
SHIMPLING

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
2025-2037

Residents' Survey Results



SHIMPLING PARISH COUNCIL

Shimpling Village Residents' Survey

In order to better understand residents' views of a wide range of matters effecting topics such as local facilities and services, views of housing development and areas of conservation, a survey document was devised which covered these points and more. There was also an opportunity for comments to be made on matters not specifically mentioned. The survey was delivered to households at the beginning of September 2024 and made provision for residents to provide either a family response or an individual one. Addition survey forms were made available to anyone who wanted to provide an individual return or for anyone who had been missed off the delivery.

It was decided that this would be an anonymous survey. A copy of the survey has been published on the Neighbourhood Plan pages of the Parish Council website.

This report contains the results of the survey, which have been used to inform the content of the Neighbourhood Plan.

1. The following Vision Statement has been created from parishioner's comments made at the initial meeting in the Village Hall back in October and what the Committee believe to be the purpose of the Neighbourhood Plan: Shimpling will remain a discrete small village, notable for its rural location, its significant past and its strong sense of community and where its unique character will be protected and enhanced. Do you agree with this draft Vision? Please tick one box

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	97.12%	101
2	No	2.88%	3

2. How long have you lived in the Parish? Please tick one box

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	0-5 years	27.62%	29
2	6-10 years	12.38%	13
3	11-20years	20.00%	21
4	over 20 years	40.00%	42

3. Do you intend to move out of the Parish in the near future e.g. next five years? Please tick one box

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes (go to Q4)	13.73%	14
2	No (go to Q5)	86.27%	88

4. If you answered YES to question 3 what are your main reasons for wanting or needing to move? Tick all that apply

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	To be closer to family or friends		38.46%	5
2	To be closer to work/new job		7.69%	1
3	To be in a more affordable area		7.69%	1
4	To have a smaller home		53.85%	7
5	To have a larger home		7.69%	1
6	To make it easier to receive care/support		15.38%	2
7	To provide care/support to family/friends		0.00%	0
8	To move to a more accessible home		15.38%	2
9	To be less reliant on driving a car		61.54%	8
10	To have a larger garden		0.00%	0
11	To be closer to facilities such as shops, doctors or public transport		84.62%	11

5. To what extent do you value the following features / amenities in the Parish? Please tick one box per row

Answer Choices	Highly value	Value	Don't value	No opinion	Response Total
Pretty and unspoilt village	79.05% 83	19.05% 20	1.90% 2	0.00% 0	105
Village history and heritage	54.29% 57	40.95% 43	2.86% 3	1.90% 2	105
Quietness and tranquillity (if you value or highly value to to Q6 otherwise go to Q8)	75.24% 79	21.90% 23	1.90% 2	0.95% 1	105
Rural atmosphere	75.51% 74	23.47% 23	0.00% 0	1.02% 1	98
Open/Green spaces within the village	70.10% 68	26.80% 26	0.00% 0	3.09% 3	97
Not having street lighting	61.22% 60	24.49% 24	6.12% 6	8.16% 8	98
Surrounding countryside/Open views across fields	84.69% 83	14.29% 14	0.00% 0	1.02% 1	98
Separation from other villages by open countryside	73.20% 71	22.68% 22	3.09% 3	1.03% 1	97
Sense of community	59.79% 58	34.02% 33	2.06% 2	4.12% 4	97
Low crime/antisocial behaviour	85.71% 84	13.27% 13	1.02% 1	0.00% 0	98
Public footpaths and bridleways	79.59% 78	18.37% 18	0.00% 0	2.04% 2	98
Our Village Hall	48.98% 48	43.88% 43	2.04% 2	5.10% 5	98
Playground/field at Halifax Place	36.73% 36	45.92% 45	5.10% 5	12.24% 12	98
Our Church, St George's	34.02% 33	50.52% 49	4.12% 4	11.34% 11	97
Quarterly Village Newsletter	42.86% 42	51.02% 50	2.04% 2	4.08% 4	98

Please list any other features of Shimpling which you value and wish to see preserved: (30)

1	K6 telephone kiosk used as a book exchange Village sign and seating nearby along with seating at junction of Gents Lane
2	Farmland
3	The pub
4	Local bus services to Bury St Edmunds and Sudbury
5	The pub
6	Bush pub
7	Grass areas along the street esp around the village sign, Traditional architecture, The Pub, quiet lanes and public footpaths, children's play area
8	The village greens, both where the village sign is and also almost opposite next to the bus shelter. Easy access to public footpaths , being able to walk to the local pub, lack of traffic and noise pollution, being able to see the night sky, the absolute amazing community spirit
9	Strong sense of community togetherness.
10	The Bush Pub. The organic farming.

5. To what extent do you value the following features / amenities in the Parish? Please tick one box per row

11	The Village Pub - as a public house. The Coal House - needs to continue to be maintained as it is an important part of village history. The Church needs to be continually maintained and preserved.
12	The pub of course!
13	The sense of kindness to one another is important and tolerance of having new people move into the village
14	The Coal House. It would be nice if it could be repurposed in some way to make it a village asset.
15	Also value the pride most residents take in keeping their gardens/homes relatively well maintained & tidy. N.B. Refuse/recycling bins left outside on the street (all the time) do not enhance the prettiness of the village.
16	The village pub and being able to walk to it. The 2 village greens - one by the village sign & the other between the bus stop and the pub. Local walks which could be improved by joining up/or adding more footpaths.
17	Support for organic farmers & horticulturists by the Council. Better attention to the dangerous state of some of the roads e.g. Aveley Lane. Bad for old people particularly.
18	The open farmland
19	Low traffic rate
20	Verges - where have they gone? Some remain but are disappearing - technically they are a refuge for pedestrians. Ditches - these perform a vital role to prevent flooding during normal seasonal rainfall. Slough Hill has increasingly flooded more year on year. Happy to be part of some ditch review panel. Ditches traditionally cleared during 'low months' in farming calendar along with hedge cutting - rural image.
21	The area around the village sign and adjacent to the public house should be maintained regularly and prevent parking on the grass at either venue - maybe by putting up No Parking signs on both areas.
22	Lived in Shimpling since 1969 Let people enjoy rural life, noise is part of, if reasonable. Live and let live.
23	Village Pub - The Bush
24	Peace and quiet Beautiful scenery Lovely community of people Village pub Character of village - listed homes etc
25	Shimpling is a small and pleasant village without being picture perfect. The rural nature of the village and the close proximity to open fields and places to walk.
26	What makes shimpling special as i'm sure all would agree is the people. Value of development should be based upon its ability to support the current and FUTURE shimpling community.
27	Public House
28	Newsletter- great concept however the never changing adverts show a sense of stagnation within the village
29	The Bush public house Gent's Lane - Quiet lane
30	The advantage of living in a low crime village is that traditionally insurance rates for vehicles and property were lower than urban or suburban localities. Not sure if that is still the case as insurers have massively increased prices. Is there any way a case can be made to the association of insurers and/or governing body to restore traditional practices of fairness?

6. If you answered Value or Highly Value to quietness and tranquillity in Question 5, would you like the village to have "Quiet Sundays" where we agree not to use machinery so neighbours can enjoy their gardens without the noise of lawnmowers/strimmers/pressure washers etc? Please tick one box

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes (go to Q7)	28.85%	30
2	No (go to Q8)	71.15%	74

7. If you answered YES to Question 6, how often would you like Quiet Sundays? Please tick one box

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Every Sunday all year round		29.03%	9
2	Every Sunday from 1st May to 30th September		32.26%	10
3	Every alternate Sunday (all year round)		3.23%	1
4	Every alternate Sunday from 1st May to 30th September		3.23%	1
5	Once every 3 weeks (all year round)		3.23%	1
6	Once every 3 weeks from 1st May to 30th September		0.00%	0
7	Once a month (all year round)		6.45%	2
8	Once a month from 1st May to 30th September		22.58%	7

8. With regard to the Quarterly Village Newsletter do you: Please tick one box:

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Prefer to receive a printed cop		70.48%	74
2	Happy to read it online instead		28.57%	30
3	Don't read it (Go to Q 9)		0.95%	1

9. If you answered "don't read it" please feel free to comment as to why not or if you do read it if anything could be improved

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question		100.00%	2
	1	Its really good, informative, keeps us in touch.		
	2	I appreciate it that someone acts as a parish recorder - maybe over time a little parish history could be compiled?		

10. Are there open spaces within the village that you would particularly like to see preserved? Please list:

1	All
2	village 'green'
3	All
4	All
5	Field at the corner of Gents Lane
6	No
7	The 'band' of green between The Street and Gents Lane running from Hallifax Place, especially the field behind The School House etc. That there are only fields, no buildings behind the north? side of the Street. That there are fields rather than buildings further down Gents Lane so it feels like a proper country lane rather than a "street". The definite "end" to the village/The Street at either end - then going into open countryside.
8	Village Sign area.
9	We would love to see all open spaces preserved.
10	The Meadow Gents Lane The area by the Village sign The play park area
11	All of them
12	The area around the playing field. The whole green area in front of the two new houses near the village sign. The area from the bus stop to the pub. The field on Gents Lane with the horses on. The field from the end of the Gents Lane cottages to the house at the end of the lane.
13	The village green and the green space by the bus stop
14	all of them
15	All
16	Nil
17	The field going down to Gents Lane
18	Grass area beside the children's play park. Grass area by the village sign, grass area along the street near the recycling bins
19	Play field Paddock behind the Street - particularly behind Tolcane and Field View
20	Grass area between bus stop and pub. Grass area near village sign.
21	All as present
22	Definitely the village green by the village sign, also the area between the bus shelter and the pub. Also the wildflower area outside the Jackson's house which is absolutely beautiful.
23	The area around mill hill. The centre of the village where the village is.
24	All that currently exist
25	All those which exist at the moment.
26	All open spaces!!
27	The very 'open' spaces such as huge grass only gardens or the unused parts of the play area, would benefit from bushes and plants and ponds which support increased wildlife. Keep the green area as is around the village sign Very few open areas in the village apart from those mentioned above
28	Yes, the field behind the village signpost, with currently two bungalows on it. The field down Gents Lane. The fields between Slough Hill and Little Chadacre.
29	All fields between the original village (St Georges Church, Aveley Lane, Old Rectory Lane) and The Street.
30	All the open spaces behind houses! I don't think the village should be built up like other villages are tending to do.
31	We would like to see as much open space preserved as possible.

10. Are there open spaces within the village that you would particularly like to see preserved? Please list:

32	Village Green
33	The meadow in Gents Lane should be preserved as it is an important feature in the landscape and the lanes character.
34	The wildflower area in front of Shimpling House The area around the village sign The open space between Place Farm and the new house next to the Bush.
35	Grass, wide verges where the Shimpling sign is, plus the adjacent front 'gardens' maintained by owners of Shimpling House
36	The old coal house. Mature trees on the village greens. The village greens. The wild flower meadow outside Shimpling House.
37	The Village Green
38	All of them. Hallifax playground.
39	The area around the village hall sign. The green next to the Hallifax Place park.
40	All of them Completely unspoilt
41	Open views around public footpaths across hills
42	The on the left as you turn into Gents Lane from Shimpling Street (i.e. the field between The Ramblers, the two new houses in Gents Lane and the row of terraced houses).
43	The remains of "The Green" near village sign - maybe a bench near sign and bin - often seen in other Suffolk villages. Not really many spaces left/here in our time in village. Green near pub, area around Coal House? * An example of an overfilled Suffolk village is Waldingfield - worth a look.
44	Sadly the one opposit me has been built on - so preserving other open spaces in the village from development is important.
45	The area around the village sign and adjacent to the public house should be maintained regularly and prevent parking on the grass at either venue - maybe by putting up No Parking signs on both areas.
46	The play area.
47	We live on Aveley Lane.I don't think anywhere on Aveley Lane is suitable for development. It was sad to see the field developed by Tolcarne on the street. That was a beautiful open space.
48	Public footpaths
49	Village Green where the Village Sign is located
50	All existing open spaces
51	The Meadow in Gents Lane - helps to preserve the 'Quiet Lane' status of the lane. 'The Green' by the village sign. Aveley Lane.
52	No
53	Hallifax Place play area The strips of wider green verge along The Street
54	Gents lane Paddocks off the street and Gents lane Existing open spaces - leave unspolit
55	All of the current grass areas along The Street give a broadness to the road which enhances the visual appeal of the main area of habitation. Also the current woodlands provide an occasional oasis of habitation for animals and birds.
56	Village playground and football field and village green.
57	The childrens play area and the access to nice public footpaths for walks and dog walking. The open outlook on each side of the village visible from most properties.
58	All Of them!
59	Where the Shimpling sign is located;triangle at top of agents Lane;play park;fi Lee south of Westview.

10. Are there open spaces within the village that you would particularly like to see preserved? Please list:

60	Playing field, Halifax Place Fields near Gents Lane, footpaths etc
61	The park
62	Grass/ tree area by recycling point. All fields and footpaths surrounding The Street.
63	All of them - especially wide verges and small greens in main street & small fields & patches of green down Gents Lane.
64	The land around the Coal Shed - so no development there or in the barns at the back - unless access from elsewhere. But also to be planted with wild flowers and appropriate trees with a preservation order on the existing horse chestnut (?) if possible.

11. Are there views of the surrounding countryside from publicly accessible places that you would particularly like to see preserved? If so please list them below or mark on the map on the paper survey and return it as instructed. Please list:

1	All views along Old Rectory Lane and surrounding Trustrams Cottage and towards Gents Lane.
2	From top of bridleway extended from Gents Lane From Shimpling Lawshall rd
3	Mill hill
4	All
5	1. The view along The Street 2. From the beginning of the footpath near to Bush Pub looking west 3. From the beginning of the footpath at Gents Lane looking South/East 4. Along the same footpath you come through a gap in the hedge and look South towards Mill Hill 5. Along the same footpath you come to a five bar wooden gate and look South/West to Mill Hill 6. Along the same footpath look South towards Aveley Lane 7. From the top of Mill Hill looking towards Shimpling Hall etc. 8. From road to Lawshall looking back towards Shimpling Street. 9. From footpath looking over Park land of Shimpling Park Farm (in front of the house).
6	All of them
7	From the back of Gents Lane/ Barnfield looking out over the Shimpling Park Farm fields. From Mill Hill looking over towards Chadacre.
8	Any high ground and views that generally look west.
9	All of them
10	All from existing bridleways and footpaths
11	All land south of Little Chadacre
12	view from the top of the hill where the new bench is
13	see map on written response
14	Views from footpaths
15	All as present - no intensification or ?? (sorry, cant read handwriting)
16	All of them! It's not possible to select one over another as they are all beautiful.
17	From Mill Hill SE, S and SW. W from bridle path through Chadacre estate
18	S on the road leaving Little Chadacre. W from bridle path through Chadacre estate. S, SE and SW from junction on Mill Hill. S from start of footpaths going S from edge of settlement boundary.
19	Yes, again the fields going down from Slough Hill to Little Chadacre.
20	Shimplingthorne across the valley to Giffords Hall The reverse of the above Mill Hill towards Hartest through the Chadacre estate The bend on Gents Lane towards the south

11. Are there views of the surrounding countryside from publicly accessible places that you would particularly like to see preserved? If so please list them below or mark on the map on the paper survey and return it as instructed. Please list:

21	Down gent lane Behind street field and Halifax place Down slough hill
22	- The open space down Gents Lane along the footpath up to the new bench installed by John Pawsey
23	All
24	I wouldn't like the current farm land to be used for solar panals.
25	Views westwards from the three "West View" properties off Gents Lane (across the fields)
26	See map on paper copy
27	All views around Shimpling - it is one of things we appreciate most.
28	Top of mill hill
29	View south from the junction between Gents Lane, Barnfield and West View. View west from the top of Slough Hill at the Shimpling end. View south and west from the junction of Mill Hill and Melford Road
30	Slough Hill Shimpling Street Mill Hill
31	View from Jo Pugh's bench looking down to village
32	The view over to Stansted from Gerald Sparkes House (RIP) (the man with the veg garden). Fantastic view as you drop down to Averley Lane + Chadacre.
33	The fields around Gent's Lane and nearby footpaths.
34	From Old Rectory Lane to Village
35	1. View from Mill Hill 2. View from Chadacre looking down at Hartest
36	We haven't managed to get around all of the spaces so cannot answer specifically enough for this answer to be relevant, sorry!
37	Views on the 40-minute circular walk Views from any of the public footpaths. Particularly the view from the back of Peacock Priory south towards Kentwell.
38	None
39	The Croft Gents Lane and off Gents Lane
40	For me, there are many views which I love, particularly down from Shimplingthorne and across to the St George's Church.
41	All views from village to open country side.
42	From a personal point of view the area to the south/south east an the north of Shimpling street, and the public footpaths south from the street down to the A134 and from Gents Lane across to St Geoges church across open farm land are also important to us to keep the rural aspect of the village. All the open farm land arround the village is necessary to keep the rural atmosphere, and to grow crops.
43	All!
44	All of them.
45	At the bottom of Gents Lane - the view across the field is beautiful
46	The view from the street and properties along it provide Shimpling with its essential identity.
47	I value highly all views over countryside especially those to the south & west of main road & village; those over Chad valley and south to Shimplingthorn. Especially views from Gents Lane and adjoining footpaths south & west. The view from Averley Lane towards lime avenue and Church. Also the hedges & field context as you turn off A134 into village.
48	Don't live in The Street or within the settlement boundary so not sure where these places are that have such views! But would want to see them all preserved.

12. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements

Answer Choices	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion	Response Total
I value the wildlife and biodiversity in and around Shimpling	77.88% 81	21.15% 22	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.96% 1	104
Our hedgerows and mature trees need to be protected	71.43% 75	23.81% 25	1.90% 2	0.00% 0	2.86% 3	105
Our footpaths and bridleways are clearly marked	33.33% 35	48.57% 51	13.33% 14	0.00% 0	4.76% 5	105
Our footpaths and bridleways are well maintained	26.92% 28	44.23% 46	24.04% 25	0.00% 0	4.81% 5	104
I would like to see more recycling facilities in the village e.g. soft plastic, food waste	26.21% 27	27.18% 28	23.30% 24	1.94% 2	21.36% 22	103
The separation between the village clusters should be protected	47.06% 48	34.31% 35	4.90% 5	0.98% 1	12.75% 13	102
Biodiversity should be encouraged through wildflower planting	46.15% 48	31.73% 33	4.81% 5	0.00% 0	17.31% 18	104
I would like to see better maintenance of drains/ditches	52.88% 55	33.65% 35	4.81% 5	0.00% 0	8.65% 9	104

Are there any natural or built features in the village which you consider to be particularly important? Please list/explain: (36)

1	All listed buildings, village green, trees bordering The Street,,open spaces along the Street, the pub
2	For natural I highly value any open spaces within the village and the farmland. For built features I highly value the traditional style of properties and think these should be protected/enhanced and not detracted by modern style development.
3	The Coal House and surround needs better maintenance
4	Windmill site needs restoring
5	The church, the copses of trees on Shimpling Park Farm land, the layout of the main street through the village, the trees along the main road through the village, the pub.
6	Buildings with interesting history of the development of Shimpling. The church and village sign.
7	Raise the steps on both sides of the footbridge near the village road opposite 'The White House' Second footbridge across Richard's land to Lawshall needs made safe.
8	It is a shame that the old Coal House is not maintained or used for and by the village - the owner neglects it and it could be used for the benefit of the village e.g. a mini village shop
9	Church Bush as pub Coal House remain and could be used as purpose Phone box
10	The church, the pub and the village hall. The listed residential properties.
11	All as present
12	The coal house opposite Thorne Court is a beautiful building with plenty of character and I would like to make sure that it is preserved and maybe used as a library, coffee house or little local shop for basic village essentials Many of the mature trees beyond the bus shelter and before the pub
13	Windmill area Old coal house Village school house
14	whilst footpaths etc need maintenance we need to stop cutting verges etc to promote flowers and seedheads for insects and birds - be less 'tidy' often wildflower planting does not work as soil is too fertile - often best just to leave to let nature take over and establish plants which will grow of own accord - note this was a lesson learnt by Green light trust/forest for our children in Lawshall
15	the pub!

12. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements

16	It would be helpful if residents could cut their hedges at the front of their properties as when they are too thick or high it encroaches on roads and pavements making visibility difficult
17	As mentioned previously the Coal House and also the village pub as an important community gathering place.
18	I think the balance is right - wildlife etc benefits from organic farming practices. In a survey of wild birds some years ago 40 + species were recorded which is pretty good.
19	The Old Coal House which could be used as a library, small shop or coffee house.
20	Play area. Maintenance of ditches to avoid floods. Apart from protecting the above ticked boxes our rural lanes also need protecting from an increase in heavy traffic (other than farm vehicles) our single track rural lanes are part of the charm of the village/area.
21	Path to Church & graveyard. Church itself. Village Green and sign. The green strip next to the pub with weeping willows etc. Village Hall. All preserve the heritage, feel & culture of the village.
22	Chad brook Old coal store School
23	The Coal House in the village - always a bone of contention as it was provided by Thomas Halifax for villagers during harsh winters, its sale, like that of the school, should have followed the school sale principle - the set up of the Halifax Trust, which does great works for the school at Lawshall and local children. Owner lives in Southwold now, apparently.
24	Coal house and old chapel
25	St George Church Village Hall Village Pub
26	Village Sign - would not want it moved from the Village Green
27	We don't have enough personal information to answer this
28	Oak tree in Aveley Lane. Coal House. The church The Bush
29	It is important to have a diverse range of habitats within the village and village gardens by encouraging different methods of management.
30	I would like to see the Coal House brought back to a state of repair.
31	The careful and slow development and improvement of the housing in the village over the years has been quite good with some more expensive housing mixed with the affordable social housing helping younger people get on the housing 'ladder' and keep them in the village. The open aspect of the farm land is important to retain the rural feel of the village.
32	I hugely value the environmental boundaries surrounding the village and in the wider countryside. While I strongly encourage biodiversity, the primary focus of green spaces WITHIN the village should be to service the community.
33	Village sign Pub Church Windmill ruin Old coal shed
34	Farmland is essential feature and should be preserved in order to maintain identity of the village
35	The church, churchyard & avenue of limes. Some green space round village hall. The garden of Bush public house. The coal house. Largely the old school house and pub and other historic buildings. I would like hedges to be managed on a rotating basis - possibly 10 year cycle and should be continued so wild flowers need habitat diversity and management not just planting. Drains, ditches, ponds and water to be managed for a range of factors - e.g. flood prevention, water retention and habitats for wild life.
36	The biodiversity, hedgerows and mature trees to be preserved with as much wild flower planting as possible. No infilling between the village clusters so that the separation is sacrosanct & protected. Also no infilling along e.g. Slough Hill. Much better maintenance of drains & ditches with clear responsibility and accountability e.g. farmers? Suffolk County

12. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements

Council? Environment Agency? etc and all to do as they should pp laws & legislation. A map of all the places that flood is needed so organised action can be taken.

13. Are you satisfied that you have sufficient access to the surrounding countryside? Please tick one box:

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes (go to Q15)	73.08%	76
2	No (go to Q14)	24.04%	25
3	No opinion (go to Q16)	2.88%	3

14. If you answered NO to Q13, please indicate the factors that are preventing access: Please tick one box per row

Answer Choices	Yes	No	No opinion	Response Total
Lack of signage or information boards	50.00% 11	31.82% 7	18.18% 4	22
Lack of footpaths	65.22% 15	17.39% 4	17.39% 4	23
The state/condition of the footpaths	77.27% 17	9.09% 2	13.64% 3	22
That the footpaths are not adequately connected	74.07% 20	14.81% 4	11.11% 3	27
Any other reasons - please specify: (17)				
1	Grazing sheep next to primary dog walking footpaths prevent me from being able to walk my dog without feeling stressed. I have had to take him out of the village on several occasions as sheep were in almost every field on walk at bottom of gents lane			
2	Some are very well maintained and others not. Footpath 6 on the footpath map is not easy to navigate at all.			
3	Footpaths are not being cleared sufficiently early in the season making it difficult to use them. Certain paths are not cleared sufficiently (ie: nettles/brambles encroaching at face height).			
4	Need better signage			
5	The network of footpaths is adequate as a whole, but several of the more outlying ones are badly maintained and in some cases illegally ploughed up and not reinstated (FP 6 is in this category and has been for many years)			
6	Some footpaths are not clearly marked			
7	The eastern end of Old Rectory Lane is a private drive. The lane forms a natural and useful part of a circular walk which I have used for many years but the land owner has recently started to challenge walkers using the private section. I'd like to persuade the land owner to make it a permissive path. It's not easy to answer this question by marking the map.			
8	the top of the road to Shimplingthorne needs to be maintained as accessible to the footpath which goes through the stables there.			
9	<p>The network of footpaths and quiet lanes could be connected to provide a wider variety of circular walks within the village. We have runners, walkers and dog walkers in the parish who paths as part of their daily routine. Variations should be encouraged to accommodate people who wish to enjoy the countryside.</p> <p>The private section of Old Rectory Lane at Shimplingthorne shown be made a permissive path / right of way as the public have enjoyed access along its complete length for many many years (unchallenged) until recently. This would ensure an alternative run / walk for people in the village.</p> <p>The small section of concrete track from the back of St Georges Church to the bend at the back of Hall Farm. This would connect footpaths from the church to the footpath up to the back of Ark Wines</p>			
10	Condition of footpaths - the one on opposite side of road to the village green towards Lawshall is over grown.			
11	Sheep restrict where I can take my dog			
12	Footpath diversions have the ability to spoil original routes, i.e. more as the crow flies.			
13	Re Question 13 - N/A - partly disabled			
14	Please ignore answers to Q 14 - couldn't undo!			
15	During the summer months, some paths become overgrown with nettles and tall weeds, even though grass is cut, making them difficult to pass. More circular walks would be useful.			
16	I am very pleased with the existing footpaths and permissive paths which are much better compared to 30 years ago. They are more pleasant, often a bit wider and easier to walk. However it is always nice to have a few more such as footpaths in nearby woods and beside the river Chad. Also to make a longer walk with v. nice views a right of way from Shimplingthorne to Clockhouse Farm. I greatly value local farm/landowner walks from time to time.			
17	Lack of clarity about what is public/community land and what is private in some areas including who owns and should be responsible for the state and condition of the footpath from Mill Hill across to Chadacre that is Melford Hospital Trust land leased to the Rushes, where farmed, but is not maintained and is therefore very difficult to use plus the entrance/exit opposite Chadacre is not kept open. Old Rectory Lane/Road - who owns this? The Coal House & land around - who owns this? Information needed.			

15. If you answered "yes, footpaths are not adequately connected" in Q14, where would you like to see them? Please mark the following map in the paper survey and return it as instructed and tick the box below the map:

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Tick if map submitted	100.00%	9

The views marked on the map were forwarded to the consultant preparing the Landscape Appraisal to prepare a consolidated assessment of important views in that report.

16. Which of the following do you consider an issue in the Parish? Please tick one box per row

Answer Choices	A serious issue	An issue	Not an issue	No opinion	Response Total
Road safety issues; speed etc.	25.49% 26	48.04% 49	23.53% 24	2.94% 3	102
Dog fouling	10.31% 10	47.42% 46	27.84% 27	14.43% 14	97
Litter/ fly tipping	12.12% 12	41.41% 41	35.35% 35	11.11% 11	99
Parking near The Bush on grass between bus shelter and recycling area	6.06% 6	24.24% 24	49.49% 49	20.20% 20	99

Any other comments: (26)

1	Trespass up Old Rectory Lane, which is Private. The public footpath signs need to be better maintained.
2	Condition of trees along shimpling street and mill Hill. Many are dead or have large dead limbs over the road or power lines. Local teenagers antisocial behaviour (drinking, vandalism at football pitch and play area)
3	Many dogs off lead and not trained to recall
4	Parking for the Bush is currently inadequate with limited parking at the front, some taken up by staff, and people blocking others in to maximise use of the space. For the pub to survive it needs to attract customers from outside the village who will need to travel by car. The situation is worse when large events are held but currently these are very limited so not a big issue but would be if held regularly.
5	People have been parking on the grass verge for years. No need for change to accommodate the few.
6	PARKING= this can be an issue when there reversing off the green into the open road. We feel there should be a reserved parking area.
7	The lack of a footpath through the village e.g. to the pub or to the play area.
8	We have only been here a few months so haven't really experienced anything enough to form opinions.
9	Speed limit from A134 to village 30 speed limit, especially by Shimpling Park Farm entrance.
10	Lack of daily early morning and evening public transport to Sud or Bury for those with full time jobs which forces us to use cars
11	There seems to be a 'regular' person who throws litter from a car, usually food wrappers and left over contents. Always around mill hill area. Never seem to catch a sight of it happening but it's gone on for years! Many beer cans and bottles also discarded in this way.
12	Speed of drivers to the pub during events can be an issue and parking but these are occasional events
13	Parking in general. Narrow roads and pot holes - sometimes hard to avoid with oncoming very large lorries.
14	The overflow parking at the Bush has been there since I have lived in the village. The alternative would be roadside parking with all the associated dangers.
15	With regard to footpaths - see map on paper copy: The place marked * 1 we have always been told was private land and not allowed to walk along it.

16. Which of the following do you consider an issue in the Parish? Please tick one box per row

	<p>2. Link along the hedgerow</p> <p>3. Would it be possible to link footpath 3 to footpath 9?</p>
16	Speed limit should be made 20mph
17	<p>Potholes, eroded road edges.</p> <p>Bonfires, especially near thatched properties - which never seems to be taken into consideration.</p> <p>Fireworks near thatched properties meaning residents can not go out on or around November 5 in order to stay in and protect their properties.</p>
18	<p>Any land to the front of telegraph poles is deemed to be Highways. It is lovely that people keep fronts tidy and do not want verges spoiled, they are there for a purpose too, as a refuge. It used to not be allowed to put 'ankle breaking' rocks or 'bumper denting bits of wood' on them.</p> <p>There is a village myth that you should be able to walk down the village sign side of the village to at least Gents Lane. There are some houses that have mention of this in their house particulars apparently.</p>
19	<p>Keep pub open not cause hassle.</p> <p>Do no hard, who cuts it is relevant.</p>
20	<p>Dog Fouling - dog faeces is often left on footpaths, especially where the distance to the nearest bin is significant, another dog waste bin more central to the village would help, near the village green / bench maybe?</p> <p>Parking at The Bush - parking space at the pub is woefully insufficient, as only the area at the front is currently included in the tenancy, accommodating maybe 10 cars, if double parked. The large area behind the pub is reserved for residents of the two residential units and as a builder's yard for the house that has been under construction for over two years and is progressing very slowly towards completion. The Bush will continue to struggle as a business unless the parking facilities are improved by allocating some of the rear area to pub to customer parking so that on busier days customers don't have to double park or park up the verge towards the bus shelter.</p>
21	<p>Speeding and dog fouling are intermittent issues rather than constant ones. A minority of dog owners are too busy talking to watch what their dogs are doing, both in behaviour and in fouling.</p> <p>Parking on the grass near The Bush is less dangerous than parking on the road, as long as we dont allow the grass to be churned up.</p>
22	<p>Personally i'm overjoyed to see the Bush carpark full and overflowing. For a lot of people its one of their few chances to socialise throughout the week. That area of greenery between the pub and the bus shelter is shaded and mown anyway so is no good for biodiversity efforts anyway and as far as i've seen its doesnt effect traffic flow.</p>
23	The pub car park should not have been built on.
24	<p>Speeding Farm traffic, i.e. sugarbeet lorries, tractors etc.</p> <p>Lack of cleaning up of straw from highway after bales are transported, straw can block drain covers & cause flooding.</p>
25	<p>Sometimes parking in Gents Lane (quiet lane) and Barnfield can be a bit of an issue. This can be sorted by people going slowly and being considerate. Possibly a bit more parking space would be helpful but done in a way that does not alter the character & amenity value of the lane.</p> <p>Sometimes it feels a bit dangerous coming out of Gents Lane into the Street. If cars are parked on the opposite side near the old school, it means to turn right I have to go on the wrong side of the road and something may be coming past in a westbound direction on the same side.</p> <p>I find it rather difficult to park near church.</p>
26	<p>Once you leave the main street the 30mph road sign peters out e.g Mill Hill is not covered - as though we are not part of the village. Vehicles on diversion and delivery vans often go at very high speeds. Similarly the road past Hall Farm and the church plus Aveley Lane are not covered. There is habitation along the roads mentioned. So this is a travesty. The roads are also heavily used by traffic - local, commuters, farm vehicles, etc so the 30mph sign should start before Shimpling Hall and the tight bend there, all the way past Chadacre to the left of the T unction and past Mill Hill to the right all the way to the Street. Similarly it should cover the road to and past the Church down Aveley Lane for a few hundred yards. Currently it feels as if this part doesn't belong to the main part of the village and is out on a limb.</p>

17. How often do you, or your family, use the following facilities in the Parish? Please tick one box per row

Answer Choices	Frequently	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Response Total
Footpaths	76.70% 79	16.50% 17	4.85% 5	1.94% 2	103
St George's Church	9.71% 10	35.92% 37	32.04% 33	22.33% 23	103
The Bush (Public House)	19.23% 20	31.73% 33	37.50% 39	11.54% 12	104
Telephone Box Lending Library	21.90% 23	32.38% 34	18.10% 19	27.62% 29	105
Monthly Mobile Library	4.81% 5	3.85% 4	14.42% 15	76.92% 80	104
Play Equipment at Halifax Place	13.33% 14	19.05% 20	14.29% 15	53.33% 56	105
Basketball hoop at Halifax Place	5.71% 6	9.52% 10	7.62% 8	77.14% 81	105
Playing 'field'/grass area at Halifax Place	11.70% 11	13.83% 13	17.02% 16	57.45% 54	94
Exercise classes at the Village Hall (yoga/pilates/dance/zumba)	12.62% 13	6.80% 7	11.65% 12	68.93% 71	103
Film Night at the Village Hall	9.52% 10	15.24% 16	17.14% 18	58.10% 61	105
Communal Events at the Village Hall (e.g. Panto/Spring-Xmas Markets/Quiz Night)	27.88% 29	30.77% 32	22.12% 23	19.23% 20	104
Rural Coffee Caravan Morning at Village Hall	7.77% 8	14.56% 15	16.50% 17	61.17% 63	103
W.I. (Shimpling & Alpheton Group)	6.73% 7	0.96% 1	2.88% 3	89.42% 93	104
Bus Service to Bury St Edmunds	5.71% 6	13.33% 14	8.57% 9	72.38% 76	105
Bus Service to Sudbury	2.86% 3	8.57% 9	6.67% 7	81.90% 86	105
Bus Service to School	10.48% 11	3.81% 4	2.86% 3	82.86% 87	105

Please add any other amenities/facilities/services you use, not listed above, and the frequency of use. Also please comment if you would like to use the above but are unable and reason why unable: (30)

1	Would like to use buses more but current services of one journey /week does not represent a good and reliable service
2	Would like to use the pub but feel it isn't family friendly with menu and doesn't serve spirits. Also feel, despite having lived in the village my whole life, that it has a unwelcoming atmosphere if you are not a regular Would like to use basket ball ring but no hard surface to bounce ball. I use dog waste bins.
3	We have only lived in village for 4 months and feel we can't comment on the facilities available in the village as we have yet to use them. Halifax play area is excellent and well maintained. OUR grandchildren absolutely adore it.
4	I would use the play area more frequently with family and visitors if it had a better range of play equipment. I would use the pub more frequently if it offered regular pub food, stuck to it's menu and schedule and provided better customer service. (Extremely slow!)
5	Only been here a few months but hope to join exercise classes in Village Hall and Communal Events at the Village Hall. And wish to increase use of footpaths/film night to frequently!

17. How often do you, or your family, use the following facilities in the Parish? Please tick one box per row

6	Saturday bus service to Bury St Edmunds or Sudbury
7	We'd like to use the Bush more for food in the evenings eg fish n chips on a Friday or for a general Sunday lunch but food provision (whilst v tasty) can be sporadic and pricey Simple kids food to be available at the Bush regularly on the same basis
8	The bus service to schools in Bury is incredible poor. It is a two hour journey from Bury to Shimpling in the afternoon. The bus is completely full with children standing on the bus by the second stop. Yes the service exists but it's so poor that most parents in Shimpling do not use it and arrange for other means to get their Children home.
9	I would use the facilities more but work full time so not able to use them currently
10	Yes I would like to come to more exercise classes but unfortunately they clash with other events that I attend. The same goes for the film night as I am often busy on that night.
11	Post boxes. We work full time so some events are not accessible to us (which is fine! - glad they are there for those who do not work!)
12	My children would use bus facilities if there were more frequent and less expensive
13	Some 'rarely' answers are due to me working full time and timings not being compatible. Particularly the rural caravan - great idea but i am never here during the day.
14	A village shop to get a few supplies would be a good idea. We were promised one when the new tenant moved into the pub.
15	If the average age of villagers increases there will be more demand for public transport - ie regular bus services to Bury St Edmunds and Sudbury.
16	I would love to attend Pilates & film night more frequently but it clashes with other activities.
17	In the future the bus service to School will be invaluable, however our child is not of the age to need this yet, but accessibility to local schools was a deciding factor for buying within the village.
18	We would use exercise classes more but they are on the wrong day at the moment. Also film night. The pub if it was more consistent/affordable.
19	Recycling is excellent.
20	I would love how to join the WI
21	Football pitch often
22	Frequency of using the Bush will likely decrease given that food is no longer being served, and more football is being shown.
23	Footpaths due to disability, now after using for 50 years.
24	Would use the bus to Bury for work if it were a frequent service. Would use bus service to Sudbury, if they were at times that worked for us. Outdoor gym equipment for adults in play area
25	I do not use the bus service, or am likely to in the future, because it is too infrequent and not convenient to my needs. Don't have children so no need to use playing field, but do think it is important to have one.
26	Some of the facilities we would use more, but my wife is not very mobile (wheelchair user) at the moment so have answered for my extended family who also live in the village.
27	We used the school bus service for 12 years, and the public bus service occasionally but then it became so infrequent it was of no use.
28	I'm badly disabled so can't use many of the facilities listed above. When I was not so badly disabled I used all of the facilities above except the play park, the basketball hoop, and the school bus (because my youngest child is 35, but my children did use the bus when they were school age). When our 2 year old grandson comes for a visit he uses the play park and loves it.
29	For health reasons I do not go out much in the evenings.
30	Would like to use the bus services but the timings are not very convenient, especially the return from each town.

18. Whilst the Neighbourhood Plan cannot promise to deliver new amenities / facilities / services, in an ideal world what other new or improved amenities would you like to see in the Parish? Please tick one box per row

Answer Choices	Important	Not important	No opinion	Would not want	Response Total
Upgrade Village Hall	30.69% 31	29.70% 30	37.62% 38	1.98% 2	101
More play equipment at Halifax Place	24.75% 25	22.77% 23	46.53% 47	5.94% 6	101
More benches / seating	37.62% 38	23.76% 24	34.65% 35	3.96% 4	101
Extend Footpaths & Bridleways	50.98% 52	22.55% 23	21.57% 22	4.90% 5	102
Visitor information boards	24.04% 25	31.73% 33	31.73% 33	12.50% 13	104
Communal Electric Vehicle charging point	19.42% 20	30.10% 31	33.01% 34	17.48% 18	103
Village shop	63.46% 66	16.35% 17	11.54% 12	8.65% 9	104
Community café	47.12% 49	22.12% 23	25.00% 26	5.77% 6	104
Allotments	17.48% 18	31.07% 32	41.75% 43	9.71% 10	103
Community orchard	26.92% 28	29.81% 31	34.62% 36	8.65% 9	104
More bus services	46.00% 46	17.00% 17	34.00% 34	3.00% 3	100
More tree planting / areas for wildflowers	63.11% 65	13.59% 14	18.45% 19	4.85% 5	103
More amenities/facilities for younger people	46.08% 47	12.75% 13	35.29% 36	5.88% 6	102
More amenities/facilities for older people	41.75% 43	18.45% 19	34.95% 36	4.85% 5	103
More amenities/facilities for people with a disability	39.60% 40	14.85% 15	44.55% 45	0.99% 1	101

Please add any other amenities/facilities/services you would like to see in the village. For those marked "Important" or "Would not want" please provide more details if applicable: (32)

1	<p>Children playing warning sign on road near Little Chad close as cars fly through toward lawshall. Access to Halifax trust for secondary school and SEND children's transport and education needs Clear scrap metal piles on hill near new ponds Reduce/slow down hay and beet lorries, clean and maintain road through to lawshall as this is main school route and repair averly lane car killer road verges.</p> <p>One stop shop mobile facility for elderly</p>
2	<p>A village shop/cafe would be a "nice to have" but understand that it may not be feasible in a small village. I would love to see more footpaths in the Parish and that they join up so you don't have to walk on roads too much/if at all. We live in such a rural area and yet there seem to be a limited number of routes - some due to footpaths not joining up/areas being blocked as "private" when a footpath wouldn't cause an issue/damage.</p>
3	<p>A village shop would truly be amazing. It would bring money into the community. Instead of giving it to the surrounding villages.</p> <p>Perhaps people could donate there time to running it voluntary and also donate produce they have grown. locally.</p>
4	<p>Apologies we have only been here a few months and have focused on our house so not really experienced village life as such to have an opinion. But think a village shop would change the dynamic of the village. Think a community orchard would be lovely!</p>

18. Whilst the Neighbourhood Plan cannot promise to deliver new amenities / facilities / services, in an ideal world what other new or improved amenities would you like to see in the Parish? Please tick one box per row

5	<p>Exercise classes at the VH in the evenings during the week so that I don't have to go to the gym in Bury or Sud to do yoga/pilates</p> <p>Community shop v important</p> <p>Definitely more early morning and evening bus services so I can go to work in Bury by bus</p> <p>Plant Swap Shop at the VH</p> <p>Surplus food/veg to swap/give away</p> <p>DIY / gardening tool loaning system</p>
6	<p>More buses because we are rather cut off from Shops,Doctors and the Hospital if we couldn't drive.</p>
7	<p>Benches along footpaths</p> <p>Coal House for Village Shop</p> <p>Pub could be a day time cafe</p> <p>Lie the sound of allotment and community orchard</p>
8	<p>I would like to see more classes in the village hall such as photography, computer skills, badminton, art</p> <p>Also I would enjoy footpaths linking up more easily so that walking could be more interesting and not always being confined to the same old walks</p>
9	<p>Anything that gives the opportunity to bring people together is important.</p>
10	<p>We need to think about future of village and make provisions for young adults otherwise we will lose villagers. Older people have no way of connecting to community if they are unable to leave their homes.</p>
11	<p>Policed traffic control once yearly.</p>
12	<p>The Bush had a very nice community cafe when it first re opened which was fairly well supported. It didnt last long but given a second chance I think there is possibility of success for the tenants given the number of retired residents.</p> <p>More amenities for young people would only create anti social behaviour, vandalism, theft.</p> <p>The EV charging point should only be allowed at the village hall, not at The Bush which has been suggested. Parking is bad enough at the pub. If placed at the VH I dont think it would get very much use. If people buy electric cars install a charging point at home.</p>
13	<p>More play equipment for toddlers or younger children on the play park as I don't think that it's set up for younger children and there is more young children now then teenagers who just abuse the area</p>
14	<p>Difficult to comment on some of these things as although they would be "nice to have", they might not be practical to run or maintain, or fund. I would say that the village is well equipped, the village hall is well utilised, and that folk have spent a lot of time implementing activities in the village hall which is great. As my children have grown up and left the village I have no idea if those with younger children need or want ,or see as important , more facilities.</p>
15	<p>Important - Transport will become more important wit regard to climate change.</p> <p>No Opinion - more facilities mean more maintenance, volunteers etc to look after/run them, therefore it's a question of what the community can sustain.</p> <p>Would not want = either I feel these amenities are fine as they are or are not sustainable given our current pool of community spirited villagers.</p>
16	<p>Visitor info boards - unnecessary here, expensive and need upkeep.</p> <p>More fruit trees about - good for people and butterflies</p>
17	<p>Village store would be amazing. Mayb3 run by the local community keeping the money in the village and not with the huge food stores</p>
18	<p>My children find the play area dull. They have swings and a slide at home so only use it for the zip line. A sandpit, water play or den area would be of interest to them</p> <p>It would be nice to have an accessible friendly village shop and a youth club offering arts and crafts, forest schools etc. I have two SEN children</p>
19	<p>A village shop is unlikely to attract sufficient footfall to be financially viable. Furthermore, as a lack of amenity is one reason why development is limited within the village, I would not want to add amenities that might make development more likely.</p>
20	<p>Sufficient play equipment to meet the needs of the community</p> <p>Charging point should be individual responsibility not the community</p> <p>A community orchard nice in an ideal world but not the responsibility of the community</p>
21	<p>Funds are always limited, so maintenance of what we have is important. Village Hall limited somewhat by length, but panto managed=s brilliantly.</p> <p>Rather than village shop the pub needs to be a hub.</p>
22	<p>Countryside is natural, not set.</p>
23	<p>These would enhance the life of people living in the village</p>

18. Whilst the Neighbourhood Plan cannot promise to deliver new amenities / facilities / services, in an ideal world what other new or improved amenities would you like to see in the Parish? Please tick one box per row

24	Hard landscaping of footpaths to enable wheelchair users and cyclists to use easily
25	There is a good range of footpaths and we have given permissive access to make a circular route on our farm. We think footpaths are important and we think there are enough of them.
26	Footpaths & Bridleways - could be extended in some locations to make them more joined up and provide more 'loops' Village shop - would benefit the community by supplying basic essentials that residents wouldn't then need to travel to other villages / towns for. The Bush could provide space for a village shop in part of the building that is under-utilised, this would also provide more opportunity for employment of the staff at The Bush and improved social connectivity for the village residents that don't currently frequent the pub. This is a common form of diversification for village pubs so that they can become more of a village hub. Allotments - these are a great way of allowing people who don't have large gardens to get out and 'grow their own', providing opportunities for outdoor exercise, improved mental wellbeing, education for children and social interaction. Would there be some space around Halifax Place that could be set aside for this?
27	I have put not-important the last 3 items because I don't know if there is a need for the services or not. If there was a need identified then I think it important to provide some.
28	The bus service is important to maintain even though I believe most villagers probably have access to a vehicle, for those that do not it could be vital. All the 'more amenities/facilities' questions are important but would have to have careful planning to ensure that the impact on the village was not detrimental.
29	Regular bus service, and one that is scheduled for the evening to enable young people to be more independent.
30	Definitely important to explore the feasibility of an electric charging point. Fully support any development directed toward supporting the community both young and old.
31	Re more benches/seating / extend footpaths & bridleways / communal electric vehicle charging point - possibly though depends on what is done where. Like idea of bench by village hall entrance. Possibly small outdoor pool for hot summer weather. Community cafe - would be nice if the Bush could offer a bit more. I liked it when the Bush offered morning coffee and light lunches. Allotments / Community orchard - nice idea though I could not work on them. Is there a need for a reservoir?
32	A 'shop' something like that in Lambs Lane Lawshall would be very helpful. More for older and/or disabled people - more classes of computer/IT.

19. If you answered "important" to the following in Q18, where might they be located?

1	Allotments	34.00%	17
1	On any waste land available		
2			
3	Gents lane		
4	Gents Lane		
5	See below		
6	Farmland adjacent to village boundary		
7	Halifax Place		
8	Where the 'bonfire' is in Halifax Place?		
9	not sure		
10	?		
11	Area by Play park or behind 2 bungalows (behind village sign.)		
12	On council owned land		
13	Halifax Place		
14	Existing fields		
15	Field opposite or next to the Bush		
16	within walking distance of main population		

19. If you answered "important" to the following in Q18, where might they be located?

17	Main part of village plus water supply v. near		
2	Community orchard	44.00%	22
1	Field with the horses		
2	Gents lane		
3	So sorry not familiar enough to consider a good location		
4	Anywhere		
5	By the playground?		
6	Gents Lane		
7	Gents Lane perhaps, or just before Annie & Duncans house. Otherwise maybe near the Coal House		
8	Great idea! Maybe someone who has too much garden?		
9	Beyond the playing fields in Halifax place.		
10	As above		
11	Near the play area at Halifax Place.		
12	Hallifax Place		
13	Near the allotments		
14	?		
15	Gents Lane meadow		
16	On council land		
17	Existing fields		
18	Not sure maybe near the current allotments		
19	Spread within the village		
20	within walking distance of main population		
21	Anywhere in parish to include walnuts & cobnuts.		
22	Near the coal house. Any areas for planting that local farmers can give - like Green Light Trust. Would Melford Trust donate any?		
3	Tree planting/areas for wildflowers	68.00%	34
1	Verges ad communal areas		
2	All around he village		
3	Banks and verges		
4	In front of the new houses. Around the play area. Near the bus stop.		
5	Opposite the 'Bush'		
6	So sorry not familiar enough to consider a good location		
7	Along road verges side		
8	Anywhere		
9	the street - clear brambles / weeds and plant		
10	Anywhere possible		
11	Along the hedgerows, particularly coming into Shimpling from the A134 towards the Bush. Also leaving Shimpling going down Slough Hill along the ditches.		
12	Verges		
13	Dont know!		
14	Around the pond area going up from Gents Lane		
15	Village green and play field		

19. If you answered "important" to the following in Q18, where might they be located?

16	Along the road into the village and also Slough Hill		
17	By the Village Sign, or Halifax Place		
18	Hedgerows, Village Green		
19	All around the village		
20	Verges and communal areas		
21	Headland around fields and edges of footpaths		
22	Maybe create a village wood like Hartest + Waldingfield.		
23	Open spaces around village		
24	Near to Nigels Walk and footpath bridge near to Bush		
25	Hedgerows and footpaths		
26	around the village signpost		
27	?		
28	don't know.		
29	On council land		
30	Everywhere it is possible		
31	Between the bus shelter and the Bush or behind play area.		
32	Village boundary, green area beneath hitoric sign		
33	Grass verges		
34	Wherever possible but including the land round the Coal House.		
4	Amenities/facilities for younger people (what would you like?)	56.00%	28
1	village hall youth club,sports clubs		
2	Natural play area/dens		
3	Youth club		
4	More play equipment for older children - a good climbing frame and slide, roundabout etc.		
5	Engineering/Woodworking workshop		
6	proper goal posts - playing field area		
7	A place to meet		
8	Cinema in the village hall?		
9	More play equipment at Hallifax Place. Youth Club?		
10	Clubs for the young in the village hall during the weekends.		
11	Youth club / Scouts		
12	Clubs/activities		
13	Some sort of club (Young Farmers)?		
14	Village Hall or more within the play area at Halifax Place		
15	Youth club activities - football, fitness etc.		
16	Village hall		
17	Youth club in village hall		
18	Youth club / social activities		
19	Mums + Tots, Youth Club		
20	?		
21	Youth group , access to shop and cafe to mix		

19. If you answered "important" to the following in Q18, where might they be located?

22	Shop		
23	Village Hall		
24	Village hall and youngsters hub in playground.		
25	Play groups in the village hall		
26	Village hall		
27	Youth club		
28	Whatever young people themselves would like - both girls & boys		
5	Amenities/facilities for older people (what would you like?)	46.00%	23
1	village hall, perhaps a regular meal		
2	Mobile shop		
3	Easy seating access		
4	A few more benches for older people to rest while walking on the footpaths around the village.		
5	outdoor gym equipment - playing field area		
6	Friendship groups		
7	A repair shop type place where people can bring things that need mending.		
8	more weekly clubs		
9	Warm spaces/coffee morning		
10	Occasional coffee mornings/afternoon teas for people living alone. Rota of volunteers for assisting with shopping etc		
11	Social media, internet help.		
12	Over 60s club		
13	More bus services; A village shop		
14	Maybe church more multi use?		
15	Social activities		
16	Use as a warm space		
17	?		
18	Availability of shop or cafe		
19	Shop		
20	Village Hall		
21	Get togethers at the village hall or the Bush.		
22	Weekly coffee mornings		
23	Computer / IT / technology classes in the vilalge hall.		
6	Amenities/facilities for people with disability (what would you like?)	34.00%	17
1	, village hall, occassional meal		
2	SEND events, workshops		
3	Easy seating access		
4	As above		
5	Village Hall? -Positive Steps classes		
6	Comfortable chairs for film night etc.		
7	Maybe use pub like Oakes Barn does in Bury, nr Robert Boby Way - social groups, hard of hearing groups		
8	Social activities		
9	for disability - activities in which they can fully participate in		

19. If you answered "important" to the following in Q18, where might they be located?

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| 10 | Please see previous answer |
| 11 | Again, shop or cafe for social contact and support |
| 12 | Shop |
| 13 | Village Hall |
| 14 | As above so long as access is possible |
| 15 | Accessible toilet in village hall. Automatic doors operated by a push button on the village hall. |
| 16 | Accessible spaces indoors and out |
| 17 | Computer / IT / technology classes in the vilalge hall. |

answered	50
skipped	56

20. If you answered "important" to more bus services in Q18, please suggest as to where and the frequency you would use them

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| 1 | At least daily to BSE & Sudbury, would use frquently |
| 2 | Two extra buses per day, allowing return to village easier. |
| 3 | To Bury and to Sudbury at least 3 times a week each. |
| 4 | More frequent buses into Bury, Sudbury, Long Melford. |
| 5 | To start. Saturdays and Sundays, allowing time for shopping and visiting places in town |
| 6 | Saturday bus service to Bury St Edmunds or Sudbury |
| 7 | Bury - early morning to get me there for 8am - would use M-F during term time (am a teacher). Return from Bury approx 5pm daily |
| 8 | Have mentioned the distance from Shops, Doctors and the Hospital if unable to drive. A Bus each day would be a great help. |
| 9 | To Bury St Edmunds with return at end of the day |
| 10 | Bus service to and from bury daily for school |
| 11 | Bury St Edmunds or Sudbury on additional days of the week, particularly Saturday |
| 12 | Returning from town sooner than at present. |
| 13 | Mon-Sat to Bury & Sudbury - not for me but villagers who need transport |
| 14 | Frequency to allow access to working hour jobs in the local towns- currently can only take bus to Sudbury on Thursday |
| 15 | 4 times a week |
| 16 | This is not a practical request. A daily service which allows you a few hours in Bury St Edmunds or Sudbury. I would use 3 or 4 times a week. |
| 17 | Current School Buss Timetable with access for all and extended to school holidays + one in the middle of the day. |
| 18 | I did - but no idea how to propose a realistic solution apart from smaller buses being more 'village hoppa' shopper. Shame that Rural Caravan visits on a Thursday AM - same people support that as bus. |
| 19 | I wouldn't use but more frequent service to Bury & Sudbury for non drivers |
| 20 | Daily bus |
| 21 | To Bury St Edmunds, + Sudbury + Long Melford |
| 22 | Buses to BSE on market days, with later return to Shimpling |
| 23 | Bury - at least to allow people who work 9-5 to get to and from work |
| 24 | More regular service |
| 25 | More buses on a regular basis |
| 26 | 2-3 buses each way to Bury St Edmunds daily, to enable hospital access and links to other transportation. |

20. If you answered "important" to more bus services in Q18, please suggest as to where and the frequency you would use them

27	Daily to town
28	Sudbury, Long Melford, daily for health center + doctors. Plus shops.
29	If it's an accessible bus, I would use it at least once a week. The days would vary.
30	Bury and Sudbury. Every day service would be wonderful!
31	I do not know to what extent people in the parish are using the "connecting communities" "suffolk on board" scheme. I assume it applies to Shimpling. I don't know if everybody knows about it.
32	To/from and daily with more each day to Bury St Edmunds, Lavenham, Sudbury.

21. Do you think Shimpling should encourage new development? Please tick one box

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes (go to Q22)		34.31%	35
2	No (go to Q23)		65.69%	67

22. If you said "Yes" to question 21, was it for any of the following reasons? Please tick one box per row

Answer Choices	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Response Total
To attract new people into the Parish	78.38% 29	13.51% 5	8.11% 3	37
To attract new businesses into the Parish	43.59% 17	38.46% 15	17.95% 7	39
To attract younger people into the Parish	74.36% 29	17.95% 7	7.69% 3	39
To provide housing for local residents	92.31% 36	2.56% 1	5.13% 2	39
To provide accommodation for older people	72.97% 27	18.92% 7	8.11% 3	37

23. What type of new building / housing is appropriate for Shimpling? Please tick one box per row

Answer Choices	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Response Total
Residential small housing (1-2 bed)	57.58% 57	26.26% 26	16.16% 16	99
Residential medium housing (3-4 bed)	45.36% 44	31.96% 31	22.68% 22	97
Residential large housing (5+ bed)	10.20% 10	18.37% 18	71.43% 70	98
Shared accommodation (housing association)	26.04% 25	32.29% 31	41.67% 40	96
Rented from local Council	33.33% 32	27.08% 26	39.58% 38	96

23. What type of new building / housing is appropriate for Shimpling? Please tick one box per row

Rent Free	7.78% 7	27.78% 25	64.44% 58	90
Privately rented	21.65% 21	36.08% 35	42.27% 41	97
Private ownership	55.21% 53	25.00% 24	19.79% 19	96
Sheltered accommodation	18.37% 18	39.80% 39	41.84% 41	98
Residential care home	16.84% 16	33.68% 32	49.47% 47	95
Development of farm units into residential units	39.80% 39	27.55% 27	32.65% 32	98
Development of existing redundant farm units into small business units	40.40% 40	29.29% 29	30.30% 30	99
Small scale renewable energy projects (wind farm, solar farm, biomass)	27.84% 27	29.90% 29	42.27% 41	97

24. What factors should be addressed when identifying potential sites? Please tick one box per row

Answer Choices	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Response Total
Should not impact on historic buildings (e.g. Listed properties / Church)	89.42% 93	7.69% 8	2.88% 3	104
Existing views should be protected	83.65% 87	12.50% 13	3.85% 4	104
Current open space and verges should be protected	89.32% 92	8.74% 9	1.94% 2	103
Proposed building line (frontage) should be in keeping with existing building line	82.69% 86	8.65% 9	8.65% 9	104
Local footpath network should be protected	97.06% 99	1.96% 2	0.98% 1	102
Should not impact on local woodland	94.17% 97	4.85% 5	0.97% 1	103
Should use infill / brownfield sites before greenfield / farmland	85.29% 87	9.80% 10	4.90% 5	102
Residential use	77.00% 77	15.00% 15	8.00% 8	100
Commercial use	18.37% 18	38.78% 38	42.86% 42	98
Wind/Solar Farm use	26.26% 26	29.29% 29	44.44% 44	99

25. What design principals should be used in any new building / development? Please tick one box per row

Answer Choices	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Response Total
Eco Friendly	69.61% 71	27.45% 28	2.94% 3	102
Energy Efficient	83.50% 86	14.56% 15	1.94% 2	103
Be in keeping with existing village	90.29% 93	5.83% 6	3.88% 4	103
Limited to two storeys	88.35% 91	7.77% 8	3.88% 4	103
Have a garden	84.47% 87	13.59% 14	1.94% 2	103
Have off street parking	86.41% 89	9.71% 10	3.88% 4	103
Have superfast broadband	72.55% 74	24.51% 25	2.94% 3	102

26. Where should new development be located? Please tick one box per row

Answer Choices	Yes	No	Response Total
Within the Settlement Boundary	75.00% 69	25.00% 23	92
Attached to the Settlement Boundary	48.86% 43	51.14% 45	88
Outside the Settlement Boundary but within the Parish	47.25% 43	52.75% 48	91

27. Should any new building / housing be encouraged on: Please tick one box per row

Answer Choices	Yes	No	Response Total
Infill sites	57.89% 55	42.11% 40	95
Gardens of existing properties	35.35% 35	64.65% 64	99
Brownfield sites	77.89% 74	22.11% 21	95
Greenfield sites (if YES, go to Q28 - if NO go to Q29)	16.48% 15	83.52% 76	91
Farmland (if YES, go to Q28 - if NO go to Q29)	19.77% 17	80.23% 69	86

28. If you said "Yes" to greenfield / farmland sites being built on in Q27; should this be limited per site to: Please tick one box per row

Answer Choices	Yes	No	Response Total
Up to 5 properties	78.57% 22	21.43% 6	28
Between 6 and 10 properties	33.33% 8	66.67% 16	24
Between 11 and 20 properties	13.04% 3	86.96% 20	23
Over 20 properties	8.70% 2	91.30% 21	23
Small scale renewable energy projects (wind farm, solar farm, biomass)	60.87% 14	39.13% 9	23

29. Should farmland in Shimpling Parish be used for larger development? Please tick one box

Answer Choices	Response Percent	Response Total
1 Yes (go to Q30) 	5.94%	6
2 No (go to Q31) 	94.06%	95

30. If you said "Yes" to Q.29 what should it be used for? Please tick one box per row

Answer Choices	Yes	No	Response Total
Large residential use (20+ houses) covering several acres	38.46% 5	61.54% 8	13
Large scale wind farm / solar farm / bio mass covering several acres	41.67% 5	58.33% 7	12
Large scale industrial units covering several acres	0.00% 0	100.00% 13	13

31. IF THERE ARE ANY COMMENTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE BUT HAVEN'T BEEN COVERED BY THE QUESTIONS OR WISH TO EXPAND ON ANY OF YOUR ANSWERS PLEASE DO SO HERE:

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question	100.00%	54
1	<p>Shimplings amenities and roads could not cope with large scale development and encouraging more traffic puts walkers, children, wildlife and pets at risk, as well as disrupting peaceful nature of area.</p> <p>Shimpling street and pub end of village feels disconnected socially and physically to little chad and Mill Hill.</p>		
2	<p>Babergh annual housing target for 2018 – 2037 is 416 dwellings per year, unless the Minister of State for Housing and Planning changes this target.</p> <p>As of Oct 2023 there are 27 towns and parishes in Babergh meaning an average of 16 new dwellings per year to be built in each town or parish.</p> <p>Section 21 shows nine new dwellings being outside Shimpling's 2023 Settlement Boundary, therefore any Boundary change should include these new dwellings and needs enlarging to accommodate more dwellings to support future housing needs.</p> <p>Ribbon development is not ideal especially along a main road but Shimpling offers potential dwelling sites south of the The Street drawing a line parallel to the main road from Barnfields, along Gents Lane towards Halifax Place. This area is identified as unused agricultural buildings, large gardens and paddocks with a potential of 20+ dwellings if released over the next 12 years.</p>		
3	<p>I think the village is pretty perfect the way it is! and certainly wouldn't want to see if ruined by large developments or loss of open spaces within the village.</p>		
4	<p>Good luck with enforcement of a potential quiet Sunday's if it is likely to go beyond one occasion.</p> <p>Some residents have busy lives and work and the only opportunity to undertake garden maintenance may be on a Sunday. We are not living in Germany where Sunday rules do apply.</p>		
5	<p>We feel if more houses were developed the village would lose it's open and exclusiveness.</p> <p>Keep Shimpling as it is. No more homes needed.</p> <p>We moved here because we feel in love with the tranquil village and its purity</p> <p>Thank you</p>		
6	<p>We feel that there is sufficient development in the local area (e.g. Long Melford, outskirts of Bury St Edmunds) without supporting infrastructure.</p> <p>The use of farmland for development anywhere is a shortsighted scheme for our future food security. Using farmland for solar panels likewise, when these could be put on the roofs of car parks and new homes/retail outlets.</p> <p>A second defibrillator at Village Hall - nearer to other half of village.</p> <p>Re Question 6 - unfair to those working and need to do things at weekend. People will forget which Sundays are quiet. Weather decides when weekend work can be done. Emergency work to outside of property will not recognise quiet days.</p>		
7	<p>We have moved from just outside London where development was rife and ruinous. We moved to Shimpling because of its rural location; unspoilt, quiet, quintessential and small village community. With beautiful surrounding farmland and countryside. The last thing we would want is for any development within or near the Shimpling Boundary! Please please don't spoil this gorgeous piece of Suffolk Paradise!</p>		
8	<p>In general keep the village as it currently is. Building should be restricted to 1 to 2 houses per year as has been the case every year for at least the past 5 decades. Why change if the vast majority of villagers are happy.</p> <p>With regard to new residential properties barn conversions would be preferable to new build.</p>		
9	<p>Nil</p>		
10	<p>To have any significant housing development would ruin the village. The village is not appropriate to expand as there are no amenities (bar the pub). expansion would put a strain on the roads and other infrastructure.</p>		
11	<p>This survey constitutes the opinions of 3 adults in the household.</p> <p>Solar Farms devalue surrounding properties by at least 1.5%.</p> <p>The noise from solar panel cooling on solar farms disrupts sleep & causes stress.</p> <p>The large scale habitat loss, loss of open space and change to the community the solar and wind farms or new build estates/dwellings cause is linked to much higher rates of depression in areas that permit this so we would not support these kind of developments.</p> <p>It would indeed cause us as a family great distress to see Shimpling so changed from the wonderful, idyllic small village it already is.</p>		

31. IF THERE ARE ANY COMMENTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE BUT HAVEN'T BEEN COVERED BY THE QUESTIONS OR WISH TO EXPAND ON ANY OF YOUR ANSWERS PLEASE DO SO HERE:

12	Single occupant household
13	Other reason for moving from Shimpling is to have a smaller garden. With regard to the Quarterly Village Newsletter: I read it cover to cover and keep it till the next one comes.
14	Completion for 2 people
15	This response is from an individual.
16	This response is from an individual.
17	Regarding the 'quiet Sundays' it is important to remember that not everyone in the village are retired many working people may only have certain days where can cut grass etc and it would be wrong to prevent them from doing so. I do not feel there is an issue with noise that needs to be addressed. Anyone using machinery would likely only do so for a short time or odd day if completing larger tasks and we don't need to put in place rules that restrict people.
18	All development should only be for the benefit and value of the village. 2 x People Completing Survey
19	Completed for one person. Roads are not suitable for many more cars or large lorries etc. Farmland is needed for food production, we cannot rely on importing our food in these uncertain times.
20	regarding the suggestion about ditches being maintained (this is so important in anticipation of increased rainfall and flash flooding predictions) - I suggest the Parish Council looks to see how many private properties have filled in historic ditches around the village - and charge the property owners to clear the ditches again. The impact of filled ditches extends to neighbours who have no means to reinstate the necessary ditches. People have extended gardens by filling ditches; a timebomb for future flooding There are two adults living at this property
21	Two people completed this document as we were in agreement (about most things). The village is poorly served by public transport, has very few amenities and is therefore unsuitable for further development. Any further development would be entirely dependent upon the use of private cars and is therefore unsustainable. The pub and village hall are key facilities and should therefore be protected. We value the surrounding farmland and recognise its importance in producing food. The village is very fortunate to have the Halifax Trust which supports so many of our younger people's education. Thank you to the planning group who have worked very hard on this document.
22	We urgently need speed restrictions at the top of Slough Hill and at the corner just before going down Slough Hill. Vehicles, both cars and lorries regularly speed through our village. (The current Battery operated sign does not work efficiently.) We need one at the start of the village coming in from the 134 road between Sudbury and Bury as well as the one currently in place though it should be at the top of Slough Hill rather than opposite the current bungalow. An occasional appearance of a Speed Radar Camera is a definite deterrent as in Alpheton.
23	Any proposed new development should be in direct consultation with the villagers via its various mediums (newsletter, Parish Council meetings etc) and land owners answerable to questions from the village. ie. farmers / land owners should not be allowed to sell or rent large areas of land for large profit without consideration for the for the long term impact to the village. Solar farms and large residential developments should be discouraged at all costs!!!
24	This is a single person response
25	Completed on behalf of 2 household occupants.
26	The village of Shimpling is a vibrant community with young newcomers in addition to an aging population. People look after each other and this is a unique and much appreciated feature of the village. Because of this older folk want to stay here and move from larger homes to smaller, new, eco friendly abodes. In order to allow this to happen, and free up larger houses for bigger families, the settlement boundary needs to change and some smaller houses need to be built to accommodate these able, older people.
27	I was involved in the discussions with Babergh re the Village envelope in 2006. I remember some councillors were in favour of increasing it in order to preserve the open spaces in the street. Possibly to allow small scale development up to Shimpling Park Farm Gates and up to the junction at Mill Hill.
28	One person
29	2 people

31. IF THERE ARE ANY COMMENTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE BUT HAVEN'T BEEN COVERED BY THE QUESTIONS OR WISH TO EXPAND ON ANY OF YOUR ANSWERS PLEASE DO SO HERE:

30	<p>Quiet Sundays - This idea is only suitable for home owners who are not working, as for anyone who works 5+ days per week there is not a suitable time to then look after their external grounds. In addition, how will this be policed? Is it deemed suitable for someone to have music on in their garden to 'relax' to, whilst someone cannot cut their grass to 'relax'? Or would my child playing in the garden be deemed as noisy? If this was agreed, it would have to be limited and clear guidance set out for it. I.e. once a month and quiet time after 12 noon until 4pm.</p> <p>Ditches - These need to be maintained to a higher standard. The ditch down Nigel's Way could easily be dug down to allow for more storm water to be carried, but it is currently full of silt and brambles to be able to work to it's full capacity. Also, a clear understanding of who looks after parts of the drainage system. The pipe under the road between Clutter Cottage and the ditch near Nigel's Way is damaged as therefore does not allow for efficient water drainage of ditch to the other side. We have been unable to get a response from anyone regarding who is responsible for this (as it goes under a road) and therefore would like to have a better understanding of who is responsible for the local ditch and culverts.</p>
31	<p>Reason for moving - parts of Hallifax Place are too noisy. It would be nice to see the church used more - perhaps an egg trail at Easter, stalls i the grounds selling crafts & art work, as its having new stained glass windows. Earlier you were asking for donations and I thought a marquee outside the church with a band playing and cake stall would have been good. Also when will the bench be moved from its current position under dark trees to near the village sign? Such a waste....</p>
32	<p>Disagree with "discrete small" in Vision Statement Question 28 - all should be considered Question 30 - large residential use (20+ houses) covering several acres should be considered.</p>
33	<p>Any proposed development (we would rather like to keep it to a minimum - less heavy traffic, diesel fumes and loud radios and general long term disturbance) should be appropriate to their scale, nature, location and not overtake the character of a quiet country village like Shimpling. No street lighting. Completed for 2 residents.</p>
34	<p>In general it seems inappropriate to encourage more housing in a village that has no school, no shop and very little chance of employment. It just leads to more traffic for no good reason. If builders are given permission to build, better provision should be required for schools, shops, road upgrades etc. Also consideration of employment, because without this people end up on benefits. The style, size and type of housing should be in keeping with the existing nature and cultural identity of the village - this way harmony and happiness are preserved.</p>
35	<p>I wouldn't like to see quiet Sundays. I work 5, sometimes 6 days a week, meaning my only opportunity to undertake garden maintenance would be primarily on a Sunday. I find gardening, which includes and is not limited to; cutting the grass and hedges very therapeutic and wouldn't adhere to a policy that would restrict this.</p> <p>I would like to see better maintenance of the ditches in the area, especially the one situated alongside Nigel's Way footpath. This, coupled with the trench dug near the pump house serves as an important drainage site for many houses along The Street, notably Shimpling House which was very close to flooding this past winter. In the run up to the winter months these ditches need to be prepped accordingly to mitigate the chances of this happening.</p>
36	<p>Shimpling is big enough. Traffic is worse and we have no amenities other than a pub which is not overly welcoming for families. I'm raising my children here, and have lived here from my own birth, but if the village was developed I would consider moving</p>
37	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please reestablish verges. 2. Investigate purchase of Coal House 3. Investigate the pub becoming a community hub and becoming a pub that majority of the village would feel comfortable using. 4. Housing for first time dwellers, older people/residents being able to downsize, sad to see 'locals' having to make decision to leave if choice is they would rather stay. 5. Encourage village to become more 'tech savvy' but remain inclusive to those who are not online - village noticeboards are very well used and this remains the voice of the village for many. For at least 8 people known to me, they remain unaware of events happening. I do encourage them to explore befriending 'tech savvy' people. 6. To keep the identity of this lovely village. For the first 10 years of us living here, hardly any house sales. Now many new people, lovely community - lets embrace it.
38	<p>I moved to Shimpling for the rural location and open spaces. My previous house had countryside/farmland views but was sold to a developer who built 40 houses on it - so I moved. I hope the farmland views I have now do not go the same way.</p>
39	<p>Household of 2</p>
40	<p>Let the Parish Council, the people care, make the right decisions on the answers received.</p>
41	<p>Shimpling Street is defined as a hamlet, with few services. There is likely to be a directive from central government for county councils to build more homes. Therefore Shimpling Settlement Boundary needs to expand. There are already nine properties outside the settlement boundary. Rather than encouraging ribbon development, areas north and south of the Street can be potential development area.</p>

31. IF THERE ARE ANY COMMENTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE BUT HAVEN'T BEEN COVERED BY THE QUESTIONS OR WISH TO EXPAND ON ANY OF YOUR ANSWERS PLEASE DO SO HERE:

42	We really value having a pub in the village where the village community can meet. The current model of delivery is not meeting the needs of the village.
43	Shimpling would fit better in West Suffolk District Council rather than Babergh! Encourage the richest members of the parish to contribute financially to improving village facilities (eg. village hall) to support the cultural, social and educational life of the village, perhaps through an endowment/trust. (As did the Halifax family at Chadacre.)
44	We love the village of Shimpling and feel we must not limit its ambition to be and to continue to be a thriving healthy community by being over protectionist about its size and development . We fear if blocks are put on any expansion there will be limits to its sustainability as a village as it will not have enough scale to support communal activities and facilities which will subsequently dwindle. To have facilities that are viable, there needs to be a critical mass and diversified range of dwellings, businesses and facilities.
45	This survey is completed on behalf of four residents
46	Gents Lane should be protected as it cannot accommodate further traffic etc
47	Any increase to the population of Shimpling or new development needs to be careful that facilities are available to support that increase. The most important would be the ability for people to own and drive cars as the non existent bus service and no local shops and amenities means people have to drive everywhere.
48	This survey was completed by two people.
49	The settlement boundary lines only show Shimpling Street. What is the boundaries for the rest of the parish? Some of the developments have not even allowed for small numbers of 'affordable' homes for the families growing up in the village. The large scale developments we see around the larger towns in the area should be avoided as the infrastructure needed is not present and the reason most of the current villagers moved to this area is for its rural setting and peaceful outlook. Any large development would be reason to move out. Lack of infrastructure is a major problem all around the country at the moment and any medium to large development would overwhelm what we have.
50	Shimpling is special and loved, partially because it is 'Pretty' and 'historic' but mainly because of the people. We have a friendly and fun community. Development should service the community by providing housing for newcomers and amenities for residents, allowing the village to grow rather than wither and die. I certainly know without help I could not afford to buy in or work from Shimpling. Development will alter views, change street fronts and impact the community. We have the opportunity to ensure these changes are beneficial and will keep the village alive! Please please please lets move forward with a clear plan that encourages new, exciting development that further adds to our village/community rather than force a fake historic facade for the sake of keeping the village 'quiet' and 'uniform'
51	Sensible & well planned small scale building on garden/infill plots should be encouraged within the parish boundary, not just the current settlement boundary. Quiet Sundays, very good idea.
52	Make The Bush more family friendly Speed control needs to be looked into
53	Question 23 - I feel I do not know enough about needs in parish or wider area. It is not appropriate to have much development. Housing needs to be of a range of types - probably needs are mainly smaller properties that are affordable to buy or rent. Question 26 & 27 - it all depends what is proposed and where. Re development - water/sewage, electricity, telephone - are the essential services adequate? There is sometimes a sewage back up problem in Barnfield. Shimpling is a very nice place to live and does not need a lot of change. Any development needs to be considered in the wider context of what is happening in Suffolk generally. In South Suffolk in particular, towns, villages and all development is increasing in centres of population, larger villages, towns and cities wont be able to find real countryside to visit in the evenings & weekends. There needs to be peacefulness, lovely landscapes, wildlife of all sorts and food being grown. It is vital that we retain beautiful attractive countryside for everyone now and in the future. This does not mean no change but is a case of "the right thing in the right place." I like it very much when farmers/landowners have farm walks anywhere in parish. Could we please have a few more. I appreciate it when people remember we are not all on the internet or skilled at it. Possible suggestion that the parish keeps an on-going record of fauna & flora - not too onerous. I appreciate being consulted and all the work that people have done on this plan.
54	"Building / Development outside of the settlement boundaries: development will not be permitted in specified circumstances" - this should continue. What are the circumstances? Are they strong/robust enough? Encourage new development - it depends what and where. Renewable energy projects/commercial use/wind/solar farm - maybe depending on scale & where, what/type/size, where impact on current village size and the unique character. We have concerns about what might/could happen potentially to land within the Parish but not the settlement boundary except Slough Hill - owed by such people/organisations as Melford Hospital Trust, that might want to use some of the land for building/development solar or wind farms etc. e.g. the land opposite Clockhouse Farm and beside the lane up to St Georges - currently used for ?? horses and parking for events at St Georges. The land between Aveley Lane and Aveley Ancient Wood.

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Concerns also about maintaining St Georges as a parish church. As members of the PCC in 2005 we fought very hard to prevent the attempt by the then Rector to turn St Georges into a 'Chapel of Ease' i.e. basically to close it. This resulted in nasty, unkind, un-Christian treatment of the then Church Warden and certain PCC members. Nevertheless and consequently on their actions, St Georges remains a proper parish church available to all but for how long? How to ensure with the CofE that it stays this way?

A map of Melford Hospital Trust land is needed to clarify the boundaries and responsibility. Is a map available for John Pawsey's land?

Completed for 2 people.