf club and mix of architecture

Space, trees and community

Friendly atmosphere, if you are willing to join in.

Nice quiet village community, the Saracens Head pub, free golf.

Its individuality - peaceful. A village 'feel'.

**Newton Parish Council**





# Question 1 Characteristics of the Parish



(a) What do you like about living in the Parish of Newton?

Crime free, no large developments, quiet, apart from traffic, golf course.

Quiet, friendly

Peace and quiet, small community.

Quiet

Its distinctiveness of the housing predominantly on one side of the A134 with countryside, with individual properties on the other.

Sense of community

Beautiful countryside well kept clean green and golf course. Individual lovely character buildings safe environment

There appears to be a good community spirit

Very friendly Good location to main towns

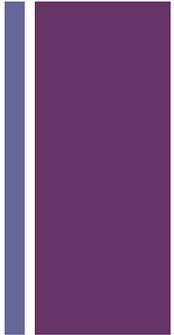
Community spirit

Peaceful, picturesque and not overcrowded





# Question 1 Characteristics of the Parish



(a) What do you like about living in the Parish of Newton?

Rural aspects with sense of space and community within striking distance of Sudbury and also Colchester/BSE/Ipswich

Close enough to larger towns and shops

There's nowhere better

Nice and quiet

Semi-rural location

It's a small, attractive, peaceful village. Has a feeling of open space.

Have not lived here very long. People seem friendly and helpful

Everything an extremely peaceful village, and friendly people

Quiet, peaceful.

Good community vibe

Green spaces Community spirit

Open countryside views





# Question 1 Characteristics of the Parish

(b) Is there anything in the Parish that you dislike?

A134 Footpaths that don't go anywhere

Prospect of increased traffic without any tangible response to date appear to be too passive

Yes would like Rectory Road to have a bit more tlc, road repair, verges cut more often.

traffic on A134

No local shop, thereby driving is mandatory.

No shop No safe road crossing

Recreation / swings & slides area. Apparatus for older children and adults like Bures.

1 - Speeding traffic 2 - Lack of church support - number sin congregation and PCC dwindling through natural causes

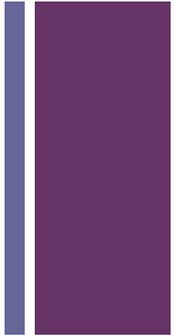
No (except no shop)

Incomers who treat the village as a dormitory and do not join in village events.





# Question 1 Characteristics of the Parish



(b) Is there anything in the Parish that you dislike?

Lack of meaningful traffic calming measures and safe crossing points on the A134 for the young, elderly, and disabled.

Lack of amenities for 7-16 year olds.

More for children - skate park.

The A134 traffic - noise and difficulty crossing the road or turning onto it

Narrow pavements - close proximity of traffic while walking

The main road. Golf Club -v- village relations. Lack of community events.

Poor broadband, state of some footpaths, not having mains GAS.

The busy A134

No, only the speed in which our village is driven through.

A134

Trying to cross the A134 and speeding and the ongoing issue of trying to introduce traffic calming measures which are not supported. No reduction in golf club membership for villagers.





# Question 1 Characteristics of the Parish

(b) Is there anything in the Parish that you dislike?

Getting hit by golf balls while driving through Rectory Road.

Increased volume of traffic along the A134 causing difficulty to enter the A134 from the side roads.

No shop.

The parish council should inform the people of Newton of future developments not keep it under cover!!

Main road traffic

No amenities, i.e. shop, post office, doctors.

The A134 passes through the village, and that nothing seems to be done to make it safer

NIMBYs

Dog mess, bins overflowing left on pavement with open lids. Too many vehicles for sale taking up space by houses in the Court.

traffic problems have certainly become a problem.

The constant through-traffic which unfortunately we have to live with as we live beside a major trunk road





# Question 1 Characteristics of the Parish

(b) Is there anything in the Parish that you dislike?

Volume of traffic on the A134

Increased traffic and speed of traffic

Speeding traffic on A134

Amount of traffic and speed of traffic. No shop.

A134 speeding Golfers using the playing field, hitting balls towards and into play areas (even when toddlers in!) rude, arrogant and pompous attitude when approached and asked to stop.

Heavy lorries/HGV

Amount of traffic on A134

Litter on the main road and dogs mess. Cars parked on roadside Cars driving too fast down Church road.

Would like there to be a path for easy way of walking to Sudbury and the busy road

The village is split by the A134

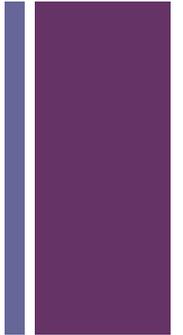
Not having a local shop and post office

No local shop but village not big enough for it





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(b) Is there anything in the Parish that you dislike?

No real centre, focal point. Chance encounters and interaction with other villagers unlikely.

Only the traffic, but little can be done about that. We all knew that a main road runs through Newton when we came

Not a dislike but a disappointment that walking/footpaths are restricted to one side of the village.

The speed and volume of traffic on A134

No

Traffic noise and speed

recycling bins are ugly

Lack of facilities

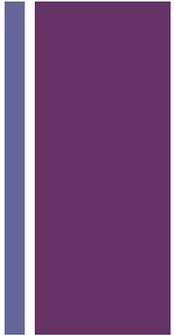
main road, speeding

Yes, cars for sale parked in bus stop lay-by on main road.





# Question 1 Characteristics of the Parish



(c) What improvements would you like to see to deal with these dislikes?

**Traffic speed control.** Get the golf club to be more involved with village events. Arrange more for the community.

Yes would like Rectory Road to have a bit more tlc, road repair, verges cut more often.

Assassination

**More traffic calming measures** Footpath at eastern end of village to be extended to Manders driveway

The pathway to continue out of Newton into Sudbury and **traffic calming measures**

Wider footpaths. **Speed of traffic restricted to 30mph and less for larger vehicles.**

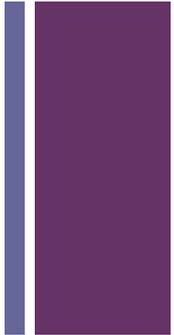
**Bypass?**

**Traffic calming would be good**





# Question 1 Characteristics of the Parish



(c) What improvements would you like to see to deal with these dislikes?

Ban golfers from playing field. **Average speed cameras at village envelopes**

**Some kind of speed control A134** Smaller builds not too many more houses.

**Lack of meaningful traffic calming measures and safe crossing points on the A134 for the young, elderly, and disabled.**

Greater investment in facilities that the children really want.

**Some kind of speed reduction or monitoring.**

**more speed watch in early mornings**

**More opportunity to develop a community spirit village shop.**

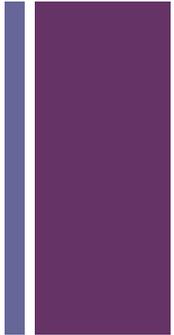
Better transport for disabled people

**1 - Traffic calming - particularly at the pub bend** **2 - Advertising in newsletter of need for volunteers - help in fundraising - churchyard maintenance - PCC etc.**





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Not much can be done about the volume or noise of the traffic, but CIL could be used for junction improvement in the centre of the village - move A134 about 1.5m onto the green, allowing for a wider pavement and also planters along the roadside to bring colour whilst providing a safety separation between the pedestrians and vehicles - particularly the HGV mirrors which overhang the pavement as they pass. This would allow traffic emerging from Church Road a much better view of oncoming vehicles.

## Traffic calming

Perhaps a heavy fine or vehicles clamped or layby moved further along.

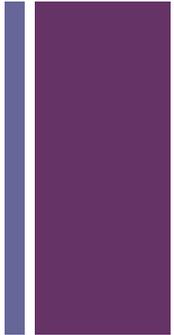
Calming measures at each end of the village. 40mph before the 30mph approaches to the village.

A northern bypass! At least mini roundabouts at Valley Road/Church Road/Rectorry Road junctions





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(c) What improvements would you like to see to deal with these dislikes?

**Permanent traffic calming or by-pass**

**A shop**

Linear configuration makes it difficult to see how b could be improved.  
Encourage everybody to be part of the community

**Reinstating a village shop, coffee shop**

The village newsletter to continue mentioning problems.

The council should be more open so the people of Newton can deal with it

**A shop community**

Paths resurfaced, broadband improved. Investigate a cost provision for natural gas and allow residents to decide whether they want to go ahead.

Earnings to those that flout the law.

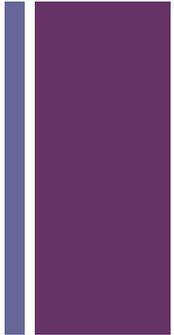
**Address traffic issues**

**A mini roundabout at the top of Valley Rd where it meets with the A134**





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(c) What improvements would you like to see to deal with these dislikes?

Traffic signs and humps? Zebra crossing.

Pedestrian crossings

Traffic calming measures.

I won't be around so I will not worry!

A proper crossing is needed.

Maybe mini roundabouts

Newton Green Trust to reduce charges to golf club to provide reduction in membership charges for villagers. 30mph solar signage both ends of village and mobile speed tripod used and shared with other villages.

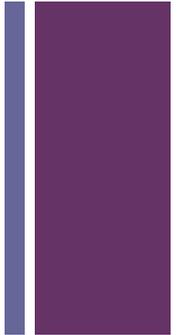
A bypass would be nice but seems unlikely bearing in mind the chronic and desperate need for one around Sudbury

Solar flashing speed indicators signs, all other villages seem to have them except Newton.





# Question 1 Characteristics of the Parish



(d) How would you like to see the Parish evolve? Short and Long term?

Sensitive growth, increased amenities.

(i) More amenities for your people. (ii) Gradual growth with a **balance of housing types**

(i) the village hall to host the activities enjoyed and a good film show perhaps once a month. (ii) Additional activities in the hall and playing fields, but this required keen and continuing dedication by willing hands to help.

**Ideally a by-pass Safe pedestrian crossing for A134**

If Saracens Head is sold to become a community owned pub.

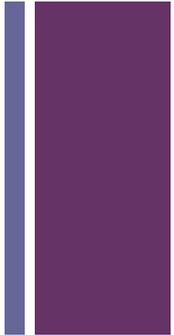
i better broadband for all, retain the peaceful nature of the village, perhaps a **small shop (grocery)** ii retain peaceful nature of the village not too much development retain the character

**Smaller houses** for young people to buy or older people to **downsize** to.





# Question 1 Characteristics of the Parish



(d) How would you like to see the Parish evolve? Short and Long term?

(i) Reasonable new housing additions. (ii) While moving with the times, keeping as much as possible of its character.

**(i) average speed cameras through village. (ii) road and footpath improvements**

i) **Farm shop** - maybe from village hall or other suitable premises e.g. Rectory Road. Parish surgeries - less formal to encourage attendance.

ii) Easier access to Sudbury, retaining its feeling of open space and character

i Good speed broadband.

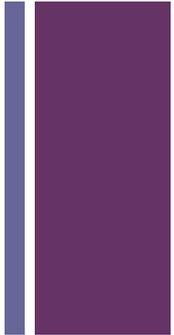
**Lack of meaningful traffic calming measures and safe crossing points on the A134 for the young, elderly, and disabled.**

i) To remain focused on remaining a village not a town ii) As above - we are a small rural village. Not doing new things and changing is valued





# Question 1 Characteristics of the Parish



(d) How would you like to see the Parish evolve? Short and Long term?

i) Families moving in ii) Become less of a dormitory village, or it won't be a community

small increase in houses - if required. remain contained, not extension of Sudbury.

(i) small amounts of development - small cottages, not large houses. (ii) same.

(i) Not too much development (ii) same

(i) Broadband on par with provision for Sudbury. Footpaths properly maintained. (ii) Provision of Gas.

(i) Say much the same as it is.

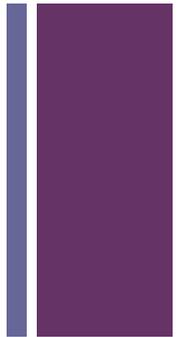
(i) Smaller affordable homes built but not too many (ii) Ditto - ensuring new properties are quality builds

i) **Traffic control - minimum development** ii) Same and more activities  
Sensible development. Do away with the pull-in near the phonebox and have a foot path there extending to the pub, golf club and bus stop.





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(d) How would you like to see the Parish evolve? Short and Long term?

(i) **New housing would help to pay for the creation of a 'community shop.** (ii) larger village hall (community centre) being developed  
1. Little change 2. Better affordable housing and some increased elderly care

The track on Green Lane to be re--surfaced.

1 more locals able to stay in the village 2 ditto

2 feel the parish council best placed to answer

(i)(ii) More sensible housing for locals.

i) Infill development bringing in smaller private houses to allow existing residents to downsize, allowing new families to move in to their old homes. ii) **Improvements to the A134 junctions through village.**

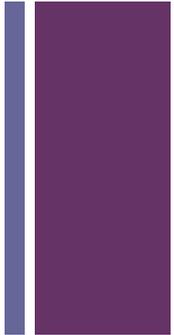
i more activities for the younger generation ii same as above b,c  
i as above ii as above

i) **Less traffic on the A134** ii) **Same as above**





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(d) How would you like to see the Parish evolve? Short and Long term?

Much improved broadband services

To retain village as is - kept clean, tidy and peaceful.

1 minimal development 2 **traffic calming measures**

i) A better mix of housing ii) See "C"

(I) ACTION - NOT QUESTIONNAIRES AND MEETINGS (II) A by-pass

Improve the above

1 **reduction in traffic/speed** 2 **bypass for Newton**

(i) more housing

(i) Maintain road, hedges and trees. (ii) continuation of events in the village hall.

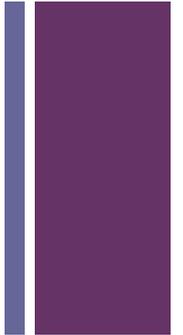
1 more housing for young people and elderly living alone 2 as above

1 quality development/not boring boxes 2 as above





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(d) How would you like to see the Parish evolve? Short and Long term?

(i) a crossing for the main road

1 as in b above would love to see a shop or PO something that makes a focal point. 2 no great changes, regeneration/continuation of what we have now

i) The proposed development opposite the Saracens completed - tastefully ii) Further possible housing infill between the playing field and the houses on the right when heading towards Colchester (as the next development)

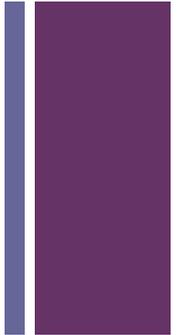
(i) small scale solar/wind farm for community benefit (ii) medium scale responsible development

(i) Controlled growth with a good mix of housing types (ii) As above  
1 retain status quo, perhaps small/discrete general store/PO in pub car park area 2 as above





# Question 1 Characteristics of the Parish



**(e) What improvement or benefits would you like future developments and changes to bring to our village community?**

A well-balanced community with more young people

A village/community shop

Bypass would be nice but unrealistic more modern village hall/  
warmer etc

unfortunately this is not a very 'community minded' village. The same people attend everything. Sorry to be negative.

Less traffic Some hope! Speed reduction - or Newton will not attract newcomers or villagers to stay. Noisy, unsafe, unhealthy

Elderly care and affordable housing

Improved Broadband

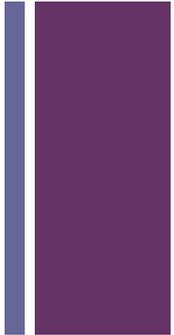
Affordable housing

Traffic calming, easier interaction between villagers





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Don't see that future developments will provide improvements or benefits as will bring in people who still commute, may not get involved in the community (recent people who have moved in do not get involved) and may see increases in ASB and crime.

A bridge over the A134 to connect both halves of the village. Finance to come from developers

Adaptation to the ever-increasing volume of traffic through the village.

A community shop aimed at the needs of the elderly and disabled residents.

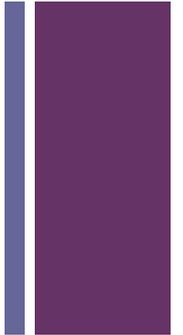
Possibly a striped crossing on the A134 if traffic is going to increase.

Traffic needs to be slowed, it can be difficult to get out onto the A134 from our small village roads. Any chance in the longer term of a local community bus service into Sudbury. We miss our local post office/shop.





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**(e) What improvement or benefits would you like future developments and changes to bring to our village community?**

Affordable housing for those living in the village and their dependants.

More housing might spark the need for a village shop/newsagent.

Perhaps a village shop and post office once again.

Although unlikely, a shop would be ideal. More reminders for drivers to resist speeding.

Affordable housing would hopefully attract younger people to the village.

Faster broadband Mains Gas

A village shop/post office is needed. Traffic problem needs resolving somehow

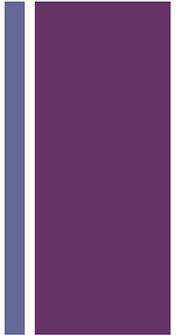
Good quality affordable housing enabling people to live/stay in the village

My family could stay in the community and buy our own house





# Question 1 Characteristics of the Parish



**(e) What improvement or benefits would you like future developments and changes to bring to our village community?**

1 - Improvements to Valley Road junction taking out the blind corners 2  
- 30mph speed limit from area Valley Road side of Joe's Road through the village, making the Valley Road less dangerous

All changes, buildings etc must foster good relations whatever they are.

Better broadband for all

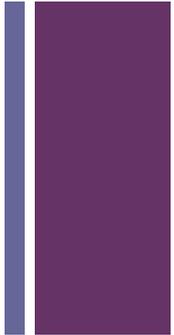
I have lived here for 29 years. Very little has changed in that time which, I suppose, is why I like it here. I would hope any developments would provide facilities to make life easier for families and the young/teenagers who move to the village.

(No street lights or pedestrian crossing) Do we need to develop?  
Standing still is OK





# Question 1 Characteristics of the Parish



**(e) What improvement or benefits would you like future developments and changes to bring to our village community?**

The village as a whole using the facilities that are here, losing them would be bad

It would be helpful to once again have a shop and post office.

A shop Traffic calming measures. It would not be safe to build opposite the Saracens Head.

Make sure we keep the pub! Maybe consider setting up a community shop.

Possible shop, post office etc

Only small developments, use existing facilities to greater extent eg hall, pub and golf course

A northern bypass

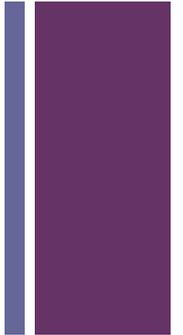
Possibly slow down the traffic to a 20mph limit as school children have to be picked up and dropped off.

A small village shop.





# Question 1 Characteristics of the Parish



**(e) What improvement or benefits would you like future developments and changes to bring to our village community?**

Sufficient new homes to **allow a village shop to run** - possibly form within the Saracens Head - it would help that be more sustainable too  
**CIL money spent on junction improvements** - we don't have to spend the parish portion on benches and play equipment - we can leverage other funds in for infrastructure improvements with it.

Creation of community 'hubs' **and safer pedestrian crossing of A134.**

**A village shop**

**More and safer walkways on both sides of the A134 in the village.**

Better sports facilities. Street lighting. **Speed restrictions.**





## Question 2 Additional contextual housing information

(a) What type of housing are you in now, and what type would you need in the future?

Detached house Possibility of needing to downsize in next few years

Semi-detached. Not likely to change in foreseeable future.

We are in a spacious 3 - bed roomed house with garden, in the longer term a smaller 3 bed roomed bungalow with small garden would be good.

Social housing - 2 bedroom semi. Possibly down size to flat/1 bed house in future.

Own semi detached house. No change envisaged.

Terraced bungalow

Bungalow, this is suitable now for us and also in the long term

Detached house, needs covered

3 bed detached house May want to downsize within the next five years detached house - downsizing depending on health.

private, 4 bed roomed, probably downsizing in the future.

semi detached private house. Two bedroomed bungalow.





## Question 2 Additional contextual housing information

(a) What type of housing are you in now, and what type would you need in the future?

Detached listed 4 bedroom house. Would like to downsize to 2 bed, easily maintained but modern with character

Renovated 16th century barn. I have no household other than my myself. I hope to remain here for as long as I am able.

Currently in modest Victorian property. Excellent as a family home but with a good sized garden so would like something to downsize to in the future.

detached house with garden. Foresee no change.

Orwell housing bungalow

Grade 2 listed detached house. Small 2 bedroom end rented accommodation for my daughter as they would like to be near their parents and sister.

Bungalow at present no change needed

4 bedroomed victorian cottage. No change anticipated between now and 2030





## Question 2 Additional contextual housing information

(a) What type of housing are you in now, and what type would you need in the future?

I have a 4/5 bedroom end terrace. I would like to downsize to a 1/2 bed bungalow.

Orwell Housing Association.

Detached chalet bungalow Both getting old don't know what sort of housing will need up to 2030

Stay where I am.

4 bedroom detached. Possibly downsize to 2 bedroom.

Large 3 bed home now, in future downsize to a smaller property or move away to find one

Within keeping of the village

5 bedroom detached which will need until 2030, if plans change, will convert to flats or convert to care home to assist village to meet its BDC local plan:-)





## Question 2 Additional contextual housing information

(a) What type of housing are you in now, and what type would you need in the future?

4 bedroom semi - probably downsize

in 2 bed detached house. No change as our house can be adapted to suit our needs as we get older

Chalet Bungalow No further needs in future

We are in a 3 bed semi now. In the future, would like 2-3 bedroom houses for sons and daughters in the village. Affordable and tasteful to keep families in the village.

2 bedroom detached I do not see our needs changing in this time period.

5 bedroom detached. | Typically one to two bedroom bungalow/dwelling.

4 bedroom detached, large garden. Downsizing will be inevitable. 2 bed, parking and small courtyard garden would be ideal.

Large chalet bungalow now, probably need care home by 2030





## Question 2 Additional contextual housing information

(a) What type of housing are you in now, and what type would you need in the future?

4 bed house No changes needed

Detached

2 bedroom bungalow - similar

Semi detached Not sure

4 bed detached now. 4 bed detached, 2 or 3 bedroom property for son.

We are in a council bungalow. It would be excellent for affordable properties in the future for the younger generation of Newton Green.

3 bed detached - no wish to downsize

3 bed detached house Bungalow

NOW - Family home FUTURE - smaller/retirement home

4 bedroom detached chalet bungalow Downsize smaller property for retirement

3 bedroom rented accommodation. Would love to remain in Newton.

Too Big Want to downsize

Detached 4 bed Future - not likely





## Question 2 Additional contextual housing information

(a) What type of housing are you in now, and what type would you need in the future?

Eldest child will require our home in ten year time. We hope!

Living in family home and hope to continue to do so.

4 bed large garden **semi detached, smaller for future.**

4 bed listed cottage no change

Detached 4 bed currently

Private large house

4 bedroom detached **Affordable**

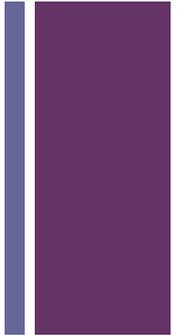
4 bedroom detached family house. Staying put.

Large detached property - **future downsizing**

Bungalow **Smaller dwelling**

4 bed listed cottage **Downsize to 3 bed house**

We are in rented & we want to stay here (buy are own) till the children have finished their education. So would need 4 bed house then **2 bed when kids have gone to uni**





## Question 2 Additional contextual housing information

(a) What type of housing are you in now, and what type would you need in the future?

Chalet with annexe. **Require to downsize in 15 years.**

4 bed detached. No idea.

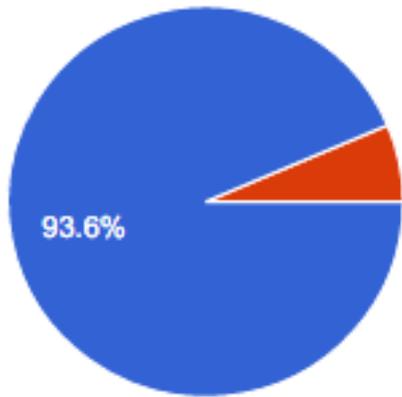
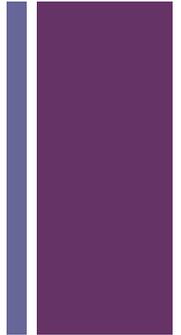
3 bed roomed house. Nothing else in future would be required from this household.





## Question 2 Additional contextual housing information

(b) Is your home? Open Market or Affordable Housing



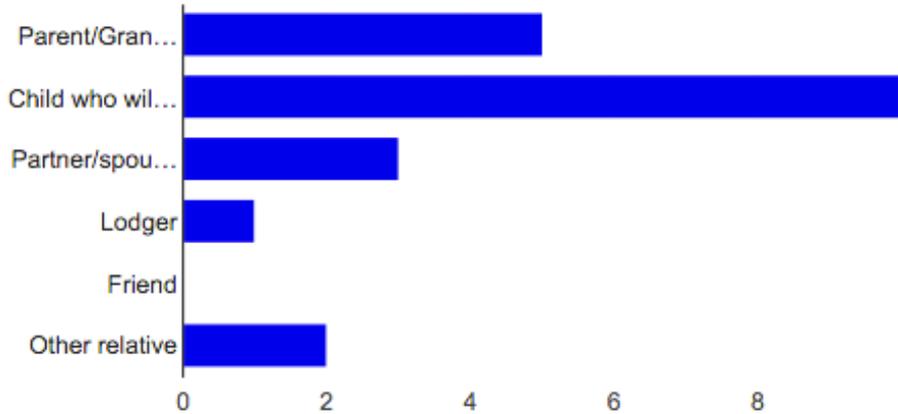
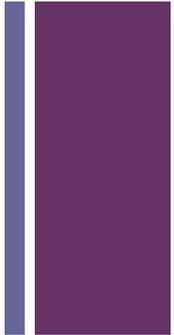
Open Market (owned/private rent)	<b>73</b>	93.6%
Affordable Housing	<b>5</b>	6.4%





# Question 2 Additional contextual housing information

(c) Who needs housing?

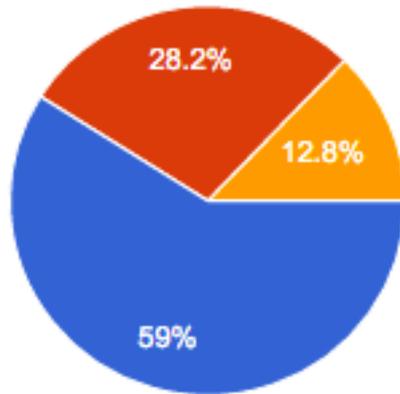


Parent/Grandparent	5	26.3%
Child who will be over 16	10	52.6%
Partner/spouse/civil partner	3	15.8%
Lodger	1	5.3%
Friend	0	0%
Other relative	2	10.5%



# + Question 3 Village Amenities

## Importance of Playing Field amenities

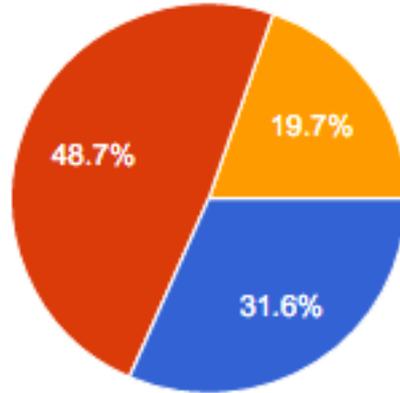


Very Important	<b>46</b>	59%
Important	<b>22</b>	28.2%
Not important	<b>10</b>	12.8%



# + Question 3 Village Amenities

## Importance of All Saints Church

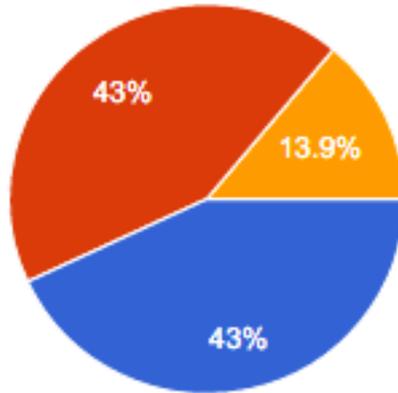


Very Important	<b>24</b>	31.6%
Important	<b>37</b>	48.7%
Not important	<b>15</b>	19.7%



# + Question 3 Village Amenities

## Importance of Newton Green Golf Club

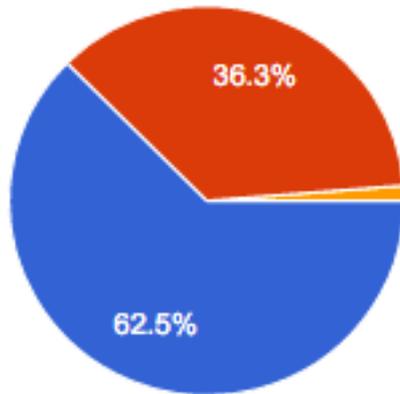


Very Important	<b>34</b>	43%
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Not Important	<b>11</b>	13.9%



# + Question 3 Village Amenities

## Importance of Saracens Head Public House

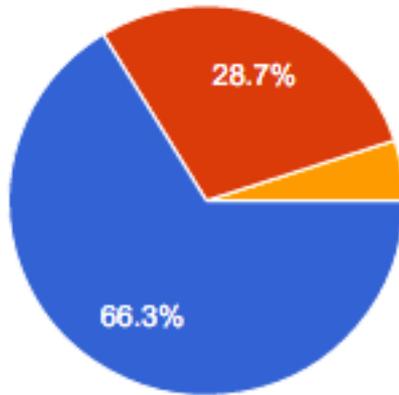


Very Important	<b>50</b>	62.5%
Important	<b>29</b>	36.3%
Not Important	<b>1</b>	1.3%



# + Question 3 Village Amenities

## Importance of Village Hall



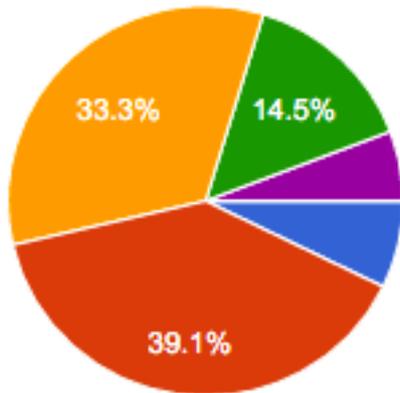
Very Important	<b>53</b>	66.3%
Important	<b>23</b>	28.8%
Not important	<b>4</b>	5%



# + Question 3 Village Amenities

## Local Transport – Bus Service

Local Transport services



Very good	<b>5</b>	7.2%
Good	<b>27</b>	39.1%
Average	<b>23</b>	33.3%
Poor	<b>10</b>	14.5%
Very Poor	<b>4</b>	5.8%



# + Question 3 Village Amenities

## Local Transport – Bus Service

- More regular bus services passed Sudbury Health Centre.
- Return to hourly service
- Increase frequency to Sudbury to use as hub
- More buses as not enough room at peak times
- Regular services to minimise gaps in the service, perhaps run an hour or so later.
- Infrequently used but find it good
- By more people seeing service as better than driving car into centre of Sudbury
- Single deckers Doubles not needed
- We have 2 buses in 10 minutes - why not spaced every 30 minutes. Nothing Sundays. Too expensive to use.
- Smaller buses, running more frequently. Not so expensive fares for non-concessions.



# + Question 3 Village Amenities

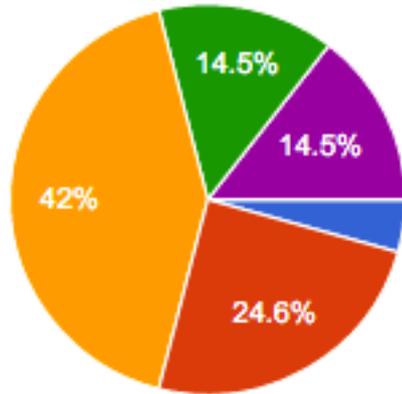
## Local Transport – Bus Service

- More frequency of Sudbury to Colchester and further buses after 6:30
- To replace bus timetables with current time tables.
- A direct service to Bury St Edmunds
- More regular buses
- If buses could run every half hour instead of hourly it would be helpful
- The charging for the service should be reviewed. The short sector between Sudbury and Newton is unreasonably and disproportionately expensive when compared with the overall cost of Sudbury-Ipswich or Sudbury-Colchester.
- The bus stop opposite the Saracens is situated in a dangerous position for traffic especially being on the bend in the road.
- More often
- More regular



# + Question 3 Village Amenities

## Local Transport – Pavements



Very Good	<b>3</b>	4.3%
Good	<b>17</b>	24.6%
Average	<b>29</b>	42%
Poor	<b>10</b>	14.5%
Very Poor	<b>10</b>	14.5%



# + Question 3 Village Amenities

## Local Transport – Pavements

Stones from driveways make my wheelchair unsafe

Wider and longer footpaths.

Footpaths to be made wider

As previously stated I would like to see the footpath extended out of Newton to Sudbury so that it's easy to walk to Sudbury

Extend pavements along A134 towards Sudbury and Valley Road towards Great Waldingfield.

Could go further - safer few more i.e. bus stop.

Generally very good. However would like the public road to my property (Plough Cottage) to be maintained/tarmac'd

Widened on A134 from Links View to Church Road as very thin and dangerous as speeding HGVs fly past. Makes school bus run dangerous.

proper sidewalks



# + Question 3 Village Amenities

## Local Transport – Pavements

Increase number of footpaths/continuation on A134 and across A134. Footpaths are in good state of repair but verge needs cutting back as encroaching onto main footpath on A134 and has reduced footpath width.

A134 path poor because of weight of traffic not a relaxed walk by any means

Pavement along A134 should be widened No safe way to walk to Sudbury

An increase in the number of public footpaths would reduce the need for villagers to walk their dogs on the green/golf course and playing fields. This could also improve relations with the golf club.

The footpath alongside the A134 is far too narrow and dangerous. As a pensioner with a hip replacement I go up and down to the bus stops near the Saracens head regularly. The narrowness of the footpath which is uneven in places and the speed of the traffic makes my journey hazardous.



# + Question 3 Village Amenities

## Local Transport – Pavements

Footpath needs to be wider at east end of village.

Made wider but not possible due to buildings.

Street lights

Improve maintenance

With difficulty.

Am not sure if pavements can be improved. Footpaths are well marked and used already.

Unable to walk into Sudbury as footpath finishes.

A pavement is needed at the top of Church Road leading on to the A134.

The verges of the paths need to be cut back

Foothpaths good, now that they are regularly maintained. No parking on footpaths - obstructs wheel chairs and mobility scooters.

Improved footpath to garden centre (maybe) incorporating a footpath into Joes Road making a circular road walk possible around the village.



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Pavement on high street too narrow, especially when walking dog.



# + Question 3 Village Amenities

## Local Transport – Pavements

Passing places indicated on Rectory Road would be helpful.  
Need safe pedestrian crossing over A134 Footpath between Airey Close and Tinkers Croft needs widening. Does not feel safe when lorries pass you. Re-open footpath from Newton to Sudbury further side of Valley Road.

Narrow parts of pavements along A134 require improvement.

Pavement on pub side of the road.

The path adjacent to the A134 feels unsafe as it is quite narrow.

Some footpaths need widening

There should be a footpath out into the country by the church, like there used to be.

Most are very narrow. Could do with a footpath on the golf club side of the A134 parallel to the existing one.

More footpaths from Church Road

Several in the village are in a very desperate state or repair. e.g  
Nicholsons Court.

**Newton Parish Council**



# + Question 3 Village Amenities

## Local Transport – Pavements

Cutting back verges as paths are very narrow in places, village hall car park very difficult to push pushchairs/wheelchairs over the gravel/shingle. Maybe a narrow path could be provided from road to hall/playing field

The surface between Links View and Brook Farm is deteriorating and also needs skirting There could well be a good argument to extend the pavement out of the village towards Sudbury to the garden centre or even beyond to Sudbury itself. This could run as a shared space cycle track/footpath behind some of the hedges and in the first instance could be compacted material rather than tarmac.

Need footpaths both sides of the A134 and if possible one extending into Sudbury.

Zebra crossing

I and some of my friends would walk into Sudbury or Great Waldingfield, but it is impossible to do so safely.



# + Question 3 Village Amenities

## Local Transport – Pavements

A good path down to the roundabout would be very welcome. made wider and more introduced for instance by Links View from the bus stop to the road

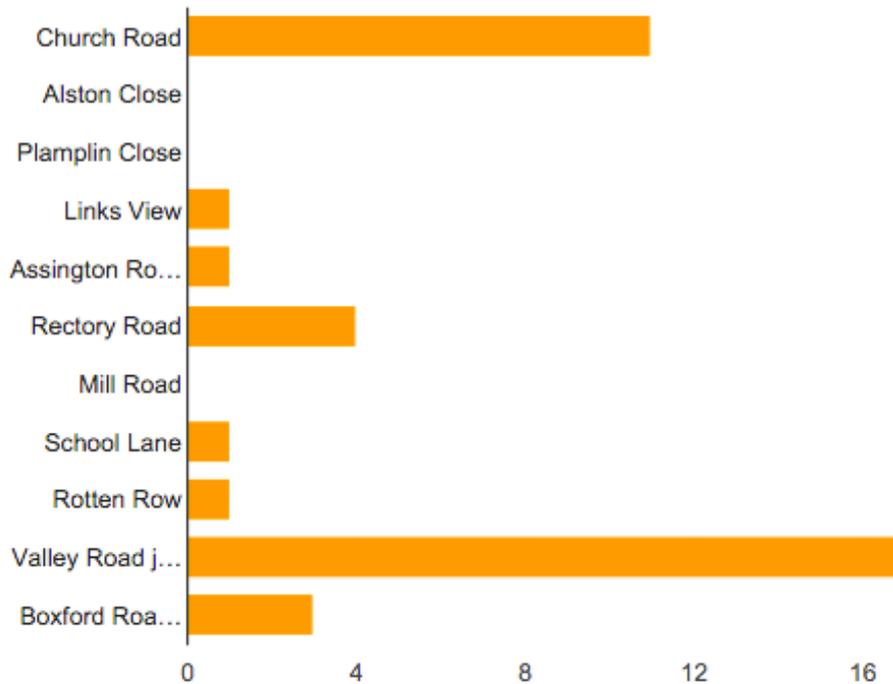
Pavement alongside A134 should be wider.

Opposite pub to start of village (sudbury end) positively dangerous due to proximity of road and with it HGVs wing mirrors and non-adherence to speed limit

Pavement widened through village Speeding lorries particularly frightening - and when not speeding Car drivers are careless of pedestrians too - more signage?



# + Question 4 Roads and Traffic



Church Road	11	36.7%
Alston Close	0	0%
Plamplin Close	0	0%
Links View	1	3.3%
Assington Road	1	3.3%
Rectory Road	4	13.3%
Mill Road	0	0%
School Lane	1	3.3%
Rotten Row	1	3.3%
Valley Road junction	17	56.7%
Boxford Road junction	3	10%



## + Question 5 Top Three Priorities

1. Retain character of village and sense of community 2. No over development 3. Better broadband for all

1. Not to allow the village to be swamped with new homes. 2. Traffic control on A134 to allow crossing and joining safer. 3. By pass for village.

1 - Retain rural village feel

1 - Pedestrian Crossing (especially for the children) 2 - More buses 3 - Affordable housing

1. A village library 2. A village bowling green 3. Village tennis courts  
The lane over Little Green needs attention

1. speed control on A134 2. footpath by the church 3. speed control in Church road.

1. Village pub remains. 2. Village shop. 3. Sensitive expansion.

Rectory Road has high volume of traffic due to extensive builds at the top. Need a passing area between Motts Farm and the Old Rectory and the Old Rectory and the top. Lots of families, dog walkers and children walking in the lane with no footpaths.

1. TLC for Rectory Road 2. Footpaths 3. Sensible development



## + Question 5 Top Three Priorities

1. Smaller dwelling development of up to 20 houses. 2. Maintaining Newton's distinctiveness and not become part of Sudbury expansion. 3. Community Facilities.

1. Re-surfacing of Little Green track 2. **Traffic calming**

**Rectory Road, poor visibility due to lay-by parking on left hand side at junction onto A134.**

1. **To slow down traffic going through village.**

**Reduce speeding along Valley Road and at the same time reduce speed limit of Valley Road.**

1. **Road safety crossing** 2. **maybe Shop** as I don't drive much 3. More social events

**More speed controls on A134** 2. New smaller properties – houses and bungalows 3. Yoga and/or pilates classes that are not during working hours!

Housing **Traffic Traffic**

**Rectory Road - 30 speed limited not always observed or adhered to.**

**Speeding traffic using Valley Road Priorities: 1 - Traffic Calming 2 -**

**Tasteful development 3 - Maintain a village atmosphere**



## + Question 5 Top Three Priorities

A134 = Poor Very busy for a road through a residential area Top priorities: 1 - Keep the pub 2 - Bring in some "youngsters" 3 - Deal with traffic and pollution (no, I don't know how!)

All junctions need improvements Priorities: 1 - Smaller housing to suit downsizers, to trigger the availability of existing family homes. 2 - A134 junction improvements 3 - Some attempt on traffic calming, if only to show willing. it probably won't work, but residents don't understand why they are not at least tried.

Valley Road = Very poor; Rectory Road/Rotten Row = Very poor. Traffic not observing speed limit. Bushes need to be cut right back on right side of Valley Road leading onto A134. View is blocked to see traffic coming around the bend. Priorities: 1 - Installation of flashing solar speed signs 2 - Installation of flashing solar speed signs 3 - Installation of flashing solar speed signs

1. retain village pub 2. remain separate from Sudbury and not swallowed up. 3. Development in keeping with age and style

1. **Traffic calming** 2. Faster Broadband 3. Growing but not losing Newton's uniqueness



## + Question 5 Top Three Priorities

1 Dangerous to turn out of Valley Road - roundabout would solve problem. 2 Traffic calming 3 Pavement widening

1. road improvements 2. housing 3. speed cameras.

1. Encourage community spirit. 2. keep the pub.

To stop major developments To calm traffic To retain village status

Traffic control Footpaths Lighting and crossings

1. Maintain the rural character of Newton. 2. Improve road safety on A134

Traffic reduction Speed reduction Bypass for Newton

Church Road = Poor; Airey Close = Poor Egress and ingress from both directions - volume and speed of traffic at busy times

1 - Increase the feeling of community 2 - Improvement of traffic control 3 - Housing as stated

Links View = Poor. Trying to get out of Links View onto A134 at peak times Mon-Fri. Increased numbers of vehicles parking and blocking exit/entrance to Links View when dropping children off for bus stop as up to 6 cars parked, restricts access and remain there until after buses have left. They also speed into road and turn when running late.



## + Question 5 Top Three Priorities

1 - Consideration for one/two properties, not just 10+ developments and fill in infill sites first - and other side of golf course. 2 -

**Improvements to footpaths/A134 to keep Newton accessible.** 3 -

Newton retains its village character and is not developed to become an extension of Sudbury!

**1. Main road safety improvement 2. shop**

1. retain the pleasant peaceful character of our village with pleasant home. **2. ensure road safety.** 3. ensure our village hall, church and golf course are maintained and used.

1 - Downsizing to smaller house 2 - More villagers to make functions more viable

1. small affordable housing **2. highway improvements.**

**Increased development more people equals shop** Quality good design development Village should be allowed to change not stay locked in the past

A134 No large scale developments New builds sympathetic to current village view



## + Question 5 Top Three Priorities

1. Broadband speed increase. 2. footpaths regularly maintained 3. provision of gas.

Valley Road = Very Poor Poor visibility at junction with 134

1. traffic calming on A134 2. Maintain amenities at present level 3. community solar farm.

Not to outgrow by development, the amenities we have available.

Traffic speed Traffic speed traffic speed Also ensure we retain village pub

Traffic Housing Elderly care

Traffic calming and safe crossing points on A134. Community Shop

Increase in number of footpaths.

1 - Road Crossing 2 - 3 - Bypass

