

Rendlesham Neighbourhood Plan

Consultation Statement

Part 5, Section 15

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

Rendlesham Parish Council

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Section 1: Introduction

1.1 This Consultation Statement has been prepared to fulfil the legal requirements of Part 5, Section 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 by:

- (a) Detailing the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan;
- (b) Outlining how these persons and bodies were consulted;
- (c) Providing a summary of the main issues and concerns raised;
- (d) Reviewing how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan.

1.2 Throughout the process of producing the Neighbourhood Plan for Rendlesham a comprehensive consultation process has been undertaken to ensure that the requirements of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 were met.

The aims of the consultation process were:

- To ensure that detailed consultation took place at all stages of the Neighbourhood Planning process, especially where key priorities needed to be set.
- To engage with as broad a cross section of the community as possible, using a variety of events, workshops, surgeries and communication techniques.

1.3 This Consultation Statement provides an overview of each of the above stages of consultation in accordance with Section 15 (2) of Part 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

Section 1: Introduction

1.3 The programme of consultation completed is detailed in table 1.

Table 1 – Programme of consultation completed:

Date	Activity/Event
20 September 2011	Public consultation
15 February 2012	Follow up consultation
19 July 2012	Initial consultation with landowners
8 & 9 September 2012	Walking tour of assets
1-30 September 2012	Housing Needs Survey
2 October 2012	Initial consultation with hinterland parish councils
17 October 2012	Public meeting
11 December 2012	Public drop in session
28 February 2013	Presentation to the Rendlesham & District Over 60s Club
1-30 March 2013	Questionnaires
8 March 2013	Consultation with young people—part 1
11 March 2013	Consultation with young people—part 2
12 March 2013	Consultation with Rendlesham Care Centre
13 & 14 March 2013	Consultation with young people—part 3
20 March 2013	Stakeholders' consultation
21 March 2013	Public consultation
16 July 2013	Second consultation with hinterland parishes
13 January—28 February 2014	Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report
7 April—21 May 2014	First Reg 14 Pre-Submission consultation
16 June—27 July	Second Reg 14 Pre-Submission consultation

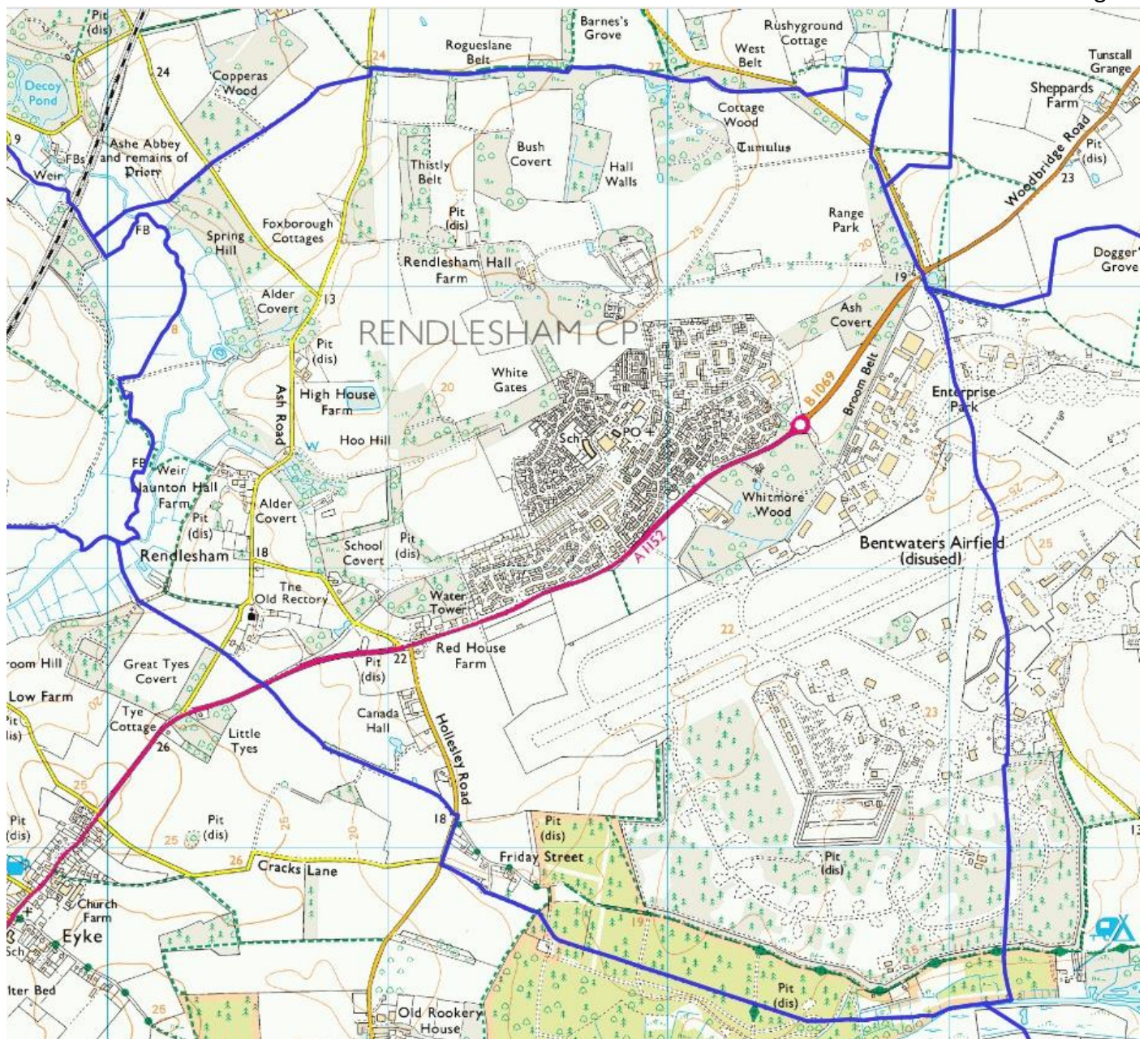
Section 2: Rendlesham Development Area

2.1 The whole parish of Rendlesham, defined by the parish boundary, has been formally designated as a Neighbourhood Area

through an application made by Rendlesham Parish Council on 8 November 2012 under Part 2, Section 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

2.2 The Neighbourhood Plan area was officially approved by Suffolk Coastal District Council on 29 October 2013, following a 6 week period of public consultation as required within Part 2, Section 6 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. 2.3 The designated 'Rendlesham Neighbourhood Area' is illustrated in figure 1.

Fig 1



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Parish Boundary and Neighbourhood Development Area

Section 3: Public consultation

3.1 An overview of the event is provided in table 2.

Table 2—Overview of public consultation event

Date	20 September 2011
Venue	Rendlesham Community Centre
Facilitator	Rendlesham Parish Council
Format	Public open meeting [6.45—9pm]
Publicity	Parish newsletter, posters, flyers (all households & businesses)
Attendance	230-250
Appendix Reference	A

3.2 The consultation event was held to identify how residents of the parish felt about their village, and in particular the closure of 2 main buildings (identified as Key Facilities in the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan) in the village centre; the Sports Centre and the Angel Theatre. Both buildings had been available for community use until 2009 and 2007 respectively, when they were closed. The aims of the meeting were as follows:

- To identify the level of support in the village to bring the buildings back into community use.
- To identify potential uses for the 2 buildings
- Seek views on further housing in the village centre

WHO WAS CONSULTED

- 3.3 The aim of this initial meeting was to engage and consult with as many members of the local community as possible. The meeting was open to all, and was publicised via: flyers distributed to every household and business in the parish, the parish newsletter (distributed free of charge to all households and businesses in the parish), posters on notice boards in the village centre, residential areas and the community centre: articles and updates on the Rendlesham Parish Council website.
- 3.4 A total number of 230-250 people attended the event, the majority of whom were residents of Rendlesham and some from surrounding parishes. There were approximately 40 young people (under 18 years) attending.

HOW WERE PEOPLE CONSULTED

- 3.5 A presentation was given by Rendlesham Parish Council outlining the concerns raised by parishioners regarding further housing in the village and the future of the Sports Centre and Angel Theatre.
- 3.6 Displays were held in another room in the Community Centre.
- 3.7 The interest in the event was such that the number of people attending exceeded the capacity of the meeting room and the Parish Council arranged 3 sittings of the presentation during the evening.
- 3.8 All in attendance were invited to 'post' their comments on a feedback wall. These comments are contained within this report and are broken down into the following sections:
- Those who wanted to save the Sports Centre
 - Those who wanted to save the Angel Theatre
 - Those who wanted to either or both buildings
 - Ideas for future uses of the buildings
 - General comments
 - Views on further housing in Rendlesham
 - Funding

ISSUES, PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS RAISED

HOUSING

- 3.09 Those who attended felt very strongly about any more housing in the village. It was a resounding 'No'.

ANGEL THEATRE & SPORTS CENTRE

- 3.10 Residents provided overwhelming support to save both the buildings. The emphasis was clearly placed on saving both buildings with a view to putting back the community infrastructure lost through the closure of the 2 buildings.

HOW THE ISSUES, PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED

- 3.11 As a result of the feedback from the event, and the number of issues raised, the Parish Council identified that a more holistic approach should be taken to the shaping the future of Rendlesham, an approach that focussed on the need to build community cohesion, providing the infrastructure to enable local people to participate in activities and be able to access facilities to meet their everyday needs without having to travel outside of the parish. To take a managed approach to any future housing development and to control of shaping the future to build a 'sustainable' Rendlesham.
- 3.12 It was resolved that the tool to do this would be a Neighbourhood Plan and a bid was put to Suffolk Coastal District Council to apply for the Government's Front Runner Scheme. The bid was successful and the RNP became a Government Neighbourhood Plan Front Runner in March 2012.

Section 4: Follow up public consultation

4.1 An overview of the event is provided in table 3.

Table 3—Follow up public consultation

Date	15 February 2012
Venue	Rendlesham Community Centre
Facilitator	Rendlesham Parish Council
Format	Public open meeting—drop in event [1-4pm and 7-9pm]
Publicity	Parish newsletter, posters, flyers (all households & businesses), e-mail
Attendance	150-180
Appendix Reference	B

4.2 The follow up consultation was arranged to investigate further the aspirations of the community raised in the public consultation event held on 20 September 2011. The aims of the meeting were:

- *Build on identifying the issues surrounding community infrastructure*
- *Start to look at options for community facilities that would address the deficit*
- *Identify how people felt regarding proposals to replace the Angel Theatre and Sports Centre with housing*

WHO WAS CONSULTED

4.3 The aim of the meeting was to engage and consult with as many members of the local community as possible

4.4 A total of 150-180 people attended the event, the majority were from Rendlesham but there were also attendees from surrounding parishes.

HOW WERE PEOPLE CONSULTED

4.5 A video blog area was set up to record the views of people attending and also to record their memories of when the Sports Centre and Angel Centre were open as well as their memories of the village during their lifetime.

Section 4: Follow up public consultation

4.6 Due to the number of people attending the event on 20 September and the limited size of the venue a drop in format was adopted over a longer period of time.

4.7 Post-it note feedback wall with the following options:

If the following were provided in Rendlesham....

- *Would you use a theatre*
- *Would you use a café*
- *Would you use the Sports Centre*
- *Would you use a cinema*
- *Would you use a restaurant*

4.8 Having viewed the Parish Council's proposals for saving these buildings for the Community (as an outcome from the 20 September 2011 consultation event), attendees were asked to place a post-It note on the wall under their choice between 3 separate headings:

- *No opinion*
- *Do you support the Developer's proposals?*
- *Do you want to save the Angel Centre and Sports Centre?*

ISSUES, PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS RAISED

4.9 The following priorities were identified:

- *Support for community facilities; theatre, café, cinema and restaurant*
- *Support for bringing the Sports Centre back into community use*
- *Resist housing in the village centre*

HOW THE ISSUES, PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED

4.10 All issues, priorities, concerns and comments put forward at the meeting were collated and used by Rendlesham Parish Council to:

- Inform the development of the overall vision and objectives of the RNP*
- Set key issues and priorities for further exploration*
- Guide the structure, format, and content of subsequent consultation and engagement*
- The information will feed into the RNP process through inclusion in the household, business and youth questionnaires.*

Section 5: Initial consultation with landowners

5.1 An overview of the event is provided in table 3.

Table 3—Initial consultation with landowners

Date	19 July 2012
Venue	Rendlesham Community Centre
Facilitator	Rendlesham Parish Council
Format	Walking tour around the village centre, displays and presentation [8pm]
Publicity	Personal invitation by e-mail
Attendance	Invited: Dr Therese Coffey MP Cllr Ray Herring Cllr Terry Eastman Cllr Michael Bond Eric Pickles MP Dr Wil Gibson Mr F Mouawad Mrs L Sheepshanks Mr W Kemball Mr J Marks Sir Michael Bunbury Mr R D’Arcy Mr J D’Arcy
Appendix Reference	C

5.2 This was the first consultation specifically for land owners and key people who could be involved in the preparation, consultation and delivery of the Rendlesham Neighbourhood Plan. The aims of the meeting were:

- *To show attendees some of the key issues that have arisen from previous consultations that will form the core of the RNP*
- *To raise awareness of the RNP*

Section 5: Initial consultation with landowners

To undertake a short walking tour of the centre of the village followed by refreshments and presentations in the Community Centre.

WHO WAS CONSULTED

- 5.3 Landowners in Rendlesham and other key people who may have an interest or future involvement with the RNP.
- 5.4 There was good representation from landowners, Suffolk ACRE (Community Action Suffolk) and District and County Councillors.

HOW WERE PEOPLE CONSULTED

- 5.5 A walking tour of the village centre to highlight the key issues raised by the local community so far; loss of community facilities.
- 5.6 A presentation, supported by displays, to raise awareness of the purpose and process of the RNP.
- 5.7 A question and answer session.

ISSUES, PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS RAISED

- 5.8 The following key themes arose from the issues, priorities and concerns raised at the event:
 - *Concern regarding the loss of community facilities*
 - *General support for the reintroduction of provision for community, leisure and sporting activities*
 - *Issues regarding the viability of bringing both the Angel Centre and the Sports Centre into community ownership*
 - *The introduction of small business units in the village centre*

HOW THE ISSUES, PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED

- a) *Inform the development of the overall vision and objectives of the RNP*
- b) *Set key issues and priorities for further exploration*
- c) *Guide the structure, format, and content of subsequent consultation and engagement*
- d) *The information will feed into the RNP process through inclusion in the household, business and youth questionnaires.*

Section 6: Walking tour of assets

6.1 An overview of the event is provided in table 4.

Table 4—Walking tour of assets

Date	8 & 9 September 2012
Venue	Rendlesham village
Facilitator	Rendlesham Parish Council
Format	Planned walking route around the village [2pm]
Publicity	Parish newsletter, posters
Attendance	10 people over 2 days
Appendix Reference	D

6.2 This was an opportunity to walk around the village to identify places or things that people valued in their community. It was also an opportunity to look at street scenes; what works, what doesn't work, and to raise any other issues as the walk progressed. The aims of this event were:

- To identify community assets
- To inform the RNP of local issues

WHO WAS CONSULTED

6.3 The aim of this event was to engage and consult with members of the local community. The event was open to all, and was publicised via: the parish newsletter (distributed free of charge to all households and businesses in the parish), posters on notice boards in the village centre, residential areas and the community centre: articles and updates in the parish newsletter.

6.4 A total of 10 people took part over 2 days, all who living in Rendlesham at the time.

HOW WERE PEOPLE CONSULTED

6.5 Each person taking part was given a map of the route, clipboard and pen and asked to annotate the map as the group travelled around the village. They were encouraged to look beyond the built environment and take note of other aspects of living in Rendlesham, including how people get around and features of the village.

6.6 The annotated maps were collected at the end of the tour and the information fed into the RNP consultation process.

Section 6: Walking tour of assets

ISSUES, PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS RAISED

6.7 The following key themes arose from the issues, priorities and concerns raised at the event:

Community facilities

- *Bring former community buildings back into community use (Angel Theatre and Sports Centre)*
- *Poorly maintained and neglected buildings and surrounding areas (Angel Theatre and Sports Centre)*
- *Village Square car park — area to the rear of Costcutters an eyesore*

Roads and signage

- *Redundant signs left up by developers (Library Mews, adjacent to the Primary School)*
- *Poor road layout (Mayhew Road)*
- *Lack of off-road parking, creating congested on-road/pavement parking*
- *Poor condition of drains (Mayhew Road)*
- *Hazardous parking near junctions with Sycamore Drive*

Play areas

- *Poorly maintained play areas (Village Green, Whitmore Copse)*

Landscaping and green public spaces

- *Lack of trees in new build landscaping schemes (Mayhew Road)*
- *More tree planting (Jubilee Park)*
- *Tidy up and resurface the Boulevard adjacent to the Village Green*
- *Improved maintenance of Village Square car park shrub beds*
- *Additional seating in Jubilee Park and green space in Mayhew Road*

Housing

- *No more housing*

Education

- *Primary school not big enough*

Footpaths and access to the countryside

- *Better footpath access to the forest and the surrounding countryside*
- *Creation of a circular walk*

Section 6: Walking tour of assets

Transport

- *Maintain a frequent bus service to Aldeburgh/Woodbridge/Ipswich*
- *Road access to the village—only one way in/one way out*

HOW THE ISSUES, PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED

- 6.8 All issues, priorities, concerns and comments put forward at the meeting were collated and used to:
- Inform the development of the overall vision and objectives of the RNP*
 - Set key issues and priorities for further exploration*
 - Guide the structure, format, and content of subsequent consultation and engagement*
 - The information will feed into the RNP process through inclusion in the household, business and youth questionnaires.*

Section 7: Housing Needs Survey

7.1 An overview of the event is provided in table 5.

Table 5—Housing Needs Survey

Date	1—30 September 2012
Venue	Rendlesham
Facilitator	Suffolk ACRE (Community Action Suffolk)
Format	Household survey
Publicity	Parish newsletter, posters
Attendance	N/A
Appendix Reference	E

7.2 The Housing Needs Survey was arranged to identify the level of need for affordable housing in the village. The aims of the meeting were:

- To identify the level of affordable housing need in Rendlesham to inform the RNP

WHO WAS CONSULTED

7.3 All households in Rendlesham. Housing Needs survey forms were also made available to people who had left Rendlesham because of a shortage of affordable homes. They were also made available to residents in surrounding parishes on request.

7.4 Responses received were:

- 199 Household Responses
- 498 Individuals
- Greatest number of responses received from those aged between 25-44 years of age
- 508 Multiple Choice responses received

HOW WERE PEOPLE CONSULTED

7.5 A survey was sent to all households and businesses in Rendlesham. Additional forms were available to people outside of Rendlesham. Completed forms were returned to the Rural Housing Enabler at Suffolk ACRE (Community Action Suffolk) who carried out the analysis and identification of need.

Section 7: Housing Needs Survey

ISSUES, PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS RAISED

7.6 Out of 199 HNS returned, 28 households responded that they have a current housing need, totalling 65 people.

7.7 Out of 199 HNS returned, 4 of those households responded identifying a need for 5 people (with a local connection) wishing to return to or live in the Parish in the parish. This shows a total of 32 households, 70 people in need of affordable housing in Rendlesham.

7.8 The Gateway to Home Choice (GTHC) register indicates there are 33 households claiming a local connection to Rendlesham;

- 18 x 1 bed dwellings
- 10 x 2 bed dwellings
- 3 x 3 bed dwellings
- 2 x 4 bed dwellings

7.9 NEED INDICATED FROM HNS

Current household;

28 future households identified from the HNS, with a total of 65 people in need. Although the make-up of the future households indicated from the HNS shows:

Single people	13
Single Parent families	4
Couples	7
Two Parent Family (with or expecting children)	7
Siblings	1
Other	3
Total	35

People wishing to return

4 future households identified from the HNS, with a total of 5 people in need. Although the make-up of the future households indicated from the HNS shows:

Single people	5
Total	5

Section 7: Housing Needs Survey

HOW THE ISSUES, PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED

- 7.10 The recommendations arising from the analysis of the Housing Needs Survey provides an indication of those in need of affordable housing and who have a local connection to Rendlesham.
- 7.11 The recommended number of affordable homes a parish may wish to provide is based generally on a third of the overall need indicated by the survey, as some respondents may withdraw, move away, may not be eligible or be housed by other means during the planning & building process of any future scheme.
- 7.12 All issues, priorities and concerns were collated in a report and used by Rendlesham Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Plan Team to:
- a) *Inform the development of the overall vision and objectives of the RNP*
 - b) *Set key issues and priorities for further exploration*
 - c) *Guide the structure, format, and content of subsequent consultation and engagement*

Section 8: Initial consultation with hinterland parish councils

8.1 An overview of the event is provided in table 6.

Table 6—Consultation with hinterland parish councils

Date	2 October 2012
Venue	Rendlesham Community Centre
Facilitator	Rendlesham Parish Council
Format	Presentation and workshop [7.30pm]
Publicity	Invitation
Attendance	19
Appendix Reference	N/A

8.2 The meeting was held in order to:

- *Initiate liaison with parish councils relevant to the development of a neighbourhood plan*
- *Inform stakeholders about the neighbourhood planning process, detail the steps required to produce the plan, and to outline planned consultation.*
- *Identify issues and priorities that the RNP will need to explore in more detail.*
- *To share the neighbourhood plan experience with other parish or town councils thinking of undertaking, or had started a neighbourhood plan*

WHO WAS CONSULTED

8.3 The aim of the meeting was to engage and consult with all key stakeholders relevant to the development of the RNP. A list of relevant parish council was drawn up based on the following criteria:

- *Located adjacent to the parish of Rendlesham*
- *Located along main transport routes*
- *The Parish Council were thinking of undertaking, or had started a neighbourhood plan*

8.4 A total of 19 people attended the meeting from the organisations listed in table 7.

Section 8: Initial consultation with hinterland parish councils

Table 7—List of organisations represented at the consultation event

Organisation
Bromeswell Parish Council
Great Bealings Parish Council
Melton Parish Council
Framlingham Town Council
Woodbridge Town Council
Rendlesham Parish Council
Kelsale-cum-Carlton Parish Council
Evolution Town Planning

HOW WERE PEOPLE CONSULTED

- 8.5 A presentation outline the neighbourhood plan process for Rendlesham, including background information on why a neighbourhood plan was being undertaken and the potential timescales involved.
- 8.6 A question and answer session at the end of the presentation which focussed mainly on the undertaking of a neighbourhood plan.
- 8.7 A workshop to identify initial issues, priorities and concerns.

ISSUES, PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS RAISED

- 8.8 The following key themes arose from the workshop discussion:

Traffic and transport

Volume of traffic generated from new housing (including HGVs) putting pressure on local highways infrastructure, particularly in Eyke, Bromewell and Melton.

Section 8: Initial consultation with hinterland parish councils

HOW THE ISSUES, PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED

- 8.9 All issues, priorities, concerns and comments put forward at the meeting were collated and used to:
- a) *Inform the development of the overall vision and objectives of the RNP*
 - b) *Further define key issues and priorities for further exploration throughout the RNP process*
 - c) *Guide the structure, format, and content of subsequent consultation and engagement*

Section 9: Public meeting

9.1 An overview of the event is provided in table 8.

Table 8—Public meeting

Date	17 October 2012
Venue	Rendlesham Community Centre
Facilitator	Rendlesham Parish Council
Format	Presentation—What is a Neighbourhood Plan? [7.30pm]
Publicity	Parish newsletter, posters
Attendance	64
Appendix Reference	F

9.2 The meeting offered a further opportunity for the local community to participate in the neighbourhood plan process. The aims of the meeting were to:

- *Raise awareness of the RNP*
- *Raise awareness of the neighbourhood plan process*
- *Recruit members to the Neighbourhood Plan Team*
- *Gather feedback on key issues*

WHO WAS CONSULTED

9.3 The aim of this meeting was to engage and consult with as many members of the local community as possible. The meeting was open to all, and was publicised via: posters on notice boards, within the village centre, residential areas and the Community Centre.

9.4 A total of 64 attended the meeting, the majority of whom were from Rendlesham.

HOW WERE PEOPLE CONSULTED

9.5 A presentation, outlining the neighbourhood planning process, what it is, why Rendlesham was doing one, what it can achieve, why it is important, and the steps required to produce a plan, was given by Rendlesham Parish Council.

Section 9: Public meeting

9.6 Information boards were set up to inform people of what had taken place so far and what was yet to come, including the neighbourhood plan process chart and the issues raised to date.

9.7 Attendees were invited to comment on the following areas:

- *What are we missing? What does Rendlesham need to make it a better place?*
- *What can we improve or change in our community?*
- *What are our strengths as a community?*
- *What are the barriers?*
- *What resources do we have?*
- *What opportunities exist in the area?*

ISSUES, PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS RAISED

9.8 The following key themes arose from the issues, priorities and concerns raised at the event:

What are we missing? What does Rendlesham need to make it a better place?

- *More retail, community, leisure and sporting facilities*
- *Footpath access to Rendlesham Mews*
- *Larger primary school*
- *Secondary education facility*
- *Better public transport*

What can we improve or change in our community?

- *Protect against further housing*
- *More surgery (doctor) hours*
- *Better public transport (evenings, Sundays, Bank Holidays)*
- *More infrastructure (including facilities for young people)*
- *More social housing*
- *Sustainable transport links with neighbouring villages (cycle routes/paths)*
- *Larger primary school*
- *Improve the visual appearance of the village*

What are our strengths as a community?

- *Communication (newsletter, website etc)*
- *Parish Council & Clerk*
- *A diverse community*
- *Having community purpose/aims*

What are the barriers?

- *Poor lighting*
- *Becoming a dormitory village*
- *Poor public transport*
- *Landowners/developers*

What resources to we have?

- *Church and vicar*
- *Community Centre*
- *People*
- *Good primary school (but too small)*
- *Shops (but lack of diversity)*
- *Jubilee Park*
- *Parish Council & Clerk*

What opportunities exist in the area?

- *Employment with new buildings*
- *Additional community facilities with proposal for a Free School*
- *Improve the existing facilities (play areas)*

HOW THE ISSUES, PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED

9.9 All issues, priorities, concerns and comments put forward at the meeting were collated and used to:

- Inform the development of the overall vision and objectives of the RNP*
- Further define key issues and priorities for further exploration throughout the RNP process*
- Guide the structure, format, and content of subsequent consultation and engagement*

9.10 A number of people at the event expressed an interest in joining the Neighbourhood Plan Team and were invited to the next Neighbourhood Plan Team meeting.

Section 10: Public drop in consultation

10.1 An overview of the event is provided in table 9.

Table 9—Public drop in consultation

Date	11 December 2012
Venue	Rendlesham Community Centre
Facilitator	Rendlesham Parish Council
Format	Drop in event [4pm—10pm]
Publicity	Parish newsletter, posters, Facebook
Attendance	152
Appendix Reference	G

10.2 The event took on a new format to give more flexibility to people wanting to attend the event but may have personal time constraints such as work or childcare. The aims of the meeting were:

- *To present the local community with the first Issues and Options arising from the Neighbourhood Plan based on previous RNP consultation feedback*
- *To identify further local issues, priorities and the community's key aspirations for the future of Rendlesham*

WHO WAS CONSULTED

10.3 The aim of this meeting was to engage and consult with as many members of the local community as possible. The meeting was open to all, and was publicised via: posters on notice boards, within the village centre, residential areas and the Community Centre, and via Facebook

10.4 A total of 152 people attended the meeting, the majority of whom were from Rendlesham, with representation from surrounding villages as well.

HOW WERE PEOPLE CONSULTED

10.5 People were able to drop in to the event at a time to fit around their other commitments. The event was held between 4pm and 10pm.

Section 10: Public drop in consultation

10.6 On display were options for the future of the village centre:

- *Option A—regeneration of the village centre by bringing back into use closed community buildings (Sports Centre And Angel Theatre) in order to provide the infrastructure, as identified in the RNP consultation, required to support the growing community.*
- *Option B—Developer’s proposals to demolish the community buildings (Sports Centre and Angel Theatre) and replace with 49 dwellings.*

10.7 People attending were invited to give feedback on a post-it note wall as they left the event. Of the 124 comments made, there was no support for Option B and full support for Option A.

ISSUES, PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS RAISED

10.8 The following key themes arose from the issues, priorities and concerns raised at the event:

- *Loss of the village centre to housing*
- *The need for infrastructure in the village centre (shops, pub, sporting and leisure facilities)*
- *Bringing the Angel Theatre and the Sports Centre back into community use*
- *Creation of a village hub/heart to the community*
- *Loss of USAF heritage (the Angel Theatre and the Sports Centre)*

HOW THE ISSUES, PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED

10.9 All issues, priorities, concerns and comments put forward at the meeting were collated and used to:

- Create the draft overall vision and objectives of the RNP*
- Begin to formulate RNPP1*
- Further define key issues and priorities for further exploration throughout the RNP process*
- Guide the structure, format, and content of subsequent consultation and engagement*

Section 11: Presentation to the R&D Over 60s Club

11.1 An overview of the event is provided in table 10.

Table 10—Presentation to the Rendlesham & District Over 60s Club

Date	28 February 2013
Venue	Rendlesham Community Centre
Facilitator	Rendlesham Parish Council
Format	Presentation
Publicity	Invitation to the Rendlesham & District Over 60s Club
Attendance	30
Appendix Reference	N/A

11.2 This consultation was held to ensure that one of the ‘hard to reach’ groups in the village were engaged and involved in the RNP consultation.

11.3 The aims of the consultation were to:

- *Raise awareness of the RNP*
- *Explain why a neighbourhood plan was being undertaken*
- *Enable an opportunity for questions and answers*
- *Offer assistance in completing the household questionnaire*

WHO WAS CONSULTED

11.4 Members of the Rendlesham & District Over 60s Club.

11.5 A total of 30 people attended the session. People attending were from Rendlesham and the surrounding villages.

11.6 The aim of this meeting was to engage and consult with as many members of the local community aged 60+ as possible. The presentation took place during one of their regular meetings .

HOW WERE PEOPLE CONSULTED

11.7 A presentation explaining the RNP and why one was being carried out.

11.8 A question and answer session.

11.9 Raise awareness that additional help is available, if needed, in filling out the household questionnaire

Section 11: Presentation to the R&D Over 60s Club

ISSUES, PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS RAISED

11.9 The following key themes arose from the issues, priorities and concerns raised at the event:

- *Support to bring the 2 community buildings back into use (Angel Theatre and Sports Centre)*
- *Larger meeting premises (the Community Centre room was too small to meet the needs of their growing membership)*
- *The need for a café/restaurant in the village centre*
- *The need for a wider range of food retail outlets in the village centre (to give easier access for day to day needs, especially for those reliant on public transport)*

HOW THE ISSUES, PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED

11.10 All issues, priorities, concerns and comments put forward at the meeting were collated and used to:

- Inform the development of the overall vision and objectives of the RNP*
- Further define key issues and priorities for further exploration throughout the RNP process*
- Guide the structure, format, and content of subsequent consultation and engagement*

Section 12: Questionnaires

12.1 An overview of the event is provided in tables 11, 12 and 13.

Table 11—Questionnaire: Household

Consultation period	1—30 March 2013
Format	Questionnaire (hard copy)
Publicity	Website, parish newsletter, posters, banners, cover letter
Responses	390 households and 671 individuals
Appendix Reference	H

Table 12—Questionnaires: Business

Consultation period	1—30 March 2013
Format	Questionnaire (hard copy)
Publicity	Website, parish newsletter, posters, banners, cover letter
Responses	14
Appendix Reference	I

Table 13—Questionnaires: Youth

Consultation period	1—30 March 2013
Format	Questionnaire (hard copy)
Publicity	Website, parish newsletter, posters, banners, cover letter
Responses	69
Appendix Reference	J

12.2 Questionnaires were circulated to enable all that live or work in the parish to:

- Prioritise key issues
- Indicate support for the District Centre designation
- Identify shortfalls in infrastructure
- Identify type and housing design needed in the future developments
- Indicate initial support for future housing sites
- Indicate support for business and employment growth
- Identify sporting, leisure, education and community needs
- Identify support for the Village Green designation
- Indicate need for allotment provision
- Identify current and future need for retail provision
- Identify environmental concerns and provision of Rights of Way and open public spaces

WHO WAS CONSULTED

12.3 **Household Questionnaire**—Hard copies of the questionnaire were distributed to all households within the parish. A total of 390 questionnaires were returned, representing the views of 29.5% of households. A total of 671 people completed the individual questionnaire section, representing the views of 22.3% of the population.

12.4 **Business Questionnaire**—Hard copies of the questionnaire were distributed to all known businesses in the parish. A total of 14 business questionnaires were returned.

HOW WERE PEOPLE CONSULTED

12.5 Questions for the survey were derived from the issues, priorities and data gathered through all previous consultations, along with the data from the developing core evidence base, to design and produce questionnaires for circulation to all households (Household Questionnaire), known businesses (Business Questionnaire) and young people (Youth Questionnaire) through local schools.

12.6 The questionnaires were produced and analysed using the Suffolk ACRE neighbourhood plan software.

12.7 The questionnaires were available to complete during the month of March 2013.

ISSUES, PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS RAISED

12.8 Detailed analysis of the questionnaire returns can be found in Appendix H. The key themes, priorities and concerns arising were:

Housing

- *An identified need for alternative accommodation and ‘affordable housing’*
- *An identified desire to see more small family homes, homes for the elderly, people with disabilities and single people, and people with a local connection (‘affordable homes’ criteria)*
- *The type of new housing needed was semi-detached, bungalows and ‘affordable housing’*
- *Potential development sites were identified*
- *The top 9 housing design principles were identified*
- *The requirements for the ideal street scene were identified*

Infrastructure

The top 10 infrastructure needs identified were:

- 1) *More sports & leisure facilities (82.09%)*
- 2) *More retail (77.81%)*
- 3) *Improved telephony services (incl broadband) (74.17%)*
- 4) *Library (61.65%)*
- 5) *More primary school places (61.01%)*
- 6) *Larger community centre (49.6%)*
- 7) *Children’s play facilities (48.02%)*
- 8) *Improved road access (42.31%)*
- 9) *Upgraded mains drainage (41.84%)*
- 10) *Upgraded mains water pressure (40.73%)*

District Centre

93% of people responding to the designation of the District Centre supported the allocation and the allocation of the land for retail, leisure and community use

Business and employment (economic growth)

The top 4 main priority areas for economic growth in Rendlesham were identified as:

- 1) Shops and services*
- 2) Leisure activities*
- 3) Hotels/pubs/restaurants/cafés/take-aways*
- 4) Commercial*

Employment

- *Local employment was important*
- *Barriers preventing people from taking up employment, training or study opportunities were prioritised as:*
 - 1) Lack of local jobs*
 - 2) Inconvenient bus times*
 - 3) Lack of access to transport*

Community

- *More primary school places were needed*
- *Access to adult education facilities were severely restricted in the evenings if reliant on public transport*
- *The Demand for additional leisure and sporting facilities*
- *Larger premises for existing and future village organisations and general community space*

Environment

The following were identified as important in protecting and enhancing the local environment:

- *Enhancing landscaping in public places*
- *Improving the visual appearance of the village*
- *Promoting eco-friendly initiatives*
- *Promoting existing facilities and buildings for community use*
- *Improve Public Rights of Way, pavements and footpaths*
- *Enhance the village recycling centre*

The Village Green

- *To protect and enhance the Village Green for community use*
- *Improve the countryside and wildlife in the village*

Traffic and Transport

- *Lack of pavements (to and from Rendlesham Mews)*
- *Traffic speed*

Shops and Services

- *Existing shops and services were important*
- *An improved and diverse range of shops and services were required*

Allotments

184 people expressed an interest in having an allotment, thereby identifying the need for the provision of allotments

HOW THE ISSUES, PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED

- 12.9 All issues, priorities, concerns and comments raised within each questionnaire were collated and used to identify the draft policies and objectives in the RNP
- 12.10 Map and prioritise important buildings, open spaces and areas to be protected from development.
- 12.11 Designation of the District Centre.
- 12.12 Designation of the Village Green as an public open space.
- 12.13 Identification of the demand for allotments and the draft policy.

Section 13: Consultation with young people (Y3-Y6)

13.1 An overview of the event is provided in table 14.

Table 14—Consultation with young people

Date	8 March 2013
Venue	Rendlesham Primary School
Facilitator	Rendlesham Parish Council
Format	Presentation
Publicity	Invitation to the Primary School
Attendance	90
Appendix Reference	N/A

13.2 This consultation was held to ensure that one of the ‘hard to reach’ groups in the village were engaged and involved in the RNP consultation.

13.3 The aims of the consultation were to:

- *Raise awareness of the RNP*
- *Explain why a neighbourhood plan was being undertaken*
- *Enable an opportunity for questions and answers*
- *Deliver the Youth Questionnaire to all Y3—Y6 pupils*

WHO WAS CONSULTED

13.4 All children in Y3—Y6 at Rendlesham Primary School.

13.5 A total of 75 children attended the session plus teachers.

13.6 The aim of this meeting was to engage and consult with as many children in the local community as possible aged 8 years. The presentation took place during the school day.

HOW WERE PEOPLE CONSULTED

13.7 A presentation took place and questionnaires were handed out to all children in attendance.

13.8 Children had the opportunity to ask questions.

Section 13: Consultation with young people

ISSUES, PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS RAISED

13.9 There were no issues, priorities or concerns raised at the presentation.

HOW THE ISSUES, PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED

13.10 The issues, priorities and concerns were fed back into the RNP process through the completion of the Youth Questionnaire and used to:

- a) *Inform the development of the overall vision and objectives of the RNP*
- b) *Further define key issues and priorities for further exploration throughout the RNP process*
- c) *Guide the emerging RNP policies*

Section 14: Consultation with young people (Y7+)

14.1 An overview of the event is provided in table 15.

Table 15—Consultation with young people

Date	11 March 2013
Venue	Farlingaye High School
Facilitator	Rendlesham Parish Council
Format	Delivery of questionnaires
Publicity	Invitation to the High School, article in the parish newsletter to any young person not attending Farlingaye High School or not received a questionnaire
Attendance	N/A
Appendix Reference	N/A

14.2 This consultation was held to ensure that one of the ‘hard to reach’ groups in the village were engaged and involved in the RNP consultation.

14.3 The aims of the consultation were to:

- *Raise awareness of the RNP with the High School*
- *Deliver the Youth Questionnaire to all Y7+ pupils living in Rendlesham*

WHO WAS CONSULTED

14.4 All young people in Y7+ at Farlingaye High School.

14.6 The aim of this meeting was to engage and consult with as many children and young people as possible in the local community.

HOW WERE PEOPLE CONSULTED

14.7 Questionnaires were handed out at Farlingaye High School.

ISSUES, PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS RAISED

14.8 There were no issues, priorities or concerns raised at the time.

Section 14: Consultation with young people (Y7+)

HOW THE ISSUES, PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED

- 14.10 The issues, priorities and concerns were fed back into the RNP process through the completion of the Youth Questionnaire and used to:
- a) *Inform the development of the overall vision and objectives of the RNP*
 - b) *Further define key issues and priorities for further exploration throughout the RNP process*
 - c) *Guide the emerging RNP policies*

Section 15: Consultation with Rendlesham Care Centre

15.1 An overview of the event is provided in table 16.

Table 16—Consultation with Rendlesham Care Centre

Date	12 March 2013
Venue	Rendlesham Care Centre
Facilitator	Rendlesham Parish Council
Format	Delivery of questionnaires
Publicity	Invitation to the Care Centre to deliver questionnaires
Attendance	N/A
Appendix Reference	N/A

15.2 This consultation was held to ensure that one of the ‘hard to reach’ groups in the village were engaged and involved in the RNP consultation.

15.3 The aims of the consultation were to:

- *Raise awareness of the RNP with the Care Centre residents and staff*
- *Deliver the Household Questionnaire to residents at the Rendlesham Care Centre*

WHO WAS CONSULTED

15.4 Residents at the Rendlesham Care Centre.

15.5 The aim of this meeting was to engage and consult with the Manager of the Care Centre and residents.

HOW WERE PEOPLE CONSULTED

15.6 Questionnaires were handed out to residents at the Care Centre.

ISSUES, PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS RAISED

15.7 There were no issues, priorities or concerns raised at the time.

Section 15: Consultation with Rendlesham Care Centre

HOW THE ISSUES, PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED

14.8 The issues, priorities and concerns were fed back into the RNP process through the completion of the Household Questionnaire and used to:

- a) *Inform the development of the overall vision and objectives of the RNP*
- b) *Further define key issues and priorities for further exploration throughout the RNP process*
- c) *Guide the emerging RNP policies*

Section 16: Consultation with young people

16.1 An overview of the event is provided in table 18.

Table 18—Consultation with pupils of Rendlesham Primary School

Date	13 & 14 March 2013
Venue	Rendlesham
Facilitator	Rendlesham Parish Council
Format	Walk around the village
Publicity	Invitation to the Primary School
Attendance	12
Appendix Reference	N/A

16.2 This consultation was held to ensure that one of the ‘hard to reach’ groups in the village were engaged and involved in the RNP consultation.

16.3 The aims of the consultation were to:

- *Raise awareness of the RNP*
- *Identify local issues*

WHO WAS CONSULTED

16.4 School Council representatives from Rendlesham Primary School.

16.5 The aim of this meeting was to engage and consult with the children of primary school age in a practical, hands on way.

HOW WERE PEOPLE CONSULTED

16.6 The children were split up into small groups. Each group were given 2 cameras; one to take photos of things they liked in the village and one to take photos of things they didn’t like in the village.

16.7 The children were taken on a planned route around part of the village and were asked to identify their likes and dislikes. One member of the group recorded their findings on a recording sheet and another member would take a photo . This took place over 2 lunchtimes.

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ISSUES, PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS RAISED

16.8 The key themes recorded were:

Things the children liked about their village

<i>Trees</i>	<i>Grit bins</i>
<i>School</i>	<i>New trees</i>
<i>Sports Centre</i>	<i>Green spaces (instead of houses)</i>
<i>Shops</i>	<i>Dogs</i>
<i>Village Square (plants & Christmas lights)</i>	<i>Bird feeders</i>
<i>Angel Theatre (they would like to be able to use it)</i>	<i>Water Tower</i>
<i>Community Centre (Youth Club)</i>	<i>Play areas</i>
<i>Bike rack</i>	<i>Post Box</i>
<i>The Park (Village Green and Jubilee Park)</i>	<i>Circle outside the shops (the block paved area in the centre of the Village Square)</i>
<i>Buildings in Aspen Court (the colour of the bricks)</i>	<i>Church</i>
<i>Blocked paved roads</i>	
<i>Village Green</i>	

Things that the children didn't like about their village

<i>Sports Centre—outside (looks run down)</i>	<i>No pavements</i>
<i>New houses built (can't get a place at the school)</i>	<i>Dirty chimneys and houses</i>
<i>Graffiti</i>	<i>Untidy landscaping</i>
<i>Angel Theatre (would like it to look better)</i>	<i>Boarded up windows (Angel Theatre & Sports Centre)</i>
<i>Waste</i>	<i>Too much housing</i>
<i>Littering</i>	<i>Wouldn't like them to bash the Sports Centre down and put houses there—it was really fun when I went and it made me sad when it shut</i>
<i>Dog mess</i>	
<i>Signs that are not needed</i>	<i>Park flooded and soggy</i>
<i>Fence (Heras fencing)</i>	
<i>Mayhew Road (because there's no path)</i>	
<i>Old trees</i>	
<i>Prickly bushes</i>	

Section 16: Consultation with young people

HOW THE ISSUES, PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED

- 16.9 All issues, priorities, concerns and comments put forward at the meeting were collated and used to:
- a) *Inform the development of the overall vision and objectives of the RNP*
 - b) *Further define key issues and priorities for further exploration throughout the RNP process*
 - c) *Used as a display at the consultation event held on 21 March 2014*

Section 17: Stakeholders' Consultation

17.1 An overview of the event is provided in table 19.

Table 19—Consultation with landowners, businesses and other key stakeholders

Date	20 March 2013
Venue	Rendlesham Community Centre
Facilitator	Rendlesham Parish Council & Helen Metcalfe (Community Planner)
Format	Presentation and workshop [7pm-9pm]
Publicity	Invitation
Attendance	16
Appendix Reference	I

17.2 The meeting offered a further opportunity for local businesses, landowners and other key stakeholders to participate in the neighbourhood plan process. The aims of the meeting were to:

- *Raise awareness of the RNP*
- *Raise awareness of the neighbourhood plan process*
- *Discuss the issues facing Rendlesham and comment on whether the emerging objectives and ideas for action were appropriate and could be viable*
- *Seek opinion on the issues that had been identified by the Parish Council and the RNP objectives*
- *Gather feedback on key issues*

WHO WAS CONSULTED

17.3 Key stakeholders, landowners and businesses. 16 people attended the evening.

17.4 The aim of this meeting was to engage and consult with Stakeholders, landowners and businesses of Rendlesham.

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HOW WERE PEOPLE CONSULTED

17.5 A presentation by the Parish Council followed by workshops. Attendees were placed into 3 groups to discuss issues that they thought should be included in the RNP and also to give opinion on the draft objectives. Displays of the RNP, the process and the objectives were at the event to inform attendees.

ISSUES, PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS RAISED

17.6 The key themes coming from the meeting were:

Group 1

- 1. Employment versus housing: out of balance at present. More commercial development may reduce traffic as it would provide local employment.*
- 2. Green space within the residential area needs increasing*
- 3. Outside residential area – picnic site, access to Tunstall Forest and a safe crossing*
- 4. Village identity – heart of the village needs retail and leisure*
- 5. Broadband needs improving*
- 6. Promote renewable energy solutions – school uses biomass boiler but we don't promote it enough.*

Group 2

1. Lack of leisure facilities for youngsters eg, skate park, ball games, gym?
2. Small starter units
3. Retirement homes – housing need to provide a mix of types

Group 3

1. Primary school full
2. More shops
3. Social Amenities
4. Constraints of A1152
5. Further education/secondary school?

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17.7 The objectives were supported as follows:

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
Objective 1: Agree	Objective 1: Agree	Objective 1: Agree
Objective 2: Agree	Objective 2: Agree	Objective 2: Agree
Objective 3: Agree	Objective 3: Agree	Objective 3: Agree
Objective 4: Agree	Objective 4: Agree	Objective 4: Agree
Objective 5: Disagree	Objective 5: Agree	Objective 5: Agree
Objective 6: Agree	Objective 6: Agree	Objective 6: Agree

Objective 1: *To ensure that, as a priority, adequate community facilities are provided to support and address current deficiencies and to meet the future needs of local people.*

Objective 2: *To ensure that key amenities in the village are connected by a network of safe and attractive walking and cycling routes so that the need to use a car to access community facilities within and outside Rendlesham is greatly reduced .*

Objective 3: *To encourage investment in existing and new open space and to support investment in the village green.*

Objective 4: *To support the delivery of high quality development that is attractive and also enriches the village due to its sensitive form and function.*

Objective 5: *To identify small residential sites for affordable and market housing on the outskirts of the village to enable additional investment in Rendlesham to ensure the village grows in a sustainable manner.*

Objective 6: *To support the growth of the local economy by encouraging development proposals that contributes to the creation and retention of local jobs.*

HOW THE ISSUES, PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED

17.8 All issues, priorities, concerns and comments put forward at the meeting were collated and used to:

- a) *Inform the development of the overall vision and objectives of the RNP*
- b) *Further define key issues and priorities for further exploration throughout the RNP process*

Section 18: Public consultation

18.1 An overview of the event is provided in table 20.

Table 20—Consultation with landowners, businesses and other key stakeholders

Date	21 March 2013
Venue	Rendlesham Community Centre
Facilitator	Rendlesham Parish Council & Helen Melcalfe (Community Planner)
Format	Drop in event with workshops [12.30pm-8.30pm]
Publicity	Website, parish newsletter, posters, banner
Attendance	179
Appendix Reference	J

18.2 The meeting offered a further opportunity for local businesses, landowners and other key stakeholders to participate in the neighbourhood plan process. The aims of the meeting were to:

- *Raise awareness of the RNP*
- *Raise awareness of the neighbourhood plan process*
- *Discuss the issues facing Rendlesham and comment on emerging objectives and ideas for action*
- *Seek opinion on the issues that had been identified by the Parish Council and the RNP objectives*
- *Gather feedback on key issues*

WHO WAS CONSULTED

18.3 The aim of this meeting was to engage and consult with as many members of the local community as possible. The meeting was open to all, and was publicised via: posters on notice boards, within the village centre, residential areas and the Community Centre and via Facebook

18.4 A total of 179 people attended the meeting, the majority of whom were from Rendlesham, with representation from surrounding villages as well.

18.5 22, 10 year olds from Rendlesham Primary School attended a special workshop at the event between 2pm-3pm.

HOW WERE PEOPLE CONSULTED

- 18.6 A drop in event including workshops. Residents were encouraged to return their questionnaires when they attended the event.
- 18.7 Feedback was given in the form of annotated maps, post-it notes and general discussion.
- 18.8 People attending were consulted on:
- *The 6 draft objectives*
 - *Access within Rendlesham and to the countryside*
 - *Further housing in the village*

ISSUES, PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS RAISED

- 18.9 The key themes coming from the meeting were:

Views on the 6 draft objectives as follows:

Objective 1: *To ensure that, as a priority, adequate community facilities are provided to support and address current deficiencies and to meet the future needs of local people.*

Objective 2: *To ensure that key amenities in the village are connected by a network of safe and attractive walking and cycling routes so that the need to use a car to access community facilities within and outside Rendlesham is greatly reduced .*

Objective 3: *To encourage investment in existing and new open space and to support investment in the village green.*

Objective 4: *To support the delivery of high quality development that is attractive and also enriches the village due to its sensitive form and function.*

Objective 5: *To identify small residential sites for affordable and market housing on the outskirts of the village to enable additional investment in Rendlesham to ensure the village grows in a sustainable manner.*

Objective 6: *To support the growth of the local economy by encouraging development proposals that contributes to the creation and retention of local jobs.*

Section 18: Public consultation

An Area review highlighting:

- *Areas to protect*
- *The need for a skate park facility*
- *The need for pedestrian access to Rendlesham Mews*
- *The need to utilise the Angel Theatre and Sports Centre for community use*
- *The desire for sports/leisure facilities*
- *The opportunity to develop the site north of the roundabout for a pub*
- *The need for allotments*
- *Access to the countryside*

HOW THE ISSUES, PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED

- 11.10 All issues, priorities, concerns and comments put forward at the event were collated and used to:
- a) Inform the development of the overall vision and objectives of the RNP*
 - b) Further define key issues and priorities for further exploration throughout the RNP process*
 - c) Refine emerging objectives and draft policies*

Section 19: Second consultation with hinterland parishes

19.1 An overview of the event is provided in table 21.

Table 21—Consultation with hinterland parish councils

Date	16 July 2013
Venue	Rendlesham Community Centre
Facilitator	Rendlesham Parish Council
Format	Presentation and workshop [7.30pm]
Publicity	Invitation
Attendance	7
Appendix Reference	N/A

19.2 The meeting was held in order to:

- *Continue liaison with parish councils relevant to the development of a neighbourhood plan*
- *Inform stakeholders about the neighbourhood planning process, and progress of the RNP*
- *Consult on the objectives and draft policies*
- *To share the neighbourhood plan experience with other parish or town councils thinking of undertaking, or had started a neighbourhood plan*

WHO WAS CONSULTED

19.3 The aim of the meeting was to engage and consult with all key stakeholders relevant to the development of the RNP. A list of relevant parish councils was drawn up based on the following criteria:

- *Located adjacent to the parish of Rendlesham*
- *Located along main transport routes*
- *The Parish Council were thinking of undertaking, or had started a neighbourhood plan*

19.4 A total of 7 people attended the meeting from the organisations listed in table 21.

Section 19: Second consultation with hinterland parishes

Table 22—Attending councils

Parish
Snape Parish Council
Melton Parish Council
Campsea Ashe Parish Council
Eyke Parish Council
Tunstall Parish Council

HOW WERE PEOPLE CONSULTED

19.5 A presentation and workshop. A question and answer session formed part of the presentation.

19.6 People attending were consulted on:

- *The 6 draft objectives and emerging policies*

ISSUES, PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS RAISED

19.7 The key themes coming from the meeting were:

General consensus on the 6 draft objectives and emerging policies:

Objective 1: *To ensure that, as a priority, adequate community facilities are provided to support and address current deficiencies and to meet the future needs of local people.*

Objective 2: *To ensure that key amenities in the village are connected by a network of safe and attractive walking and cycling routes so that the need to use a car to access community facilities within and outside Rendlesham is greatly reduced*

Objective 3: *To encourage investment in existing and new open space and to support investment in the village green.*

Objective 4: *To support the delivery of high quality development that is attractive and also enriches the village due to its sensitive form and function.*

Objective 5: *To identify small residential sites for affordable and market housing on the outskirts of the village to enable additional investment in Rendlesham to ensure the village grows in a sustainable manner.*

Objective 6: *To support the growth of the local economy by encouraging development proposals that contributes to the creation and retention of local jobs.*

Section 19: Second consultation with hinterland parishes

HOW THE ISSUES, PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED

19.8 All issues, priorities, concerns and comments put forward at the event were collated and used to:

- a) *Inform the development of the overall vision and objectives of the RNP*
- b) *Further define key issues and priorities for further exploration throughout the RNP process*
- c) *Refine emerging objectives and draft policies*

Section 20: Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report

20.1 An overview of the event is provided in table 23.

Table 23—Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report

Consultation period	13 January 2014—28 February 2014
Format	Electronic and hard copy on request
Publicity	Website, parish newsletter, posters, cover letter, direct mail, press release, ENEWS
Responses	5
Appendix Reference	K

20.2 The purpose of this consultation was to ensure that Rendlesham Parish Council are including the correct and most up to date information in their Sustainability Appraisal and to seek feedback from consultees on the Sustainability Appraisal framework ahead of the production of the draft Sustainability Appraisal.

20.3 Sustainability Appraisal is a requirement of the EC Directive (2001/42/EC) on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment.

WHO WAS CONSULTED

20.4 The aim of the consultation was to engage and consult with all key stakeholders relevant to the development of the RNP. A list of all consultees can be found in Appendix K.

20.5 5 responses were received regarding the consultation.

- 2 residents
- English Heritage
- Environment Agency
- Natural England

HOW WERE PEOPLE CONSULTED

20.6 Consultation document and information about the consultation was put on the website. The same information was sent to all key stakeholders and statutory consultees. Articles and information were published in the parish newsletter and a press release in the East Anglian Daily Times advertised the consultation on a wider basis.

Section 20: Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report

ISSUES, PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS RAISED

20.7 Residents comments

- *Suggested objective relating to access to the open countryside*
- *Improved retail facilities*
- *Suggested that no further employment land is required*
- *Provision of sporting facilities and possibly housing in the centre of the village*

Environment Agency

- *'Broadly in agreement with the coverage of what seems to be a comprehensive SA Report'*
- *Ensure all data is up to date*
- *The need to limit the contribution of new development to climate change and minimise the consumption of natural resources*

English Heritage

- *Welcome the reference to Manual for Streets 1 & 2*
- *Directed to the Suffolk Landscape Character Assessment for information (Suffolk County Council)*
- *Highlighted the Listed buildings in Rendlesham and awareness of any proposed development in the vicinity thereof*
- *Suggested inclusion of the identification of important non-designated heritage assets, including archaeology*

Natural England

- *'Satisfied that the SA Scoping Report appears to consider relevant environmental issues including potential impacts on biodiversity, including designated sites and landscapes, protected species, green infrastructure, soils and the potential effects of climate change'*
- *Pleased that the report acknowledges the Suffolk Coast and Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and other environmental designations in the area*

Section 20: Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report

HOW THE ISSUES, PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED

20.8 All issues, priorities, concerns and comments put forward at the event were collated and used to:

- a) *Inform the development of the Sustainability Appraisal*
- b) *Further define key issues and priorities for further exploration throughout the RNP process*
- c) *Refine objectives and draft policies*

Section 21: First Reg 14 Pre-Submission consultation

21.1 As required under Part 5, Section 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General Regulations 2012, Rendlesham Parish Council completed a 6 week Pre-Submission Consultation on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan between 7 April—21 May 2014.

An overview of the event is provided in table 24.

Table 24—First Regulation 14 Pre-Submission consultation

Consultation period	7 April—21 May 2014
Format	Electronic and hard copy on request
Publicity	Website, parish newsletter, posters, cover letter, direct email, ENEWS, press release, banners
Responses	10
Appendix Reference	K

21.2 Within this period Rendlesham Parish Council:

- a) *Publicised the Draft Neighbourhood Plan to all that live or work in the parish.*
- b) *Provided information on where and when the Draft Neighbourhood Plan could be inspected.*
- c) *Detailed how to make representations, and the date by which these should be received.*
- d) *Consulted any statutory consultation body (referred to in Paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012) whose interest may be affected by the proposals within the Draft Neighbourhood Plan.*
- e) *Sent a copy of the proposed Neighbourhood Plan to the local planning authority (Suffolk Coastal District Council).*

WHO WAS CONSULTED

21.3 Rendlesham Parish Council publicised the Draft Neighbourhood Plan to all those that live or work in the parish and provided a variety of mechanisms to both view the Plan and to make representations. A list of consultees can be found in Appendix K.

21.4 10 representations were received:

- 2 Residents
- 2 Developers (including 1 landowner)
- 4 Public bodies
- 2 Parish Councils

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HOW WERE PEOPLE CONSULTED

- 21.5 Consultation bodies (Appendix K) were contacted individually by e-mail and/or letter with a link to the Draft Neighbourhood Plan, and invited to make representations either in writing, by e-mail or returning a standard written comments form.
- 21.6 The Draft Rendlesham Neighbourhood Plan was published on the parish website on 7 April 2014 and was available for a 6 week period until 21 May 2014. Hard copies of the Plan were also available from the Parish Office and at the consultation event on 31 March 2014. Banners were put up at key locations in the village. Posters were displayed on notice boards in the village centre and residential areas. Notification of the consultation and the drop in event was also sent out on the parish ENEWS.
- 21.7 The consultation was also advertised in the parish newsletter (delivered free to every household and business in the parish).
- 21.8 A consultation event was held on 31 March 2014 (see table 25) which facilitated a drop in event to enable as many people as possible to attend. And give sufficient opportunity for people to engage in discussion with parish councillors, read the draft Neighbourhood Plan and make comments, should they wish to do so.

Table 25—Public consultation event

Date	31 March 2014
Venue	Rendlesham Community Centre
Facilitator	Rendlesham Parish Council
Format	Drop in event with workshops [2pm-8pm]
Publicity	Website, parish newsletter, posters, banner, ENEWS
Attendance	102
Appendix Reference	

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- 21.9 The drop in event featured a range of displays outlining the Draft Neighbourhood Plan objectives, policies and key themes. Attendees were also invited to take part in a practical exercise in planning the housing site allocations using model buildings, roads and trees.
- 21.10 The displays highlighted the key themes, objectives and policies in order to present information in a clear and unambiguous way. Hard copies of the draft Neighbourhood Plan and comment sheets were available for attendees to use, if they so wished.
- 21.11 A further consultation event was held on 25 April 2014 which attracted 52 young. The event was held for, and centred around, young people in the village. The displays fed back consultation so far and the feedback post-it wall built on the shortage of facilities for young people in the village. The consultation event was held at Jubilee Park with sporting activities and a BBQ as part of the event to attract young people.

21.9 **Table 26—Consultation with young people**

Date	25 April 2014
Venue	Jubilee Park
Facilitator	Rendlesham Parish Council
Format	Drop in event with BBQ and sporting activities [6pm-9pm]
Publicity	Website, parish newsletter, banner, Now 43, Youth Group
Attendance	52
Appendix Reference	N/A

ISSUES, PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS RAISED

21.11 **CONSULTATION EVENT—31 MARCH 2014**

Traffic

There was concern regarding the increase in traffic with the suggested housing at

Housing

Whilst some people could see the benefits of additional housing, feedback through post-it notes and discussion indicated that there was too much housing proposed

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District Centre designation

There was full support for the District Centre designation, objectives and policy

Support for the Neighbourhood Plan

Of the people who chose to indicate an opinion there was unanimous support for the Neighbourhood Plan

Village Green designation

There was full support for the Village Green designation, objectives and policy **Allotments**

There was full support for the Village Green designation, objectives and policy

WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS

English Heritage—*'The policies in the Plan will have no discernable impact on the historic environment. English Heritage therefore has no objection to the Plan and, since it will not impact on the historic environment, we do not wish to comment in detail'*

Suffolk County Council—*The County Council commented on the following areas:*

- *Highway and Transport*
- *Education*
- *Social Care*
- *Archaeology*
- *Fire and Rescue*
- *Public Rights of Way*

Anglian Water—*Issues raised around the 2 site allocations in relation to the sewage works.*

Residents comments

- One resident had provided views on the internal changes to the existing community centre, confirmed the primary school was being expanded and why the school had discounted expansion into the Sports Centre on cost grounds, good day nursery provision, good doctor and dentist services, lack of sheltered housing, viability of the Angel theatre as a community provision. They also identified a major shortage in facilities for children and young adults, getting the retail balance right to achieve viability and did not support the provision of housing for people with special needs.*

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- b) *Another resident fully supported Objective 1, 1a, 1b and RNPP1 - RNPP6, fully supported designation of the District Centre under RNPP2 and fully supported RNPP1 and Objective 1b. Recommended modifications regarding the 2 employment sites and associated proposed classes.*

Developers/landowners

- a) *The representative of the Angel Centre and Sports Centre sites landowner objected to the omission of residential development in the proposed designation of the District Centre.*
- b) *The representative of the landowner of one the site allocations objected to the restriction on housing numbers on that site. They also questioned the need for the provision of a parish initiated affordable housing site in the village.*

YOUNG PERSONS CONSULTATION EVENT ON 25 APRIL 2014

Identification of additional facilities needed in the village to support young people:

- *Tennis*
- *Basketball*
- *Five-a-side football*
- *Table tennis*
- *Skatepark/BMX*

HOW THE ISSUES, PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED

- 21.12 All issues, priorities, concerns and comments were collated and reviewed and used to inform and guide a series of amendments and additions to the draft Neighbourhood Plan

DISTRICT CENTRE

Reword the policy to reflect feedback from the planning representatives of the owner to enable some residential development subject to residential development being only be permitted where it maintain and enhance the existing or established employment, leisure, education, retail or community uses and future needs thereof.

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EDUCATION

Removal of the policy as there was sufficient policies in place at county level to ensure current demand for places was met. This was also evidenced through confirmation that a 4 classroom extension would be built in the near future.

VILLAGE GREEN

Rephrasing of the policy to provide clearer direction to the local planning authority

HOUSING

Further to feedback from the public and the local planning authority (Suffolk Coastal District Council), removal of the site allocations in order to work with SCDC in their 5-year housing land supply, and Suffolk County Council with their areas of responsibilities, the key tool for taking forward sites for development will be the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan. The objectives and information within the RNP will guide Suffolk Coastal District Council, Suffolk County Council and developers on housing density, land use, design and the infrastructure required to support the increase in population by reflecting the aspirations of the residents of Rendlesham.

ALLOTMENTS

Rephrasing of the policy to provide clearer direction to the local planning authority.

TRAFFIC

Removal of the traffic policies as existing Suffolk County Council policy is adequate to cover the concerns and issues raised through the RNP consultation process.

EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

Removal of the Economic Growth policy as it was not in conformity with the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan and written representation identified the opportunities that existed on Bentwaters Park.

Removal of the 2 employment sites following written representation regarding class use and opportunities at Bentwaters Park.

Section 22: Second Reg 14 Pre-Submission consultation

22.1 As required under Part 5, Section 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General Regulations 2012, Rendlesham Parish Council completed a 6 week Pre-Submission Consultation on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan between 7 April—21 May 2014.

An overview of the event is provided in table 25.

Table 25—First Regulation 14 Pre-Submission consultation

Consultation period	16 June—27 July 2014
Format	Electronic and hard copy on request
Publicity	Website, parish newsletter, posters, cover letter, direct email, ENEWS, press release, banners
Responses	11
Appendix Reference	K

22.2 Within this period Rendlesham Parish Council:

- a) *Publicised the Draft Neighbourhood Plan to all that live or work in the parish.*
- b) *Provided information on where and when the Draft Neighbourhood Plan could be inspected.*
- c) *Detailed how to make representations, and the date by which these should be received.*
- d) *Consulted any statutory consultation body (referred to in Paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012) whose interest may be affected by the proposals within the Draft Neighbourhood Plan.*
- e) *Sent a copy of the proposed Neighbourhood Plan to the local planning authority (Suffolk Coastal District Council).*

WHO WAS CONSULTED

22.3 Rendlesham Parish Council publicised the Draft Neighbourhood Plan to all those that live or work in the parish and provided a variety of mechanisms to both view the Plan and to make representations. A list of consultees can be found in Appendix K.

22.4 11 representations were received:

3 Landowner

5 Public bodies

1 Parish Council

2 Residents

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HOW WERE PEOPLE CONSULTED

- 21.5 Consultation bodies (Appendix K) were contacted individually by e-mail and/or letter with a link to the Draft Neighbourhood Plan, and invited to make representations either in writing, by e-mail or returning a standard written comments form.
- 21.6 The Draft Rendlesham Neighbourhood Plan was published on the parish website on 16 June 2014 and was available for a 6 week period until 27 July 2014. Hard copies of the Plan were also available from the Parish Office and at the consultation event on 16 July 2014. Banners were put up at key locations in the village. Posters were displayed on notice boards in the village centre and residential areas. Notification of the consultation and the drop in event was also sent out on the parish ENEWS.
- 21.7 The consultation was also advertised in the parish newsletter (delivered free to every household and business in the parish).
- 21.8 A consultation event was held on 16 July 2014 (see table 26) which facilitated a drop in event to enable as many people as possible to attend. And give sufficient opportunity for people to engage in discussion with parish councillors, read the draft Neighbourhood Plan and make comments, should they wish to do so. Displays informed those attending of the changes made to the draft Neighbourhood Plan since the first Pre-Submission consultation.

Table 26—Public consultation event

Date	16 July 2014
Venue	Jubilee Park
Facilitator	Rendlesham Parish Council
Format	Drop in event [3pm-8pm]
Publicity	Website, parish newsletter, posters, banner, ENEWS
Attendance	79
Appendix Reference	N/A

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ISSUES, PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS RAISED

CONSULTATION EVENT—16 JULY 2014

- 21.9 79 people attended the event and were given an opportunity to comment using post-it notes, standard forms. Enough members of the Parish Council were available throughout the session to enable detailed explanation and discussion to be able to take place. As a result there were no issues or concerns raised. The overwhelming feedback was support for the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

Do you support the draft Neighbourhood Plan?



WRITTEN RESPONSES

- 21.10 **Residents' comments**—*One resident put forward suggestions for incorporating the community elements of the Neighbourhood Plan into existing community buildings and another congratulated the Parish Council in carrying out the Neighbourhood Plan and supported the need for additional infrastructure and allotments.*

Landowners' comments

- a) *Support for the draft Neighbourhood Plan and raising the issue of inadequate car parking provided with the new housing, which in turn has caused persistent problems in the village. Support for the provision of excellent community facilities within the village to reduce the need to travel outside the parish.*

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- b) *One landowner representative noted that some of the comments they submitted in the first Pre-Submission consultation had been taken on board. They restated their suggestions, where they felt it was appropriate, which related to conformity with the National Planning Policy Framework and the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan.*
- c) *A further landowner gave their full support to the draft Neighbourhood Plan.*

Natural England—Notes the inclusion of references to nationally recognised designations contained in the RNP and support the inclusion of opportunities provided through the Plan to enhance the local landscape and the green infrastructure network, including improved connectivity for walking and cycling.

Eyke Parish Council—Welcomed the removal of housing site allocations but still raised concerns regarding traffic.

Highways Agency—No comments to make.

Environment Agency—No further comments.

Suffolk Coastal District Council—A range of comments to improve the evidence base and some amendments to phraseology and factual corrections.

HOW THE ISSUES, PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED

- 22.11 There were no significant issues, priorities or concerns that have not been previously addressed and that do not conflict with the majority support for the draft Neighbourhood Plan and its objectives and policies.
- 22.12 Further evidence has been added to the draft Neighbourhood Plan under the guidance of Suffolk Coastal District Council.

- 23.1 The publicity, engagement and consultation completed throughout the production of the Rendlesham Neighbourhood Plan has been open and transparent, with many opportunities provided for those that live and work in the Neighbourhood Area to feed into the process, make comment, and to raise issues, priorities and concerns.
- 23.2 All statutory requirements have been met and a significant level of additional consultation, engagement and research has been completed throughout the Neighbourhood Area.
- 23.3 This Consultation Statement and the supporting evidence have been produced to document the consultation and engagement process undertaken and are considered to comply with Part 5, Section 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

APPENDICES

Report on the ‘Save the Buildings’ Public Meeting

20 September 2011

Introduction

Following a presentation by a resident to the Parish Council in July 2011, the Council ran a public consultation event at the community centre to identify how residents of the parish felt about their village, and in particular the closure of 2 main buildings in the village centre; the Sports Centre and the Angel Theatre.

The event gave those attending an opportunity to ‘post’ their comments on a feedback wall. These comments are contained within this report and are broken down into the following sections:

- Those who wanted to save the Sports Centre
- Those who wanted to save the Angel Theatre
- Those who wanted to either or both buildings
- Ideas for future uses of the buildings
- General comments
- Views on further housing in Rendlesham
- Funding

Conclusion

Residents not only provided overwhelming support to save both the buildings but also felt very strongly about any more housing in the village. It was a resounding ‘No’. There were strong feelings that the infrastructure did not exist to support the community as it stood and that the village could not cope with any additional housing. The emphasis was clearly placed on saving both buildings with a view to putting back the community infrastructure lost through the closure of the 2 buildings.

As a result of the feedback from the event, the Parish Council felt that a more holistic approach should be taken to the shaping the future of Rendlesham, an approach that focussed on the need to build community cohesion, providing the infrastructure to enable local people to participate in activities and be able to access facilities to meet their everyday needs without having to travel outside of the parish. To take a managed approach to any future housing development and to control of shaping the future to build a ‘sustainable’ Rendlesham.

It was resolved that the tool to do this would be a Neighbourhood Plan and a bid was put to Suffolk Coastal District Council to apply for the Government’s Front Runner Scheme.

Number attended: 230 – 250

Number of people signed up: 190

Feedback on the event: 180 😊 3 -- 0 ☹️

Range of skills offered:

Residents had the opportunity to put themselves forward to help with the project. This information was captured through a sign up sheet.

Business Management	Legal advice
Retail design	Historical
Electrical Engineer	Team at Angel Theatre
Facebook	Cooking
Admin	Plumber/painter
Communications	Accountancy
Refreshments	Skate Park contact
Chartered Building Control Surveyor	Project Management
Creative arts	Digger driver
Shooting	Climbing
Archery	Children's activities
First Aid	Climbing instructor
Builder/bricklayer	Enthusiasm
Pavement pounding	Organising anything
Time!	IT
General help	Catering
Running sports centre or gymnastics centre	Local businessman
Website building	PR
Gardening	Civil Engineer
Childcare/crèche/nursery	Youth liaison
Fire Safety Management	Public Entertainment Licences
Telecom	Project Planning
General DIY	Fundraising – SCC contacts
Marketing	Business plans
Construction contacts	Food restaurant suppliers
General labour	

Post it note feedback:

Sports Centre

One of the buildings must be saved, in my opinion it is most viable to re-open the on the buildings as a gym	
Really keen to support saving one of these buildings. I think the gym would be the better of the two options	
Save the Gym	11
Feel the gym building is more viable, partly due to being a smaller building and lower running costs. Theatre would require premises licence which = increased running costs. Feel conference facility would not be appealing , mainly due to Rendlesham's remote location and poor transport links. Gym is ready to go (once equipment is installed) and feel would have a good appeal in Rendlesham and local area if run and promoted correctly.	
Keep sports centre as part of local heritage. The village has existed for over 60 years (base started in 1942)	
I want to save the gym. Think it would be nice to have a swimming pool and various activities, groups running in there for the children, maybe an ice skating rink or roller skating for teenagers	
Seems as though the sports centre has more to offer at least cost	
I was a member of the gym from when I moved here until it closed. If possible I would like it back plus other facilities/uses	
The children of this village need something. The gym seems the logical one. Couldn't the sports hall also be used in a theatre capacity? How will it be funded and what is the next step	
I feel that the sports centre can be used for the majority of things the theatre could be used for, but not vice versa. That said, I'd be pleased to have either building saved! I do feel the Angel Theatre site is better suited to housing than the sports centre if one has to be given for housing though	
I used the gym for years but only went to the theatre once. Gym please	
Sports Centre and teenage club room	
If the gym is retained and developed I would definitely use it!! Why travel all the way to Ipswich for these facilities	
One of the buildings must be saved. In my opinion it is most viable to re-open the gym. It is not only Rendlesham residents that would use this facility if provided at reasonable prices	
Keep the gym open to allow local people and surround areas to use the facility. It is a good size and the nearest gym is in Martlesham. People do not want to travel after work to get to a gym	
We need sports and social facility in our area. Keep the gym, squash courts and sports hall. (we are from surrounding village but this is still the nearest venue by far for us!)	
Gym catered for everything – bring back the Christmas fair ☺	
Sports Centre would be addition for the school facilities needed for youngsters	
Gym please. Main hall can be used as theatre	
My daughter lives 100 yards away from the gymnasium – she has now to go to a gym in Felixstowe or Ipswich! She would jump at using the local facility and so would I	
If we are not able to keep both buildings the sports centre would be best. Get involved with the primary school. A swimming pool would be ideal if at all possible. The sports hall was open on a Friday afternoon for young children to use – this was very beneficial. Could also be used to hold activities which may help get some of the youngsters away from Costcutters area causing anti-social behaviour	
Rendlesham desperately needs more facilities, lets try and keep the gym at least	
We need a community building. The Gym is good. The Rec Centre was and is a great building with great potential. We don't need more houses (18 year old resident)	
Keep open sports centre – it's badly needed	

We desperately need facilities in Rendlesham – both would be great but the gym is more viable – less work – more facilities and also would prove to be an asset for the young people (16+) somewhere to go	
Keep the Sports Centre – Uses – sports, café, library, swimming pool, skate park	
Save the Sports Centre – make it into a decent school.	
Come on, save the sports centre and make it a swimming pool	
We would love the gym at Rendlesham to have a face lift and a POOL!	
I want to keep the sports centre because I would like there to be a swimming pool and roller skating.	
I would like to save the sports centre as I think it is a good bit of the community for everyone. I think we should have a swimming pool and a gym that kids and older can go to as I love using gym equipment.	
Sports centre could be used by the school opposite. If widely promoted for general public use it would make money.	
With the school just over the road, a partnership with the sports centre would be worthwhile which would encourage children as they get older to use the facilities.	
Save the sports centre – main hall has a full size basketball court and sprung floor – dance studio has sprung floor and could be made one of the best facilities in the area.	
Save the sports centre – make it into a cinema.	
Keep the gym – make it a full multi-purpose centre for <u>all</u> community interests (sports to coffee to library to internet café)	
We need a sports centre for the use of all ages – we need a sporty nation for our pride. Keep the sports centre.	
The gym is better located and is a better base/venue for multi-use site. Clearly the village desires and needs gym/café/studio/office suites, etc. Maybe sacrifice Angel, but work hard to make any planning permission on this site conditional on the developer part funding development of the gym!	
With the increased numbers of people in the village there would be greater support for the sports centre and thus a greater membership to keep it in profit.	
Save the sports centre for the health of people and kids in Rendlesham. Teenagers <u>need</u> things to do to keep them busy.	

Either or both

One of the buildings must be saved, in my opinion it is most viable to re-open the on the buildings as a gym	
The sports centre closure was a tragedy for Rendlesham and the surrounding villages. It is an excellent asset and such facilities are very few and far between	
The theatre seems to be very badly damaged – the sports centre less so – which would take the most amount of money to rebuild/reinstate. The Gym was used a lot when open – I used it regularly	
Healthy bodies, healthy minds – go to the gym	
Re-open both! The courts are racquetball, handball courts as well as squash	
I want somewhere for myself and my family to be able to play sport and realise the value of keeping fit	
Ideally keep both buildings but gym should be used for all. Great opportunity to promote health/exercise for children and adults – used to use play sessions in gym on Fridays & agility	
Definitely need to keep the gym for all ages. Angel theatre would be great as a cinema, theatre again or pub and restaurant. Also could be used for conferences – this could help financially	
Save them both	2
The selling point for the majority of residents was the appeal of a theatre and the sports centre giving a sense of a cohesive community	
Both need to be saved for future generations	
Keep both buildings – they were a big asset to Rendlesham before and could be again	
Saving both would be great, but let's at least save one.	
There seem to be lots of potential uses for both buildings, it would be great to save both. Love the range of ideas presented for the theatre – arts, music, sports, café – <u>great!</u>	

Very good meeting. Well done to all involved. Have used both facilities when in use and the reason for moving to Rendlesham was the theatre. As long as something is saved which caters for <u>all</u> people, and especially for the children who are growing up here, this is the important thing. It does not really matter which building.	
This is a large community with small facilities. We need to hang on to both buildings and encourage the wider community in.	
Whichever building is retained, it should be multi-purpose, ie for sports and cultural purposes.	
In order to make a community you need amenities, in order to have these you need to keep the buildings. Our community is lacking a 'heart', I supported both buildings and believe it to be best for our communities to have both back. There should be no choosing!! We should have them both back!	

Angel Theatre

Save the Angel Theatre	6
Good presentations! Priority seems to be the Angel Theatre	
No more houses – Keep Angel building – more space	
Theatre would cost more to bring back, but it could generate more revenue	
Given the choice the theatre is a better building	
I used to dance in the Angel Theatre, BRING IT BACK!	
Keep both but first choice is the Angel Theatre	
If it has to be a choice, save the Angel! So much more can be done with that building	
Keep Angel Theatre I feel it could be useful for many different occasions	
Easily put a gym in the Angel Theatre	
Prefer to keep the theatre if only one building	
It would be very nice if the Angel Theatre was made available for entertainment with the availability of perhaps accommodation for small business offices which would help the self employed to have work in the area	
Angel Theatre would provide space for large meetings such as today & Rendlesham Forest meeting. Perhaps it could be adapted for sports as well?	
The Theatre is a nicer looking building and can house so many different things as has been suggested including some sports things as well. Garden could be made nice too	
Angel Theatre – so much more possibility for use by many different interests	
Angel is the best prospect as a multi-use venue with a range of income generating options – definitely the better business model	
Angel Theatre has great potential – was built to cater for large gatherings	
Keep Angel Theatre - has more potential	
The Angel building has so much potential. It might come down to money in which case the sports centre might be the cheaper of the 2 buildings	
Lots of theatre companies would use the Angel Theatre	
I am part of the Angel Theatre through dancing. We have been moved into an unsuitable building as it used to be a police station. On the behalf of dancers/friends/dance teachers I would just like to say it would mean the world to us if the real Angel Theatre was restored	
The sports centre seems to require the least work but is less versatile. The various rooms in Angel Theatre can be used for a vast number of uses. Personal suggestion for one aspect would be for music clubs on different nights eg Jazz club, rock, pop, dance, classical, choir	
I think the Angel has more potential for a variety of uses, as suggested a part-time cinema/theatre would be nice.	
Family fun at Angel Theatre – Clubs/drama groups/toddler play dates/art sessions.	
A music club in the Angel Theatre.	
Have the Theatre as a homeless camp.	
The theatre could possibly include 2/3 retail outlets. It is more attractive and light with large windows and if a choice had to be made, I think would be preferable as sporting facilities could be held there.	

Would be great to save both buildings but if only one can be saved the theatre would be my choice.	
We could do with a library/community resource centre like at Wickham Market – Angel is more suitable for this.	
A child friendly and elderly friendly café would be a real bonus. Also a permanent home for youth activity – pool table, internet access, café, etc. I feel the Angel is more versatile.	

Ideas

Swimming pool	20
Roller rink	5
Ice skating	2
Gym	10
Soft play area	6
Café	12
Teenage club room	1
Cinema	7
Theatre	4
Pub	5
Restaurant	5
Primary school use	
Music clubs	
Art & Craft Studio for adults and children	
Skate Park	32
Rendlesham Football & Basketball Teams	
Spa	2
Bowls (Short Mat)	2
Wedding Venue	2
Clubs	3
Drama Groups	
Art Sessions	
Ballroom Dancing	
Summer School	
Youth Shelter	
School trips could be an option for Angel Theatre	
Free running for teenagers	2
Library/Resource Centre	2
Massive Arena like O2 and Wembley	
Employment training opportunities for young people not currently in education, training or at work.	
Fitness Classes	2
Indoor climbing wall/bouldering wall – fun for ages 8-108!	
Arcade	
Roller Blading Park	
Youth room	2
Bowling alley	
Go karting	
Monthly Discos	
BMX Skateboarding lessons/sesstions	
Day centre	
Health resource promoting healthy eating, exercise, etc	
Parent and toddler sessions	
Cookery sessions	

Hire out dance studios	
Small retail shops	2
Pool and Snooker	
Dance classes	
KFC	

Other/General Comments

What would happen to our current community centre – would that fall into disrepair?	
Go door to door and get lots of people to sign a petition.	
Sheltered Housing	2
We need to be careful about starting a cinema – original agreements not to show films at the Angel Theatre – ask Stuart.	
Waste of valuable resource to sell the old USAF Community Centre (Theatre) for housing. How about somewhere fledgling businesses could have a small office with common support, IT, switchboard, etc. Meeting hall for conferences, displays, etc would be appropriate.	
Only Angel Theatre if they make it into a go kart place otherwise gym.	
If wifi were installed, would this make the venue more attractive?	
Lots of potential to develop local social enterprise to generate income and raise funds through charitable trust.	
Talk to theatre groups, Ivan Cutting Eastern Angles – funding streams	
Lets have somewhere that 'does it all' – café, theatre, sports centre, rooms to hire, etc. plus employment opportunities, library, internet café!	
Give the children of Rendlesham something to do	
Need a proper paid management of either building.	
Amalgamate a sports facility with theatre usage – both buildings are big enough, café library, wifi – we need something for everyone but NO MORE HOUSES .	
What about car parking for either venue?	
The facilities will bring more visitors to the community which will mean the businesses will benefit and be in a better financial state, eg Costcutter	
Too high people to facilities ratio.	
The gym and Angel Theatre building are valuable resources to demolish and rebuild does not make economic sense – what we don't need is more housing!!	
I don't think we need anymore houses. Rendlesham requires <u>facilities</u> . I miss the sports centre – for me and for my daughter. Both the sports centre and theatre are excellent buildings. Let's at least save one. Judging from the number of people who've turned up for this meeting there is clearly a desire for more facilities. It would make a big difference to the village.	
Proposed new 'set up' should <u>complement</u> and not compete with or duplicate that offered at the Community Centre.	
Yes, my concern is that the Community Centre's use would dwindle.	
There is nothing for young people to do, children or teenagers! We need facilities to stop the boredom of Rendlesham and give the community some facilities.	
Sports clubs running football, tennis, etc could base themselves at whichever building is saved and provide a small but steady income.	
Local residents of recent years know the impact and effect of the sports centre in use. We do not know any impact in recent years from the theatre being used.	
Why does Rendlesham always seem to draw the short straw when it comes to amenities? There are a lot of residents here.	
Why do we need one of these buildings?!	

Because Rendlesham doesn't have any facilities and the community needs something here to keep the interest of people wanting to live here.	
We have about 4,000 residents now in Rendlesham so we are desperate for good infrastructure and social facilities.	
The gym would suit the younger people but the older ones want the theatre.	
Where would people park for a theatre, we need a gym.	
Knock them down!! (Unsustainable). Build a family pub (x Blue Lagoon). Build a Tesco (x Costcutter). (Extra post it note says NO THANKS)	
It's got to have attractions that make you want to stay and spend money.	
Why should the greed of one property owner be allowed to let our village look like a shanty town!	
Great Idea! Can I help – my name is on CONTACT SHEET?	
How long will it take to be in use?	
I have done fundraising in the past – I can help. My name has been taken.	
If we fail to provide our young people with facilities for sport, recreation and other activities then we will pay a very high price over the coming years.	
This village needs a heart for all ages!	
Yes! Not the Blue Lagoon! Vulgar place.	
It will bring people back to this village.	
Saw Rolf Harris at the Angel Theatre. Great idea to have something like that operating again.	
If this goes further, I suggest trying to get people – residents of Rendlesham – of ALL ages involved in the consultation/planning process so all have a voice.	
Need 'support' from SCDC. Talk Talk – and soon.	
Rendlesham is a <u>rapidly</u> growing community. It <u>NEEDS</u> facilities like the gym and Angle Theatre to enrich its environmental and community needs.	
Why do we need to save a building?!	
Use Grange Farm as a model! A decent friendly pub (like The Farmhouse) instead of the vulgar, unfriendly 'Blue Lagoon'!! Tesco, not overcharging Costcutter!	
Operating in their previous roles there is not a <u>financially viable use for either building</u> . We need to get ideas and gauge support for various alternate activities.	
As I work in Angel Theatre would be better for safety of kids to have it in Rendlesham. As it is in Bentwaters now and no one wants to walk in dark all the way there.	
This meeting proves that we need a bigger hall in Rendlesham. A swimming pool would be great too.	
Please save buildings as our dance classes are getting short of children. If it is safe we can get children back in. How about make swimming pool.	
Something for all age groups needs to be considered, we all benefit if it covers everyone, ie evening classes, sports groups, theatre lessons, internet café. <u>No more houses</u>	
What's the point they won't let us save one.	
Both unsustainable the same position in a few years?!?	
Thanks for the excellent meeting. Perhaps something for the over 65s, not much going on at moment.	
Please make sure you involve the local youth in any discussions about the use of either of these buildings. Some of them might have had a hand in vandalising the building for something to do. Please seek their ideas also.	
Hope it doesn't take so long to sort as the playing field??? What's happening with that?	
Let's encourage our local dance school back into the village centre. They need an auditorium in which to perform and show off their talents!	
My understanding why the buildings closed was that the developers had to run them for x number of years as a condition of getting planning permission and once this time was up the buildings were closed regardless of whether or not they were financially viable, is this true?	
I agree, something for young people to enjoy for once! (NB this note has an arrow pointing to a point made by someone else, not sure which comment it refers to).	

No More Houses/Development

No more housing	9
No more houses – NOTHING TO DO	
No more homes! Amenities for everyone sport is so important to all especially youngsters.	
Large amounts of houses being built – put Rendlesham back on map!	
<u>No more houses</u> – encourage healthy pursuits – for all ages. Keep sports centre, expand activities – involve primary school for our future.	
Too many houses with no facilities – no more house builds!	
We don't need more houses, we need facilities here to keep the residents that we have at the moment otherwise we will lose them.	
No more houses we are bursting!! Youths have no entertainment to hand hence buildings being vandalised, etc. Develop what we have!!	
We need more amenities in Rendlesham not anymore housing!!	
Whatever happens, please can we fight all future planning applications for housing by Suncourt?	
There's no point keeping two perfectly good buildings standing unused when they can be used or the community! We don't need anymore houses we need facilities!!	
<u>No more development</u>	
No future development should be allowed without one of the amenities being reinstated.	
Use the buildings that already stand!!!	
No more houses, more amenities please.	
No more development PLEASE	
<u>We have enough houses!</u> Please give the occupants of the existing houses (especially the youth) something to do.	

Funding

Funding/estimate for upgrading or replacement lift at £10k is in my experience an underestimate. Lift equipment and maintenance is very expensive and could be a major liability. Parts could already be difficult to source. Cost of new lift should be a real consideration when costing.	
Can we get some of the section 106 money held by SCC from Deben Heath 2 to fund 'additional education' from this? Also could the money from the youth shelter be used?	
ITV local news sometimes do projects where they give and donate money to communities who are trying to create a better area and do something for their community like reopening buildings.	
Lottery funding?	
Government money for sports?	
Can we apply for lottery funding to save the buildings?	
Apply for lottery grants.	
Have David Lloyd Virgin Fitness been contacted about purchasing the centre? Funding is available for refurbishing the courts. The hall used to host 5 a side league.	
How will this be funded?	
Village SOS (TV show) needed now NOT later	
Funding?	
An additional charge (?precept?) on the Council Tax will be a small price to pay to gain something which otherwise will be lost forever!	



PUBLIC MEETING, 15.2.2012

Would you use a Theatre?

UNIVERSE: 98 POST-IT NOTES

Recording a simple “Yes”	73
Recording a “Yes” plus additional comment:	
- Yes, would nice to be in the audience to watch drama lessons for singers, or music phrasing workshops	1
- Yes, if it wasn't just mainstream and was available for community-based projects. To include not just theatre & dance & circus. Would be interested in running summer projects, linking with old folks home, clubs for YP	1
- 100% yes	1
- Yes if catering for the immediate community, not the “artys” from Snape, etc...	1
- Definitely	3
- Theatre Club for children and all ages, and dance classes	4
- Am-Dram (not musicals)	1
- Yes we would, and we did before	1
- Yes, especially Panto	1
- Yes, did when we moved here 6 years ago	1
- Yes, special performances for families	1
- Yes, definitely, bring it on!! About time too!!	1
- Yes offer good variety of shows, appeal to families	2
- Advertise the theatre in Essex & London, and run a minim bus from Wickham Market station or Melton	1
- One of the reasons we retired to Rendlesham was because of the theatre & the gym facilities – these were important considerations in our choice	1
- We did when it was open and we would again	1
- Yes, I am prepared to participate in productions, I have done many times in the past	1
- Yes, for dance, shows	1
- Of course!	1

PUBLIC MEETING, 15.2.2012

Would you use the Sports Centre for any of the following?

UNIVERSE: 102 POST-ITS

Would use MOST of facilities	11111 11111 11111 11	17
5-a-side Soccer	11111	5
Aerobics Classes	11111 11	7
Badminton	11111 11111 11111 1111	19
Basketball	1111	4
Carpet Bowls	11111 11	7
Cricket Nets	1	1
Fitness	11111 11111 11111 11111 11	22
Football	11111 111	8
Gymnastics Classes	111	3
5-a-side Hockey	11	2
Kids & Adult Martial Arts	11111	5
Netball	11	2
Pilates	11111 11111	10
Play-2-Day type activities	1111	4
Pool / Billiards	11111 1	6
Private Fitness Instruction	1	1
Roller Skating	11111 11	7
Rhoenrad	1	1
Short Mat Bowls	11111 1	6
Short Tennis	111	3
Snooker	1111	4
Sports Shop	1	1
Squash	11111 11111 111	13
Racquetball	111	3
Trampoline	111	3
Yoga	11111 11111 11111 1	16
Anything else (suggestions welcome):		
Bouncy Castle sessions for children and adults	1	1
Bowling Alley	1111	4
Choir	1	1
Circus Workshops	1	1
<i>I would like to run Circus workshops again like I used to</i>		
Community Church	1	1
Court Games	1	1
Dance	11111	5
Fitness Classes	11	2
Fitness Circuits & Bootcamp	1	1
Gym	11111 1111	9
<i>I was a member of the Gym til it closed, I would join again</i>		
Kids - Children's Clubs	111	3
Kids - Children's activities / sports	1	1
Kids - Needs to be kid friendly	1	1
Kids - Things to play on / not expensive to get in	1	1
Kids - Meeting place for parents with children / may be joined with the Children's Centre	1	1

Kids - kids parties	11	2
(Ladies) Fitness 50+	11	2
Ladies Fitness 60+	1	1
Qi Gong	1	1
Swimming Pool	11111 11111 11111 11	17
Table Tennis	11111	5
<i>My brother & I played table tennis in Sports Centre until it closed (we now go to Kesgrave to play)</i>		
Tai Chi	1	1
Torwood Wheelers would use the Hall for events	1	1
Unihoc	1	1
Weights Room	1	1

PUBLIC MEETING, 15.2.2012

Would you use a Restaurant in the Angel Centre?

UNIVERSE: 63 POST-IT NOTES

Recording a simple “Yes”	48
Recording a “Yes” plus additional comment:	
- Better if licensed	1
- Maybe, my sons might. Could be a meeting point, spread sense of community.	1
- Good idea, like it!	1
- Yes, buy for the most economic sensible idea	1
- Yes, definitely (home-made cakes & savouries)	3
- Bring back the donuts!	1
- Definitely, Rendlesham needs a coffee shop.	1
- Yes, coffee/café a good idea	1
- Yes, a tastefully, well-run cafe	1
- Café is good idea	1
- Provided it's good quality coffee	1
- Yes, a good café would be fantastic for Rendlesham	1
- Yes, coffee!!	1

PUBLIC MEETING, 15.2.2012

Would you use a Cinema?

UNIVERSE: 16 POST-IT NOTES

Recording a simple “Yes”	88
Recording a “Yes” plus additional comment:	
- Definitely	1
- Yes, love it	1
- Yes, excellent idea	1
- Yes, but not expensive	1
- Yes, 100%	3
- Yeah, boii	1
- That would be great	1
- Yes, Saturday morning shows for kdis	1
- Yes, very good idea	1
- Yes, much more convenient than Ipswich	1
- Yes, we both would go because we often go to the Riverside at Woodbridge	1
- Yes, if showed a range of films of interest to young / old / diverse – maybe where mainstream cinemas don’t meet	1
- Film Clubs, maybe also U3A talks, etc	1
- Of course, if run on Woodbridge Riverside style	1



PUBLIC MEETING, 15.2.2012

Would you use a Restaurant in the Angel Centre?

UNIVERSE: 80 POST-IT NOTES

Recording a simple “Yes”	59
Recording a “Yes” plus additional comment:	
- Yes to a family restaurant	1
- Yes if vegetarian food	1
- Yes, maybe	1
- Yes, if it was veggie friendly, locally sourced produce & provided jobs for local people – great!	1
- Yes – not another Blue Lagoon. Needs to be family friendly (and café/bar too)	1
- A nice friendly restaurant	1
- Yes, and we need a café for the teenagers to use to gather	1
- Bar / pub / wine bar or restaurant	2
- Yes, and pub	3
- If it was licensed	2
- Yes and bar/pub and café	1
- Be wary of financial logistics – if it can be made to pay, yes please!	1
- Yes, family restaurant, as long as it has a licence & good food & well managed	1
- If restaurant, why café	1
- Yes, cos it'd be good to meet up with mates & family	1
- Definitely! Rendlesham needs a nice pub.	1
- Yes, it has to be affordable but not the Harvester end of the market, good quality, locally sourced	1

PUBLIC MEETING, 15.2.2012

Exit Comments from the Public on leaving the Presentation

Having viewed the Parish Council's proposals for saving these buildings for the Community, visitors were asked to place a Post-It note on the wall under their choice between 3 separate headings:

1. No opinion
2. Do you support the Developer's proposals?
3. Do you want to save the Angel Centre and Sports Centre?

NB: Visitors were not asked to cast a vote for or against, but many asked to positively vote against the Developer's plans for housing on these sites (see below).

NO OPINION

NO VOTES CAST

DO YOU SUPPORT THE DEVELOPER'S PROPOSALS?

FOR: 0 **AGAINST: 27**

Recording a simple "No" 13

Recording a "No" plus additional comment: 14

- No, too many houses in Rendlesham already! Why add more houses & pull out facilities? CRAZY!
- ABSOLUTELY NOT!
- NO! More houses at the moment would do further damage to a struggling community
- No, the Village centre should be community facilities to support the homes already built
- NO! All developers are interested in is the "bottom line" and what is in it for them.
- NEVER, NOT A CHANCE
- NO MORE HOMES
- NO WAY, NO MORE HOUSES
- NO. Developers have no interest in our community. We need facilities for our community.
- NO. School too small!!! No more houses until village amenities can cater for them.
- NO. Rendlesham doesn't need more homes.
- NO. We need more facilities for people who already live here.
- NO. We have enough!
- NO. Too many houses now!!

DO YOU SUPPORT SAVING THE ANGEL CENTRE & SPORTS CENTRE?

FOR: 118 **AGAINST: 0**

Recording a simple “Yes”	64
Recording a “Yes” plus additional comment:	54
- BOTH	40
- Yes, most definitely	2
- Both, but if only able to save one, save the Angel	5
- Both, but if only able to save one, save the Gym	2
- Yes, good ideas	
- Keep both and develop them to meet community needs	
- Brilliant!!	
- Yes!!!!	
- YES – keep up the good work	

At the September 2011 meeting, residents were asked if they could choose only one, which building would they save? The results showed that support was equally spread across both buildings.

*Thus, having seen the presentation, of the 118 respondents for saving the Angel Centre and Sports Centre, 40 of this “Yes plus” group now specifically said they wanted the Parish Council to save **BOTH** buildings.*

***TWO** people said that they wanted to save both buildings, but if it came to a choice they would want RPC to save the **SPORTS CENTRE**.*

***FIVE** people also hoped we would save both buildings, but if it came to a choice, they would want RPC to save the **ANGEL THEATRE / CENTRE**. And one of this group felt the Business Plan for the Angel Centre was “excellent”.*

Invitations to the consultation event

Invitation to a meeting of Key People involved in the Rendlesham Neighbourhood Plan

Date: Thursday 19 July 2012

Time: 8pm

Venue: Rendlesham Community Centre, IP12 2GG

As the only Neighbourhood Plan Front Runner in Suffolk, Rendlesham Parish Council would like to invite you to a meeting of key people who will be involved in the preparation, consultation and delivery of the Rendlesham Neighbourhood Plan. We would like use the meeting to show you some of the key issues that will form the core of the Neighbourhood Plan, this will include a short walking tour of the centre of the village followed by refreshments and presentations in the Community Centre.

The Neighbourhood Plan is a very exciting opportunity for Rendlesham which embraces Localism at its very heart.

We would be grateful if you could confirm whether or not you are able to attend please either by e-mail or by phoning 01394 420207.

Thank you.

Heather Heelis
Clerk, Rendlesham Parish Council

Dear Mr Changy

Please see below an email from Rendlesham Parish Council which has been sent to all major landowners in the Rendlesham area, inviting them to a Presentation regarding our Neighbourhood Plan.

We would be most grateful if you could please forward this to Mr Fred Mouawad on our behalf as we have no direct contact details for him.

We would like to take this opportunity to apologise for the urgency of this request and will, of course, understand if Mr Mouawad is unable to attend at such short notice. However, we would be delighted to arrange a personal presentation for Mr Mouawad when he is next in the country at a time and date that is more convenient for him.

Many thanks for your assistance with this matter.

Heather Heelis
Clerk, Rendlesham Parish Council

Listing of assets and issues arising from the walking tour—8 & 9 September 2012

Asset	Issue	Other comments
	<p>Redundant signs left up by developers (Library Mews, sign by the school) - should be removed</p> <p>Remove redundant signage 'Library Mews'</p>	
Children's play area in the Village Green	<p>Damaged safety surfacing under the slide in the play area</p> <p>Safety surface needs repair</p>	Good children's facilities
Angel Theatre	<p>Vandalised, abandoned, needs repairing and site tidying up—please get it sorted</p> <p>Love the trees, hate to the building neglected</p> <p>Needs tidying up</p> <p>Redevelop for community use</p> <p>Building and surrounding area untidy</p>	<p>This could be a great asset to the village and surrounding neighbourhoods</p> <p>Must be saved. Rendlesham is a big community with small facilities. We need a village hall.</p> <p>Angel Theatre complex needs to be retained as cultural and social hub</p> <p>Would be lovely to see this renovated and used by the community</p>
	<p>Mayhew Road—lack of trees planted as part of the development landscaping scheme</p> <p>Lack of trees</p>	
Village Square		<p>Looking good</p> <p>Well maintained tubs</p> <p>Plants in Village Square—good</p> <p>Congratulations to the Village Handyman on keeping the Village Square tidy</p> <p>Tubs and barrels look good</p>

Asset	Issue	Other comments
Roads	<p>Mayhew Road—narrow, bendy road resulting in cars parking on pavements</p> <p>Too many cars parked on the roads</p> <p>Parking dangerous—Mayhew Road/ Sycamore Drive (yellow lines?)</p> <p>Introduce parking restrictions on Sycamore Drive at junctions</p> <p>Poor condition of drains (Mayhew Road)</p> <p>Cars parked on pavements (Mayhew Road)</p>	<p>Suffolk Drive —good vista (trees, USA signs/fire hydrant)</p>
Jubilee Park	Benches and more tree planting needed	<p>Well planted (shrubs)</p> <p>Good name & sign</p> <p>Hopefully a football club will soon be formed and the pavilion used at last!</p> <p>Potential with the pavilion</p> <p>Good recreation area</p>
Village Sign		<p>Lovely</p> <p>Very good</p>
The green around Crooked Creek Road		So beautiful with the lovely tree
Boulevard	<p>Needs a good revamp and new tree planted</p> <p>Needs trimming and path resurfacing</p>	Looks nice

Asset	Issue	Other comments
	No more houses!	
Primary School	Not big enough	Brilliant grounds & space for the children
Sports Centre	Bring it back into community use Tidy up surrounding area	On the back of the Olympics, couldn't national funding be found? Potential for disabled sports at Sports Centre—also activities for young people
Car park	Back of the shops is an eyesore Environment around the Sports Centre, Angel Theatre and Costcutters needs to be upgraded and maintained Back of Costcutters—a mess Remove broken access barrier at the back of Costcutters Shrub gardens—ugly	Costcutters and takeaway should be made more accountable in tackling the litter problem in the car park area Close of short cuts to the car park between the boulevard and the car park by planting more shrubs
St Felix Church garden		Well maintained
Village Green		New tree planting is appreciated
Pockets of green spaces	Mayhew Road green communal space would benefit from more seating	Pockets of planted greens—excellent Very pleasant Fountain Road/Tower Field Road—good recreation areas
Trees		Love the mature trees everywhere

Asset	Issue	Other comments
New housing	Need more trees to soften the building lines	
Footpaths	<p>Please can we have the promised footpaths to the forest</p> <p>Please could there be negotiations with the landowner of the woods behind Jubilee Park for a footpath</p> <p>Develop footpath access out of Rendlesham</p> <p>More footpaths needed</p> <p>Creation of a proper circular walk</p>	
Perimeter fencing (domestic side of the A1152)	Can the perimeter (former USAF) fencing be cut down to stop the residents feeling 'penned in'	
	Concern that if there were to be a major incident on the A1152 the village would be cut off as this is the only access to the outside world	
Parish Council		The Parish Council are doing an excellent job—thank you
		Family pub would be an excellent focal point—not like the Blue Lagoon
Public Transport 165 & 65 buses	Maintain a frequent bus service to Woodbridge/Ipswich/Aldburgh	
	Heras fencing an eyesore as you come into the village	
Doctors, Dentist and Pharmacy	Could be open every day	Good doctor, dentist and pharmacy provision
Care Centre		Good—nice setting

Report – Full Council

3 March 2014

Consideration of Affordable Housing Scheme in Rendlesham

BACKGROUND

In September 2012 the Parish Council undertook a Housing Needs Survey as part of the Neighbourhood Plan process in order to identify whether there was any defined need in Rendlesham for 'affordable' housing for local people.

The survey was undertaken by Suffolk ACRE who collated and analysed the results. Suffolk ACRE is an independent organisation and the enabling body for affordable housing schemes in Suffolk.

Further evidence of need has been gathered through the Neighbourhood Plan Household Survey.

HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY RESULTS

RENDLESHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

Executive Summary

Sunila Osborne, Rural Housing Enabler met with the Parish Council on 3 July 2012 to present information about Affordable Housing and the process for undertaking a local Housing Needs Survey (HNS) in the parish.

The Parish Council agreed to carry out a HNS with a closing date of 30 September 2012.

The Suffolk ACRE Community Services toolkit was used to produce the survey data.

From the HNS, 91.73% of respondents were in favour of an affordable housing scheme, showing excellent overall support, with 8.26% of the returns indicating that they would not support affordable housing in the parish.

The Rendlesham Neighbourhood Plan housing Needs Survey of 30 September 2012 received 199 household responses from a total of 1470 of survey forms issued a 13.53 % return rate, with the majority of respondents in favour of a small affordable housing scheme for people with a local connection.

Profile of survey respondents

199 Household Responses

498 Individuals

Greatest number of responses received from those aged between 25-44 years of age

508 Multiple Choice responses received

Out of 199 HNS returned, 28 households responded that they have a current housing need, totalling 65 people.

Section 7: Housing Needs Survey

Out of 199 HNS returned, 4 of those households responded identifying a need for 5 people (with a local connection) wishing to return to or live in the Parish in the parish.

This shows a total of 32 households, 70 people in need of affordable housing in Rendlesham.

The Gateway to Home Choice (GTHC) register indicates there are 33 households claiming a local connection to Rendlesham;

18 x 1 bed dwellings

10 x 2 bed dwellings

3 x 3 bed dwellings

2 x 4 bed dwellings

Rendlesham Parish Council may want to consider those registered on the GTHC when deciding on the final number of homes they may wish to provide.

NEED INDICATED FROM HNS

Current household;

28 future households identified from the HNS, with a total of 65 people in need. Although the make-up of the future households indicated from the HNS shows:

Single people	13
Single Parent families	4
Couples	7
Two Parent Family (with or expecting children)	7
Siblings	1
Other	3
Total	3

People wishing to return

4 future households identified from the HNS, with a total of 5 people in need. Although the make-up of the future households indicated from the HNS shows:

Single people	5
Total	5

Recommendations

The analysis from the Housing Needs Survey provides an indication of those in need of affordable housing and who have a local connection to Rendlesham.

The recommended number of affordable homes a parish may wish to provide is based generally on a third of the overall need indicated by the survey, as some respondents may withdraw, move away, may not be eligible or be housed by other means during the planning & building process of any future scheme.

Public meeting feedback—17 October 2012

What are we missing? What does it need to make a better place?	
Enough Housing	1
Need more social /sporting facilities - general	5
Better transport	2
DIY shop	1
Pub/Restaurant1	
Flying Club	1
Footpath access to Rendlesham Mews	1
Petrol station	1
Library	1
Market	1
Village Hall	1
Banking facility	2
Lighting	1
Bigger school	3
Communal IT facility	1
Funding/willingness	1
Secondary Education	1
Free school	
What can we improve or change in our community?	
Protect against further housing	2
More surgery hours	1
Better bus service /evenings	3
Environmental protection	1
Keep communicating	1
Better amenities eg seating, play equipment for range of ages	3
More infrastructure	1
Improve landscaping and upkeep of community areas	
Tidy up and litter scheme	1
Brownies Guides Scouts etc	1
More social housing	1
More for teens/pool table	2
Cycle route to Eyke	
Bigger school	

What are our strengths as a community?	
Communication newsletter website etc	4
Excellent Parish Council and clerk	1
Diverse range of people in the community	1
Community of purposes /aims	1
What are the barriers?	
Poor lighting	2
Dormitory village only	1
Poor transport	3
Existing landowners/developers	
What resources do we have?	
Churches and approachable vicar	1
Lack of shops and services	2
Community centre and personnel	1
Good school but too small	1
Shops – but lack diversity	1
Jubilee Park	1
Great Parish Clerk to advise PC	1
Knowledge of education	1
What opportunities exist in the area?	
Whitmore Park is overgrown and broken unkempt facility	1
Cannot decide location of Free school	1
Free School could open its facilities out of hours	1
Employment with new buildings	1

Responses to the Planning Application - sticker board at public meeting held on 11 December 2012**Support**

"Only joking"

Objection

"Object" x36

"I object to the developer's proposals"

"I object very strongly" x3

"I object most strongly" x2

"Object strongly x2"

"We are desperately in need of local amenities not housing"

"Object although a compromise is a good idea. One sight is better than none"

"NOT HERE – find somewhere better"

"Rendlesham needs more infrastructure before more housing"

"Object – facilities are needed and need a gym"

"I strongly object to this planning application"

"I object to any future development"

"NO! " x2

"No room for more housing without more facilities – a community needs facilities"

"The community needs the sports centre and Angel theatre"

"Gym keep it for the community and a swimming pool for residents"

"I think no!"

"Development totally unsuitable"

"Very strongly object"

"No more housing. A sports centre is needed"

"I object! " X4

"I object – it's not in the best interests of the residents of Rendlesham. We need a social centre , not housing."

"Object on the grounds that these are the last of the American buildings and we need some heritage. The village has already outgrown the size of the community centre"

"This is a stupid idea. Let's open the Angel Theatre and Sports Centre please please"

"Strongly object" x2

"We need a bigger school and more shops not houses"

"How about looking after the current residents before making more"

"I object to building houses"

"If the developer's take this forward there is no centre to Rendlesham and become a dormitory town. No thanks!"

"I object to these proposals to build more houses. More facilities"

"Happy for Angel Theatre to be sheltered housing only"

"I object – let's use the site to develop Rendlesham in to a true village rather than a large estate"

"I object strongly to more houses"

"I object to more houses at the cost of the theatre and gym – really object"

"Massively object"

"We object very strongly to the redevelopment programme"

"Strongly object to this"

"We need a family public house"

"No to terrible housing proposal"

"Object strongly. No more houses without facilities!"

"Object – please, more facilities for those already here before more houses"

"I most strongly object to the developer's proposal to knock down the buildings and build houses. This would kill the village community."

"Object – we do not need more houses. We need more facilities!"

"I strongly object to this planning application – this village needs facilities not just more housing"

"Object strongly to houses being built. We need more community facilities shops/pubs"

"Object most strongly"

"No. We do not need more houses"

"Object to non-sheltered housing"

"Object very strongly"

"Object!! Keep the Sports Centre and put a pub where the community centre is"

"We will NOT let it happen"

"Social housing"

"I strongly object to the proposals to pull down the gym and theatre as with the increased housing there will be reduced facilities – nothing for families and children"

“Strong objection on grounds of traffic”

“I would support a community development in the village as we don’t need more housing”

“STOP THIS! Our families need things to do”

“I want to live in a village with a heart and community not a dormitory town”

“They ought to be shot”

“Strongly no!”

“More facilities not houses”

“Strongly object x2”

“Economic climate has already impacted on house values. Let’s do something to help combat that by providing more infrastructure”

“Object with so many houses you must have recreation. Children have broken the doors of the Sports Centre. They never did that when they could use it. Sport and recreation are essential.”

“I object to the developer’s proposals”

“I object ! We need more community facilities in the centre, not houses”

“We need a pub not more housing”

“Strongly object to more houses being built. More infrastructure for the existing community is urgently needed.”

“Nope!”

“There are plenty of other areas for housing – we need facilities”

“Leave the centre of our village alone. No houses on it”

“We need to have a more rounded view in a planning plan for the village and not just look at it on a site by site basis. Set an example and think of the existing community first. Provide for residents first. I Object!”

“Strongly object – keep the centre as a centre for growing population”

“Very very very very very STRONGLY object”

“Strongly object –this village need more facilities to ensure it keeps its heart – not more housing”

“Object strongly”

“Object – before more houses are built we need infrastructure to support the people already living here”

“Not enough parking – car park exit on bend – no facilities for future”

“No no no!” x2

“Is there a point in objecting? Let’s all object strongly”

124 comments

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Analysis of the Household Questionnaire

Background

The questionnaire was designed by the NPT and delivered to 1,250 homes in Rendlesham. It was broken down into 2 sections; The first section dealt with details about their accommodation, general information about who lives in the household and use of recycling facilities. The first section was completed by 1 member of the household. The second section provided an opportunity for everyone in the household who was 16 and over to contribute their own individual views and comments on the following topics:

Housing

- Future accommodation
- Type of accommodation
- Infrastructure – community, education, retail and utilities
- Potential development sites
- The District Centre
- Design

Business & Employment

- Importance of economic growth
- Employment, training and study barriers

Community

- Primary School
- Children's Centre
- Activities/facilities for young people
- Further Education
- Leisure/sport activities

Environment

- The local environment
- Village Green
- Countryside and wildlife

Traffic and Transport

- Traffic

Shops and Services

- Local shops and services (present and future)

Allotments

- Provision of allotments

Community infrastructure

- Current and future community infrastructure

Parish Council

- Precept

390 households completed the questionnaire and 671 people completed part 2 of the questionnaire. 69 youth questionnaires and 14 business questionnaires were returned.

Coverage

The parish was broken down into 6 areas. Households were asked to identify which area their house was located.

Responses were received from residents in all parts of the village proportionate to the number of households in that area.

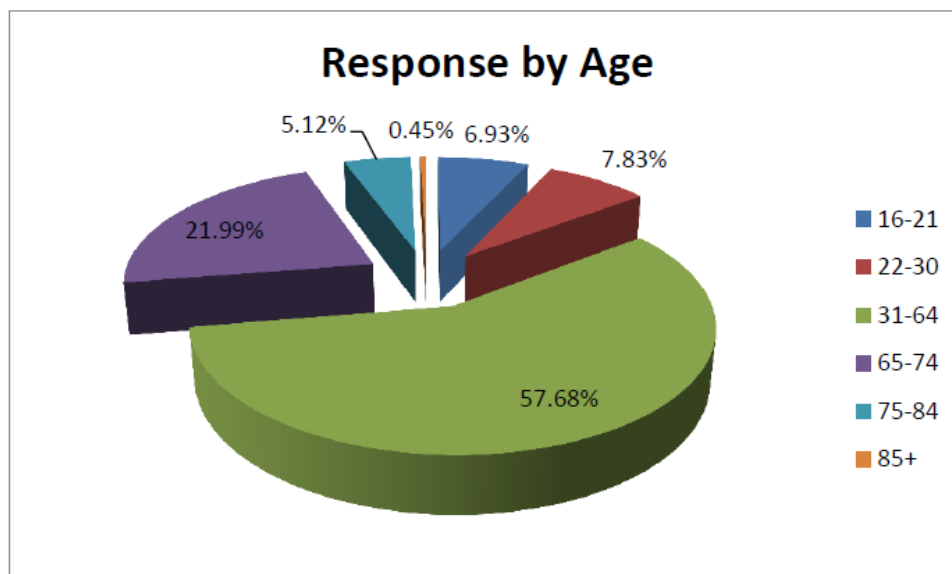
Designation of areas:

<p>Area 1 – 22.64%</p> <p>Redwald Road St Gregory's Close Jays Croft Road Sparrows Croft Road Thellusson Road Spencer Road Wackerfield Road Hazel Close Chestnut Close Cedar Road Elm Close</p>	<p>Area 2 – 27.89%</p> <p>Crooked Creek Road Hercules Road Magnolia Drive Sapling Close Pine Close Acer Road Forest Gardens Maple Close Walnut Tree Avenue Willow Way Avocet Mews Library Mews</p>	<p>Area 3 – 20.09%</p> <p>Tower Field Road Fountain Road Abbey Close Wood Close Wellburn Close Becks Close Suffolk Drive Spring Close Park Close</p>
<p>Area 4 – 28.04%</p> <p>Knight Road Ashton Close Mayhew Road Harvey Way Tidy Road Gardenia Close Garden Square Sycamore Drive</p>	<p>Area 5 – 0.6%</p> <p>Hollesley Road Friday Street</p>	<p>Area 6 – 1.05%</p> <p>Anywhere else in the parish of Rendlesham</p>

Percentage of total questionnaires returned from each area

Age demographic

Responses were received from all of the age ranges.



Of those completing part 1 of the questionnaire 46% were male and 54% were female.

Alternative Accommodation

For 91.24% of people answering this question their sole residence was Rendlesham. 2.28% of people had a main residence elsewhere, 2.8% of people had a holiday home elsewhere, 2.1% were away at University and 1.58% had other accommodation.

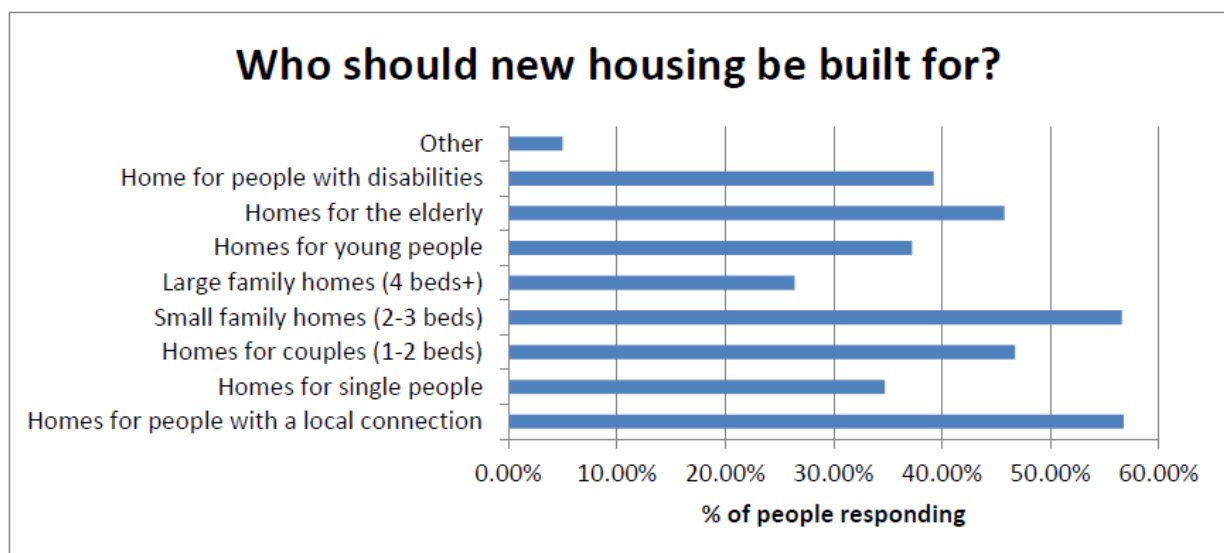
People were asked if they were in need of alternative accommodation. Whilst 88.07% indicated ‘No’ there was an 11.11% return that indicated yes and 0.82% who stated they were on the District Council Housing Register. This concurs with the need identified within the Housing Needs Survey (2012). Of these people 18.64% were in need of accommodation now and the remainder within the next 3-10 years.

There was a wide range of accommodation required including sheltered housing, starter homes (rent and buy), bungalows and flats.

Housing

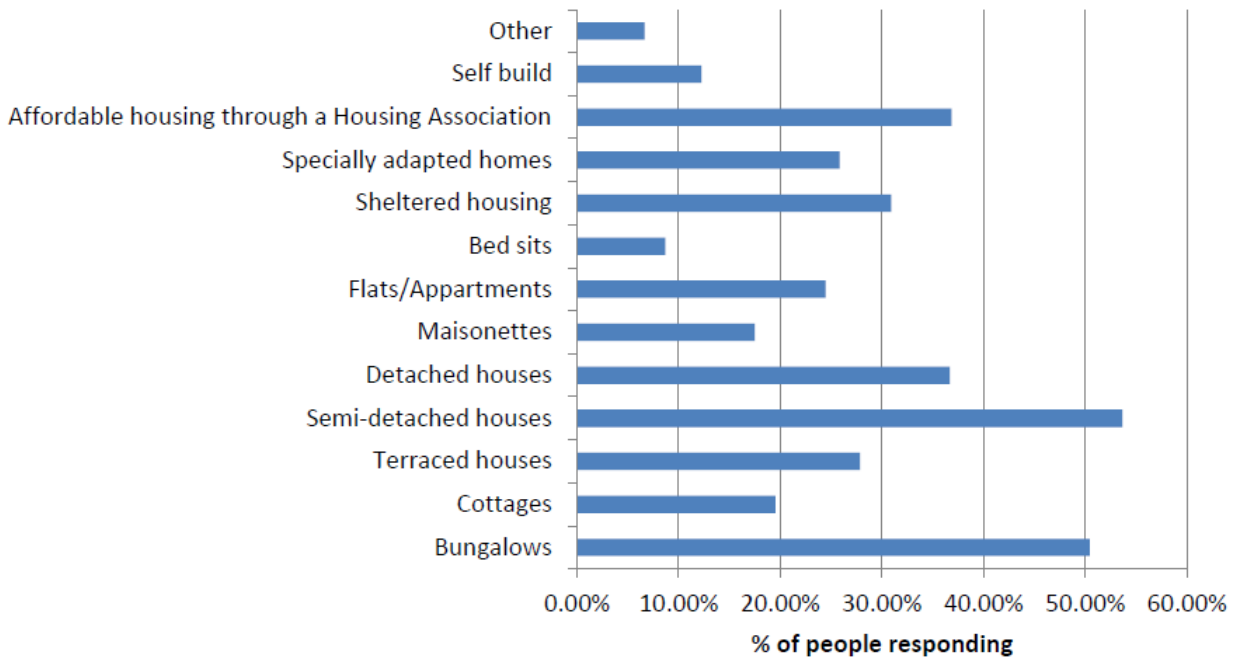
New Housing

When asked ‘if new housing were to be built in Rendlesham, who do you think it would cater for?’



From the responses received it becomes clear that the majority would like to see small family homes built for people with a local connection. Following on from this there is a desire to see homes for couples, the elderly, people with disabilities young people and single people. Interestingly the category with the least support (with the exception of the category of ‘other’) is ‘large family homes (4+ beds).

What type of new housing is needed?



The type of housing people feel is needed is generally a mixed housing scheme but with emphasis on semi-detached dwellings and bungalows. What also comes across is the desire for affordable housing (through a housing association) and sheltered housing with less emphasis on flats/apartments, maisonettes and bedsits.

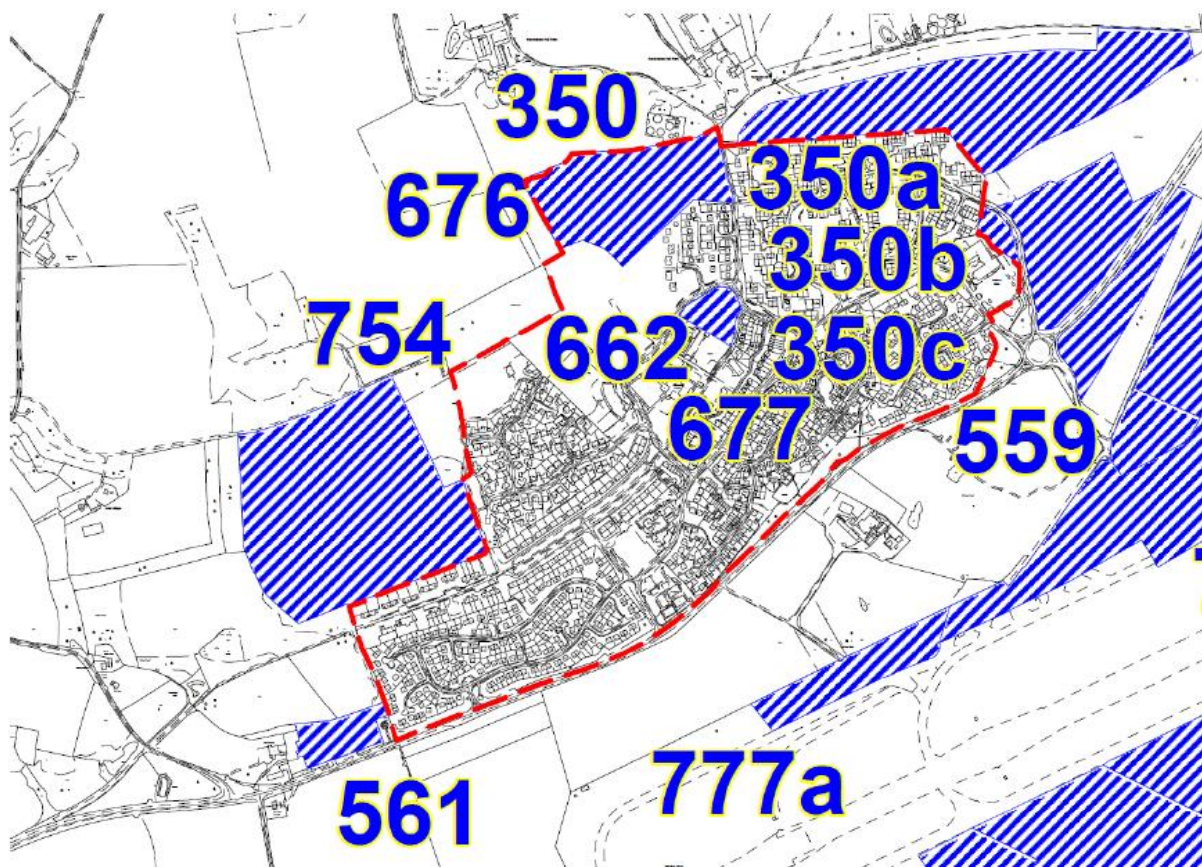
When linked with the graph that identifies who housing should be built for the outstanding preference comes through, the need for:

- 1-3 bed homes in a mixture of semi-detached, bungalows and detached housing
- Affordable housing (provided through a housing association) – this can include homes for couples, families, first time buyers (through shared equity schemes) as well as the elderly. So, again, a mixed housing type, similar to the point above, however this type of housing also meets the need for the provision of homes for local people (56.76%), as affordable housing schemes provide housing for local people in perpetuity.
- The need for sheltered housing should not be overlooked. When linked with other evidence in this report, generally the people who live in Rendlesham want to stay in Rendlesham, however, the provision of suitable housing for the elderly population, and indeed, people with disabilities comes to the forefront in terms of need.

Potential development sites

One of the purposes of the questionnaire was to identify suitable sites for future housing and community facilities. Areas extracted from the SCDC SHLAA Report 2012 were put to residents for their comments.

The feedback was conclusive. All the sites put forward received support, however, the sites should be of mixed use, with larger sites incorporating green spaces, landscaping and have provision for community uses such as woodland, recreation and allotments.



Extract from the SHLAA report. Areas consulted on were:

Site	Identified Purpose
Area 561	Business starter units
Area 754	Mixed: housing, woodland, allotments, sport/recreation facilities
Area 350a	Housing
Area 559	Allotments
Area 350c	Employment, pub/restaurant,
Area 350b	Housing
Area 350	Mixed: Housing, allotments, woodland

People were asked for other potential sites for development in Rendlesham. These sites included:

- Bentwaters Park – retail, leisure
- Land opposite side of A1152 from the water tower – retail
- Suffolk Drive – housing (infill)
- Land opposite Naunton Hall – housing (cottages)
- Angel Centre and Sports Centre sites – community, leisure, sports, education, retail

Infrastructure

In a free text question asking what people felt were the current infrastructure deficiencies to support the community of Rendlesham, the top priorities coming forward were:

School too small	Lack of pub/restaurant
Loss of amenities	Lack of public transport
Infrastructure to create more jobs	Poor sewerage system
Lack of facilities for young people	Slow broadband speeds
Lack of retail in the village centre	Insufficient leisure/gym/sports facilities
Lack of chiropody services	Insufficient doctors opening hours
Lack of food shops	Lack of library
Community Centre too small	Poor road network
Lack of integrated business/retail area	No footpath link to Rendlesham Mews
Lack of vibrant village centre with community facilities	Lots of houses – nothing to do
Need for more small retail outlets in the village centre	Lack of primary school places
Lack of access to open countryside and woodland	Local convenience store too small
Lack of banking facilities	No local library

One consistent message from residents is that there is a reluctance for any additional housing in the village without the infrastructure to support not only the existing community but also that of the future needs of a community destined for growth. Comments extracted from the questionnaire include:

'Far too many people for current services'

'One shop is not enough for the amount of housing development that has been suggested'

'Not enough local amenities – shop not big enough to accommodate number of houses'

'Shopping facilities are inadequate for the current number of parishioners'

'An increase in the number of homes in Rendlesham would not be compatible with sustainable development'

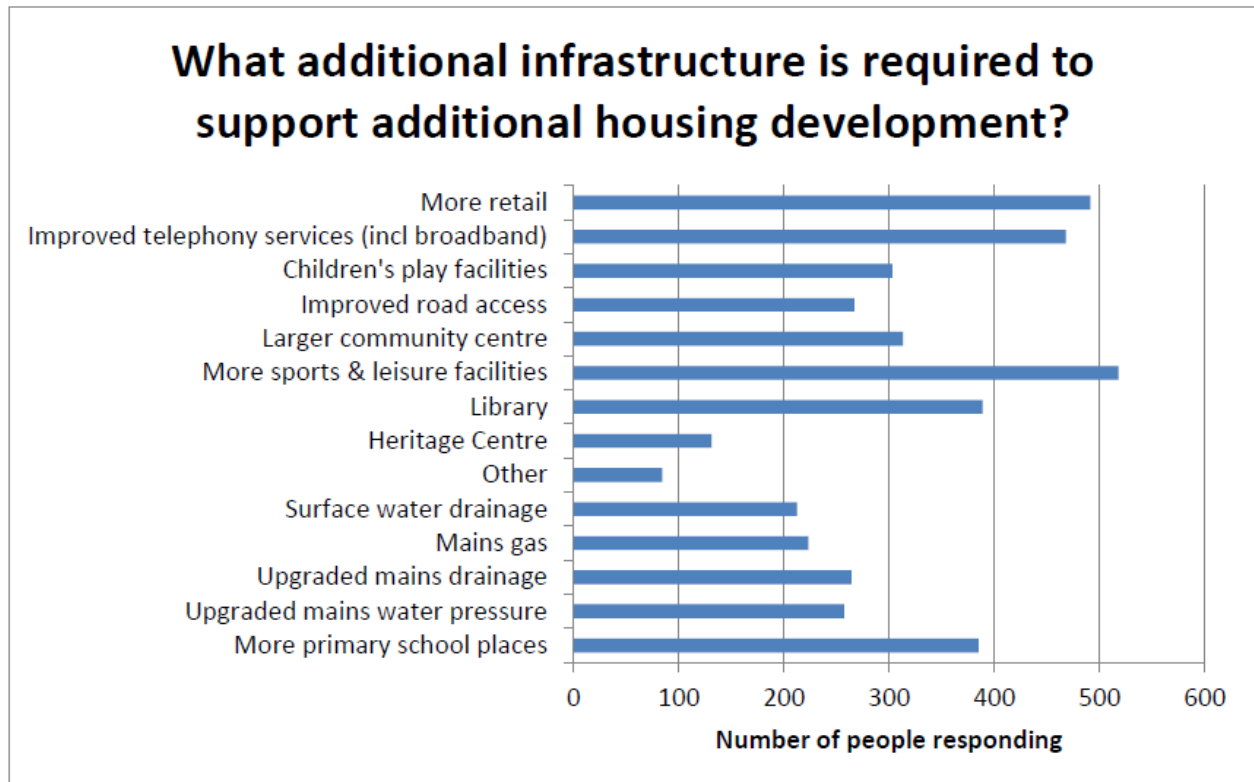
'Not enough community buildings for the amount of homes'

'No more houses please. Not enough facilities now'

'What infrastructure? No restaurants, family pub, a part-time GP, no gym, one shop, no library'

The concerns raised by residents give a clear remit that to support the existing community and to enable sustainable growth for the village to take place additional infrastructure to what currently exists needs to be in place, or at the least, the opportunity for it to be provided.

The questionnaire asked people what additional infrastructure was required to support additional housing development



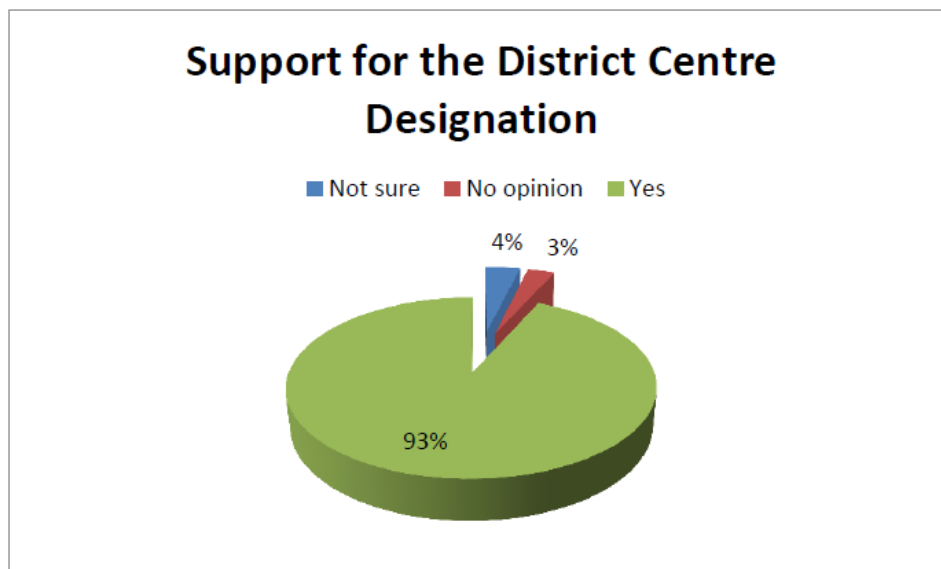
The top 10 needs identified were:

- 1) More sports & leisure facilities (82.09%)
- 2) More retail (77.81%)
- 3) Improved telephony services (incl broadband) (74.17%)
- 4) Library (61.65%)
- 5) More primary school places (61.01%)
- 6) Larger community centre (49.6%)
- 7) Children's play facilities (48.02%)
- 8) Improved road access (42.31%)
- 9) Upgraded mains drainage (41.84%)
- 10) Upgrade mains water pressure (40.73%)

The District Centre

Building on the Suffolk Coastal Core Strategy (July 2013), which designates Rendlesham as a District Centre, the Parish Council consulted on what this may mean in terms of a defined area. Taking into account the following, the proposed 'District Centre' and its purpose was consulted on:

- Current Village Centre
- Provision for Education
- Provision for Leisure facilities
- Provision for Community facilities
- Provision of retail units



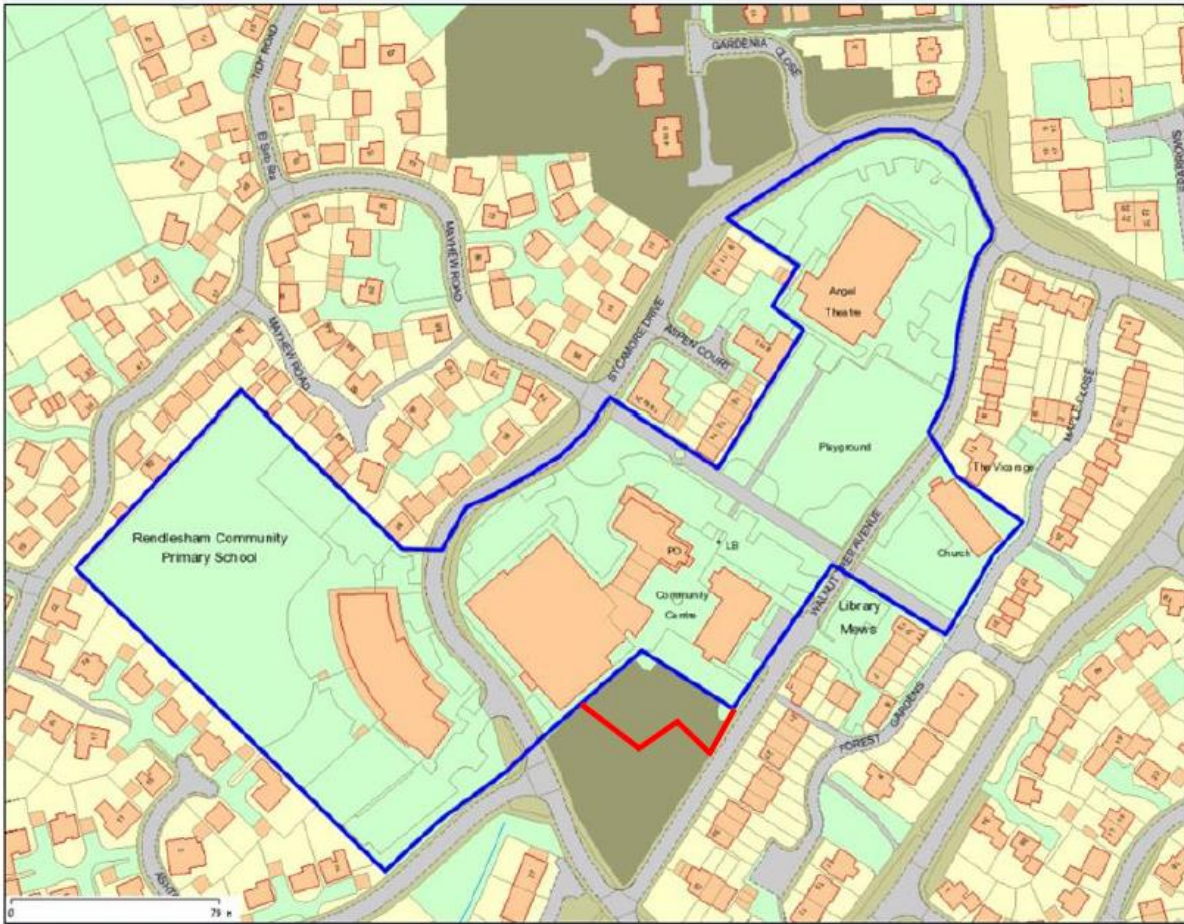
93% of people responding to this question supported the site allocation of the District Centre with the designated purpose of retaining and improving additional retail, leisure and community facilities. Education has also been included in the District Centre designation following the outcomes of the Neighbourhood Plan consultation which identified the need for additional primary school places and the importance of the primary school within the community.

The evidence gained in the infrastructure section of this report identifies half of the top 10 infrastructure needs as being those that meet the requirements of being located in the District Centre:

- More sports & leisure facilities (82.09%)
- More retail (77.81%)
- Library (61.65%)
- More primary school places (61.01%)
- Larger community centre (49.6%)

To enable these needs to be met, adequate opportunities for the infrastructure to be provided, should be made available.

Designated District Centre



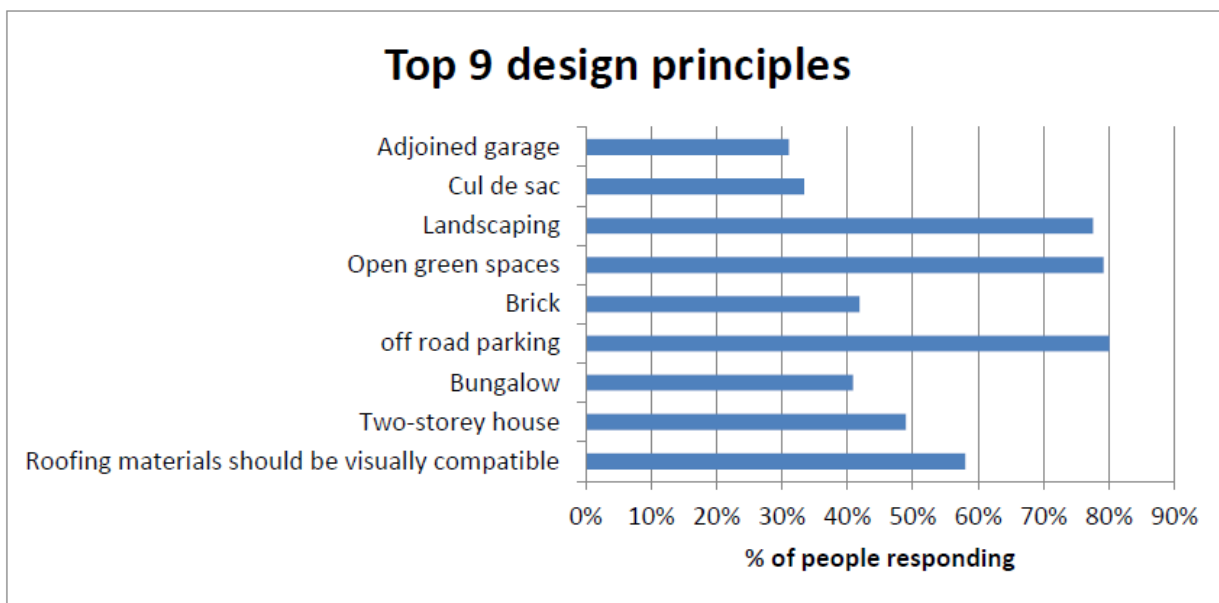
Key

- District Centre
- Extension to District Centre

As a result of the consultation and the evidenced need for a wide range of additional infrastructure facilities in the Village Centre, the District Centre has been expanded to include an area, currently used for car parking, which could facilitate the development of outcomes identified through the Neighbourhood Plan.

Housing Design

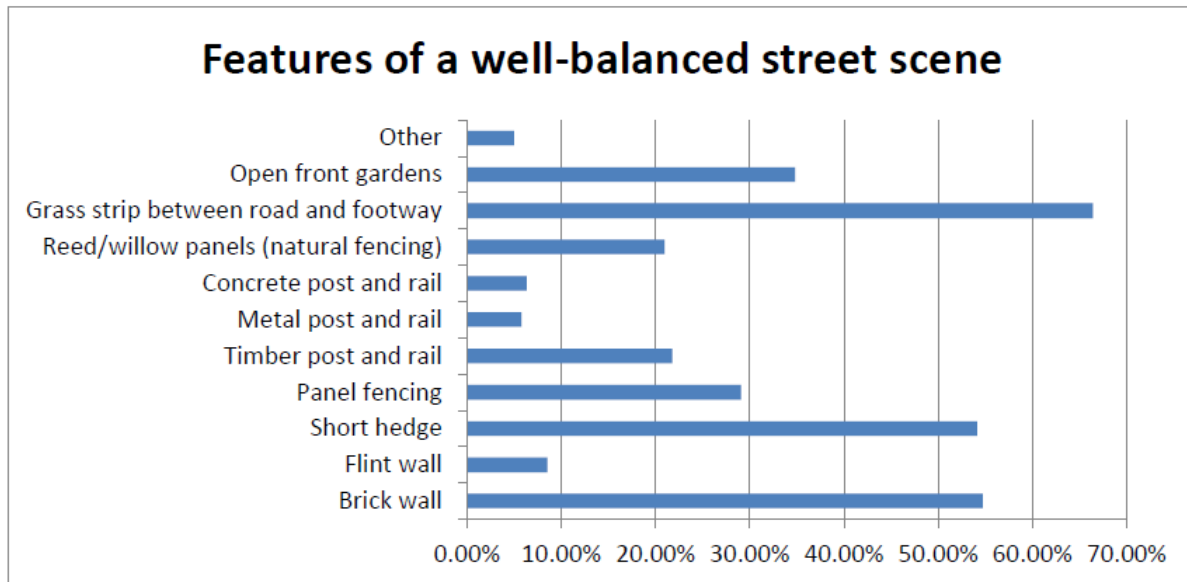
Rendlesham has a wide mix of housing which has evolved over the years, partially as a legacy from the MOD era and more recently as 65% new housing growth over the past 10 years. This has resulted in a variety of not only housing types but also housing and design layouts. With this in mind residents have identified the ‘best’ practice for Rendlesham culminating in the Rendlesham Top 9 Design Principles below.



One of the growing problems that has developed over the past few years is on road parking, particularly where vehicles park half on/half off the road. This causes obstruction to pedestrians and anyone with mobility issues as well as giving the street scene a very cluttered appearance. To prevent this occurring in any future housing development the road layout should incorporate adequate off road parking for the householder plus on road parking in the form of landscaped parking bays.

Open green spaces and landscaping should be incorporated to avoid an urban appearance and at the same time contribute to the aesthetics of the village.

Street scenes play an important part in any housing development and the following have been identified as being key features in creating a well-balanced street scene.



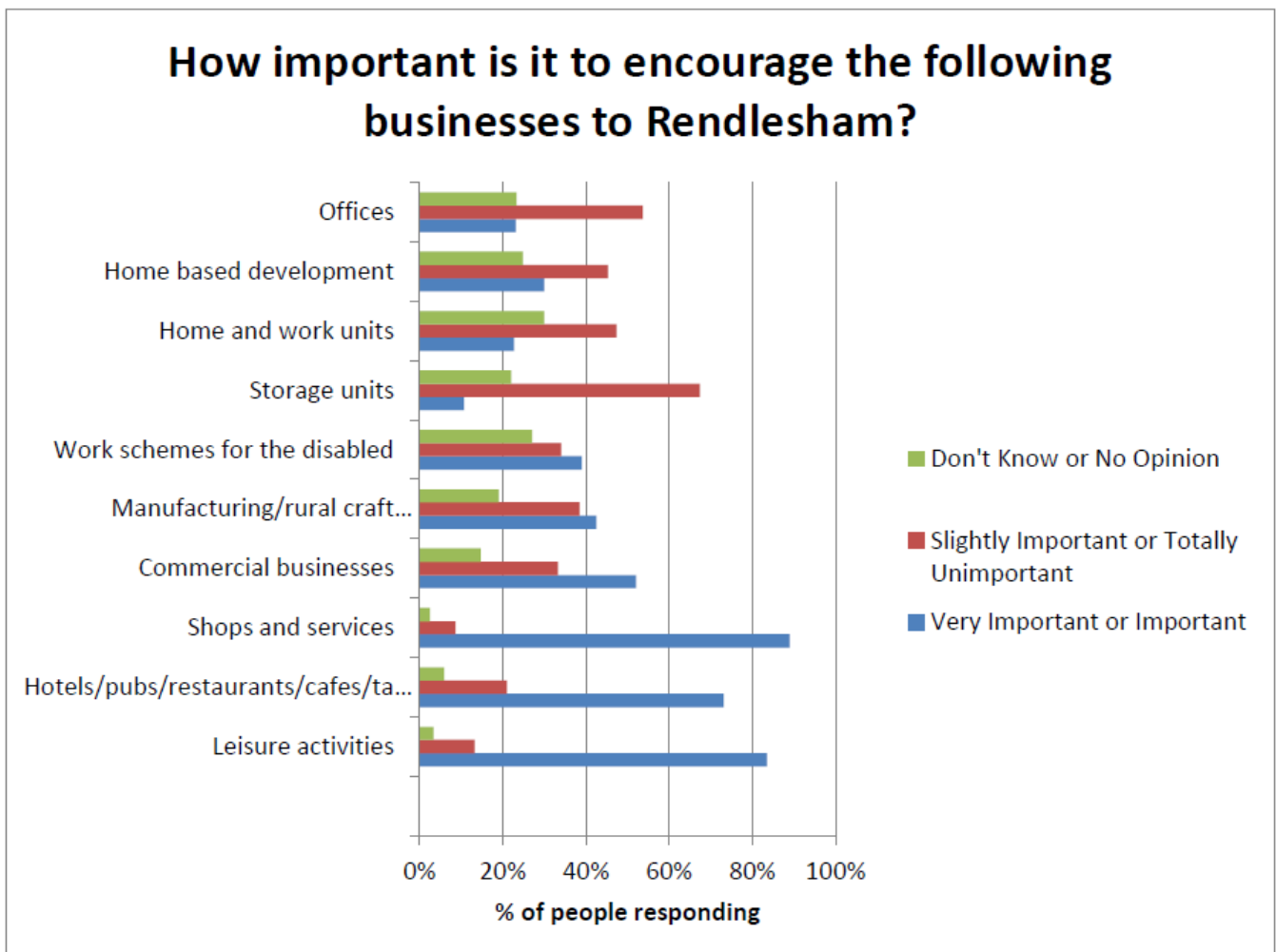
In summary, the ideal street scene would have:

- Adequate off road parking
- Landscaping
- Open green spaces
- A grass strip between the road and footway
- A short hedge
- A brick wall or panel fencing where a rear garden fronts onto the road
- Open front gardens
- Natural fencing or timber post and rail

Business and Employment

Importance of economic growth

Rendlesham has the potential to embrace economic growth. The question was asked 'how important is it that the following businesses should be encouraged into Rendlesham?' The results below confirm that the community support the economic growth of the village, however, there were priorities in the type of business needed.



The results indicate 4 main priority areas for economic growth in Rendlesham:

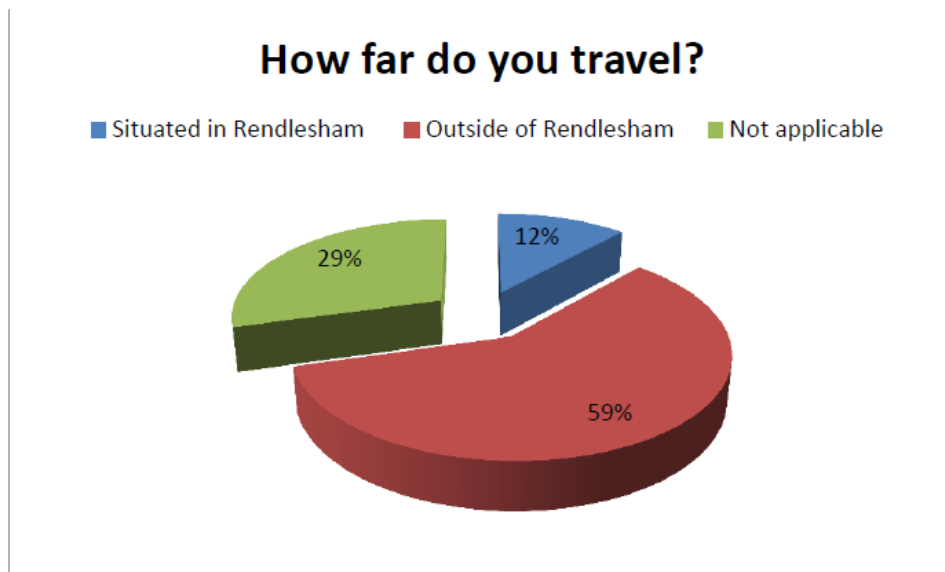
- 1) Shops and services
- 2) Leisure activities
- 3) Hotels/pubs/restaurants/cafes/take-aways
- 4) Commercial

These results support the District Centre designation to provide the opportunities for the majority of businesses identified as a priority to operate eg areas 1) – 3).

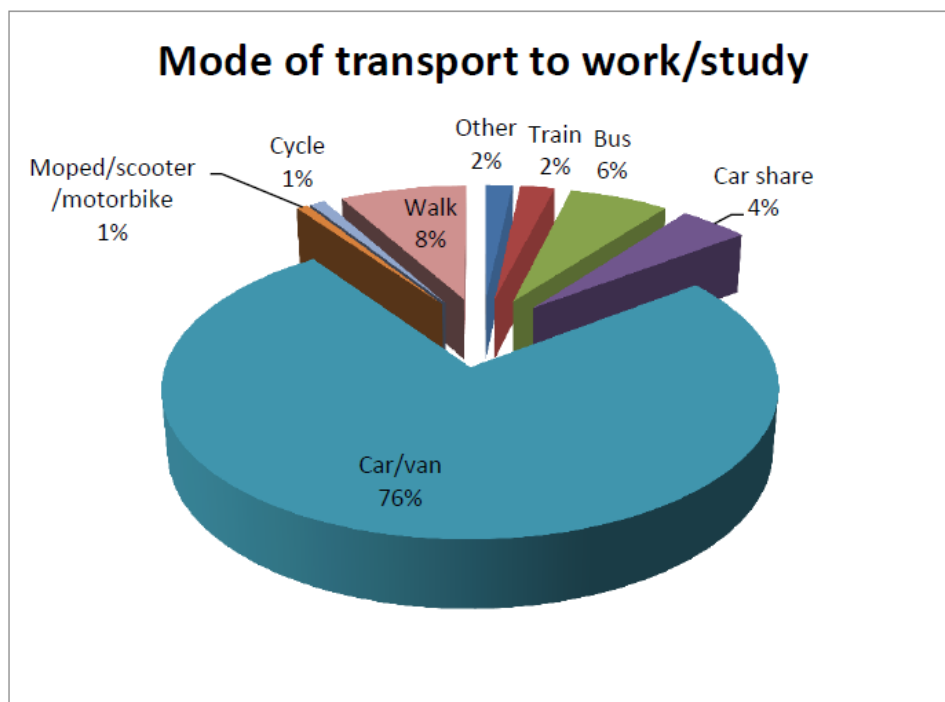
Transport

Employment

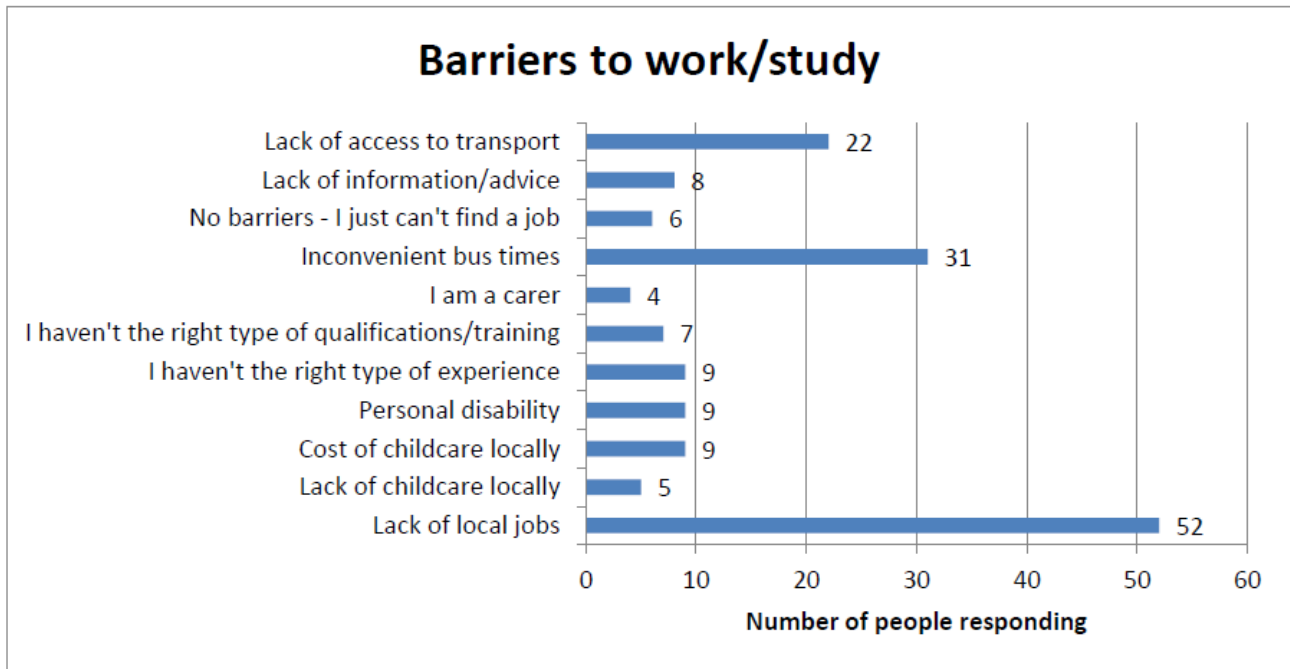
Of the 605 people who answered the question ‘How far do you travel to your main place of study/work/occupation’ 71 people worked in Rendlesham, 356 travelled outside of the village and 178 people indicated that the question was not applicable.



Of those that travelled:



People were asked, if they were actively seeking work, what were the barriers preventing them from taking up employment, training or study opportunities:



The evidence suggests 3 main barriers to taking up employment or study:

- 1) Lack of local jobs
- 2) Inconvenient bus times
- 3) Lack of access to transport

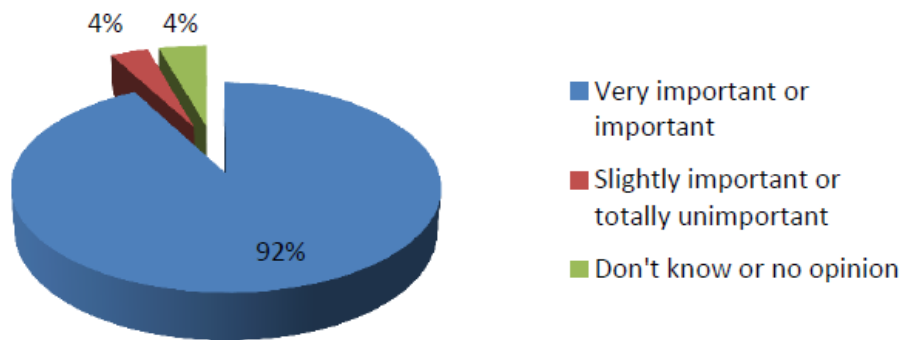
When looking at the potential for economic growth and the need for local jobs combined with the need for additional infrastructure, the evidence for the creation of a District Centre becomes a compelling argument.

Community

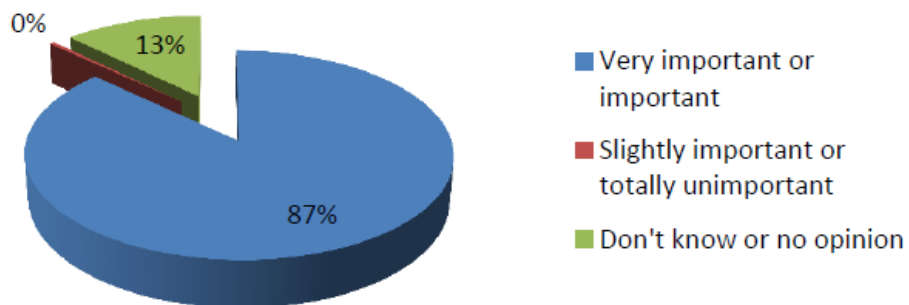
The ingredients for a thriving community goes beyond just homes and people, it encompasses the activities that take place within that community, including the physical structures (buildings) that enable these activities to take place; these are the things that provide the essence of community cohesion.

This section looks at the things that bring people together, find out what they value or see as important features in the local community.

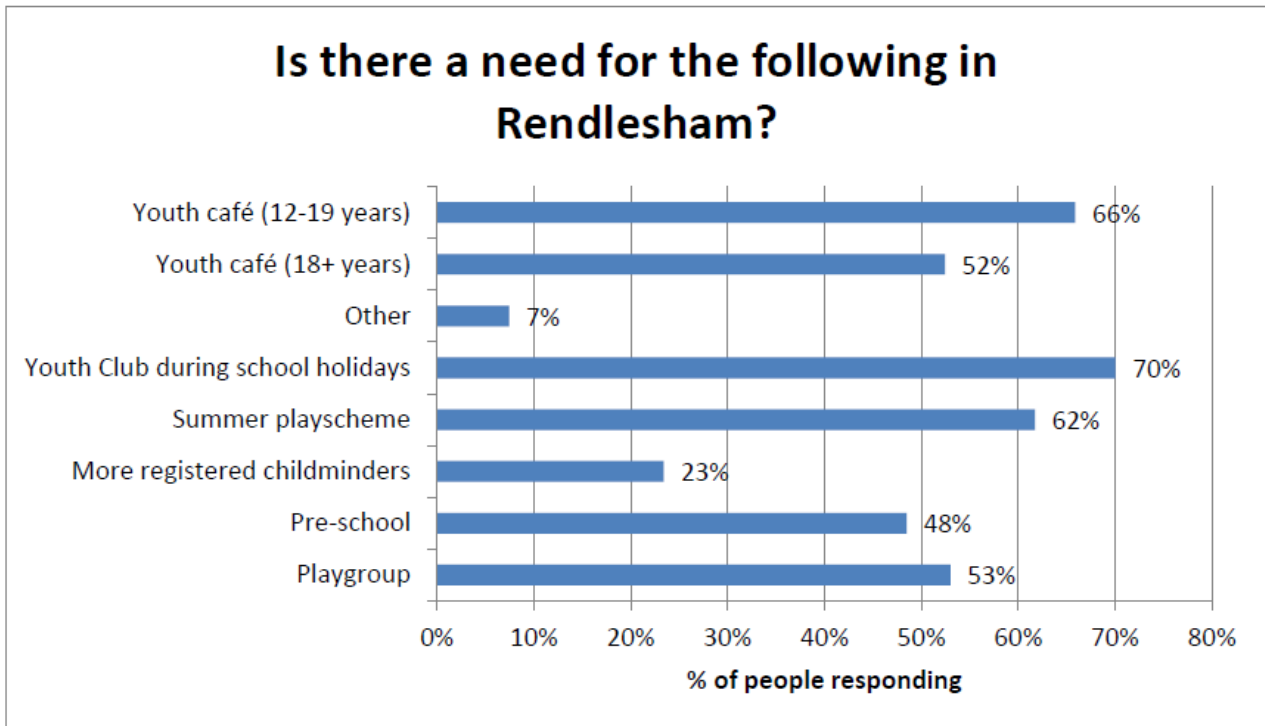
How important is the primary school to the local community?



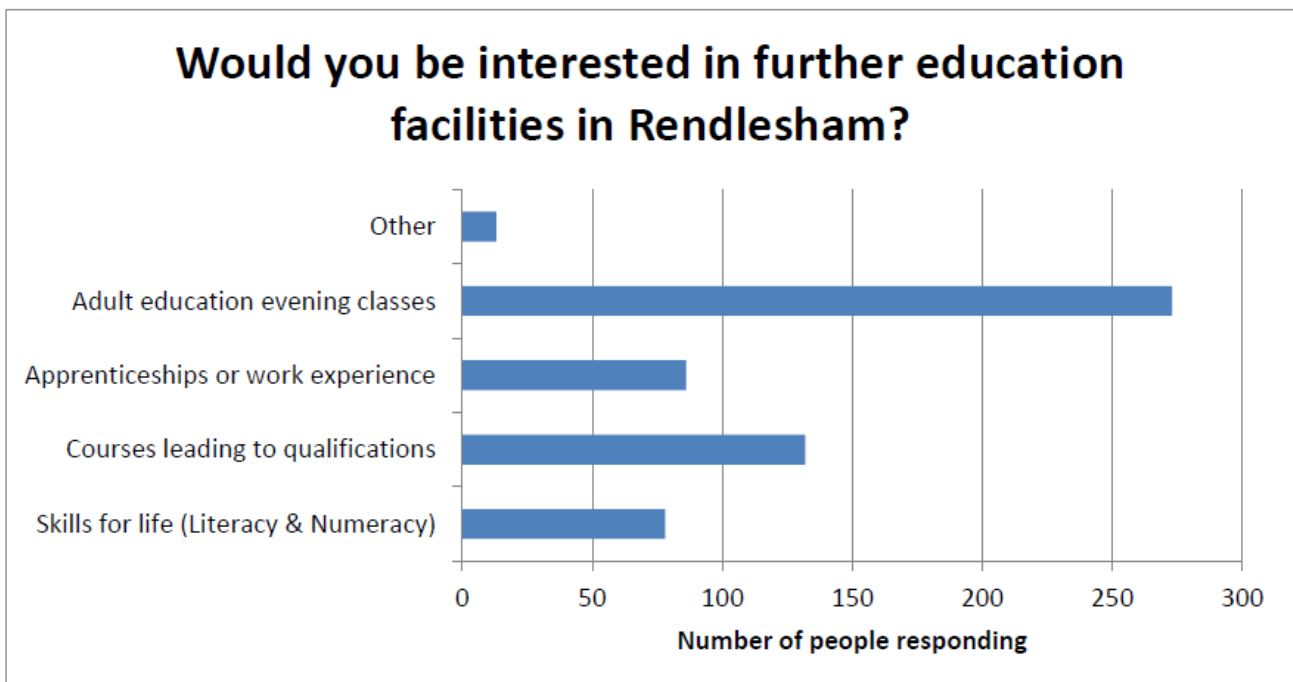
How important is the children's centre to the local community?



The evidence shows that these 2 services are highly valued within the community.

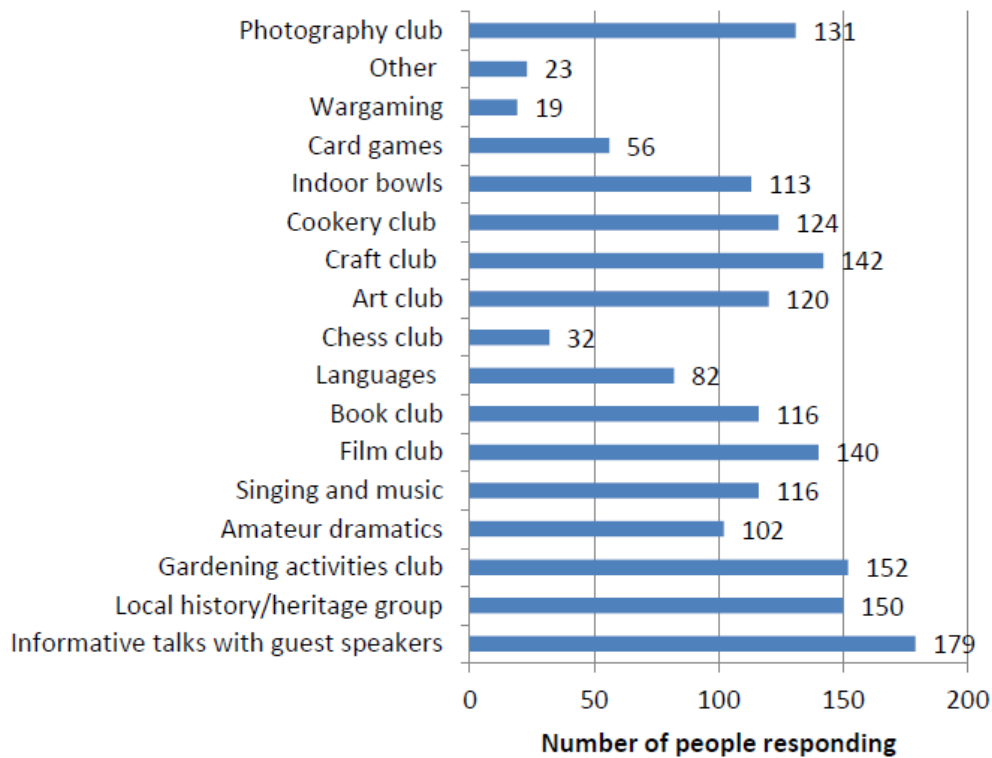


The evidence shows that there is a need for a range of further facilities, particularly leisure facilities for children and young people.

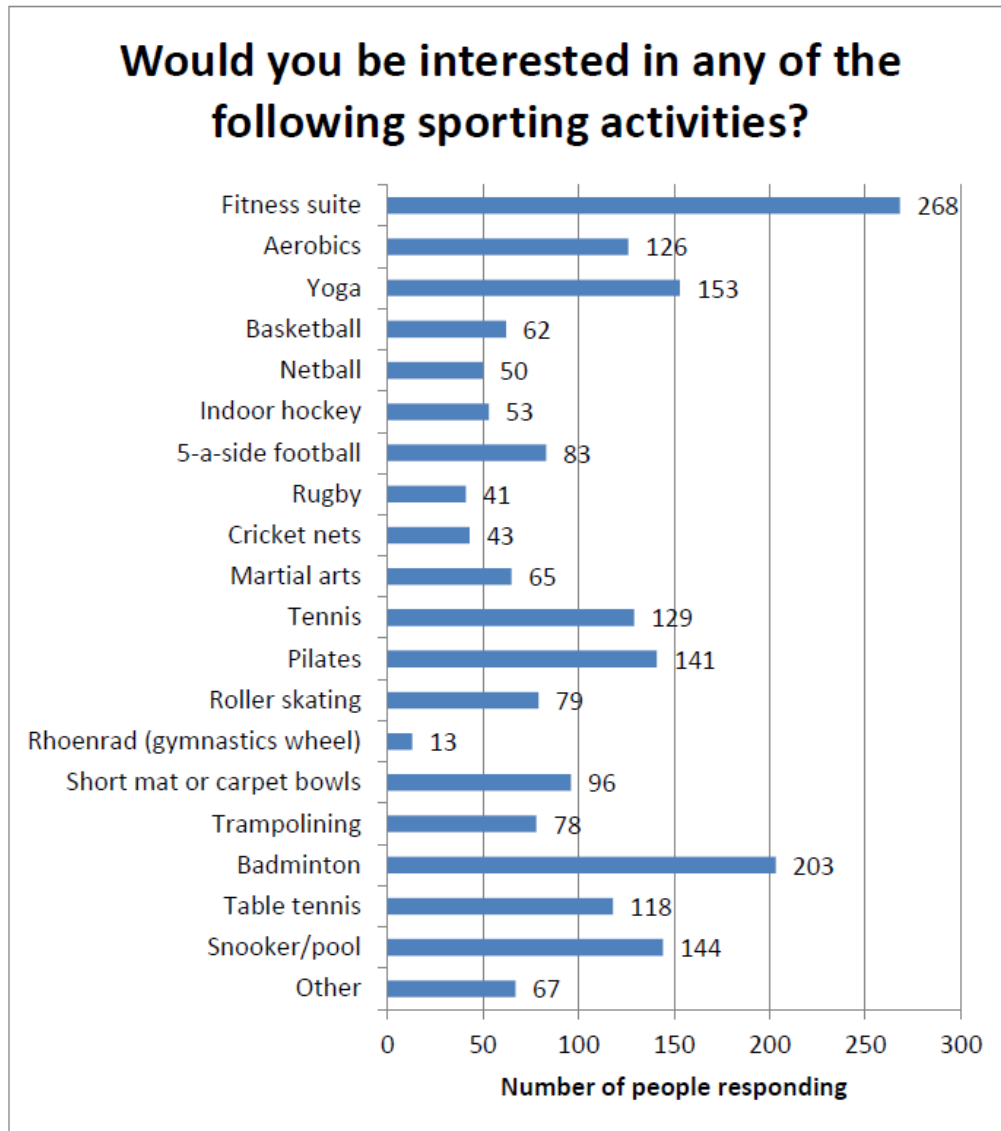


The evidence shows that there is a demand for the provision of further education facilities in Rendlesham. Access to these facilities outside of Rendlesham is severely restricted for people during the day and impossible in the evenings for those relying on public transport.

Would you be interested in the the following leisure activities in Rendlesham



The graph above shows the level of interest in a range of leisure activities if they took place in Rendlesham. The practicality of whether the space is available for these activities to take place is questionable, given the current capacity of the community centre.

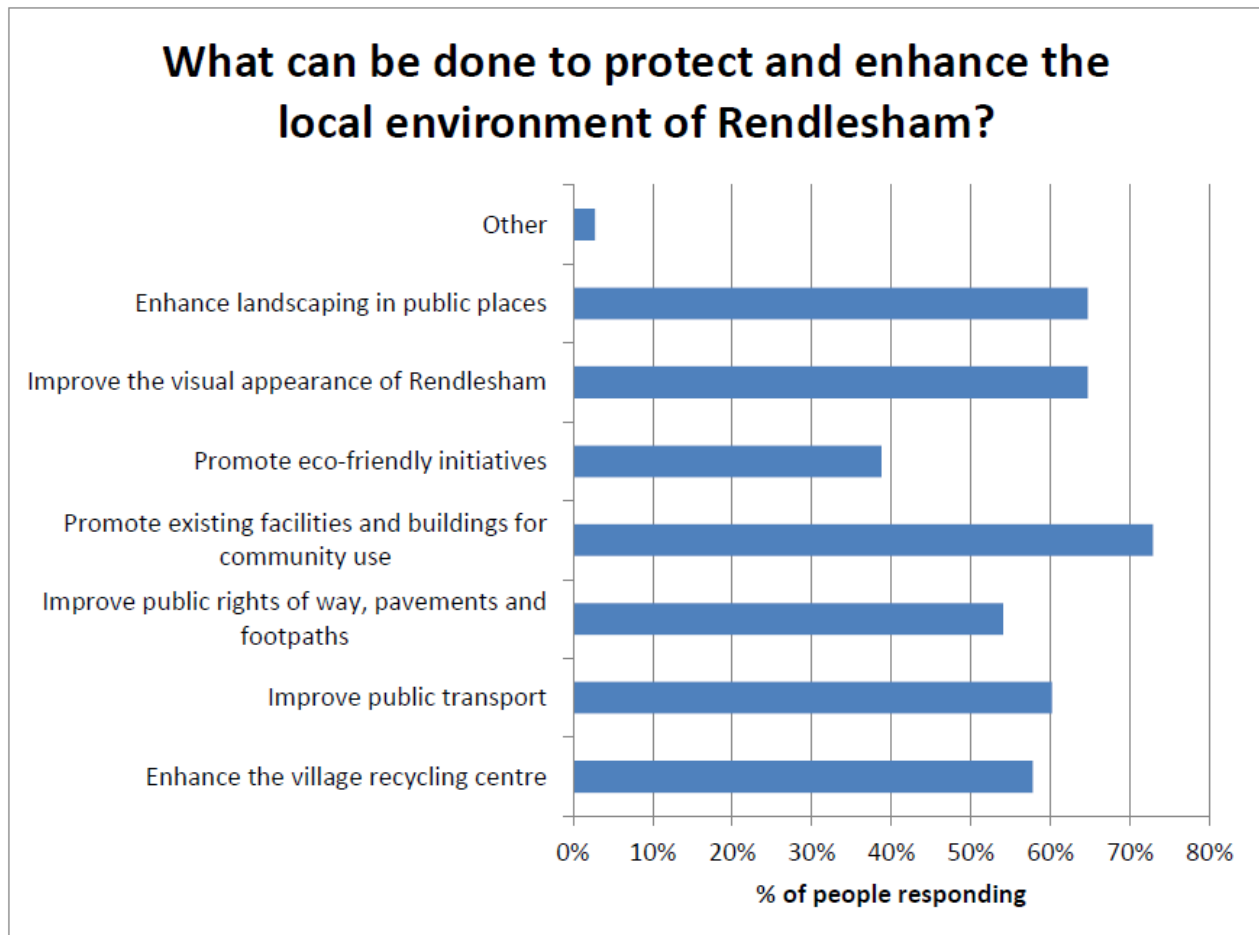


There are no available suitable premises, with the appropriate storage facilities within Rendlesham for these activities to take place. It is anticipated that, whilst the numbers above reflect those residents in Rendlesham wishing to take part, in reality these facilities/clubs would serve a much wider area, potentially with a 10-15 mile radius.

It is anticipated that the outdoor activities could take place on Jubilee Park, however, the indoor activities would be best suited in facilities in the District Centre where suitable premises could be provided.

Environment

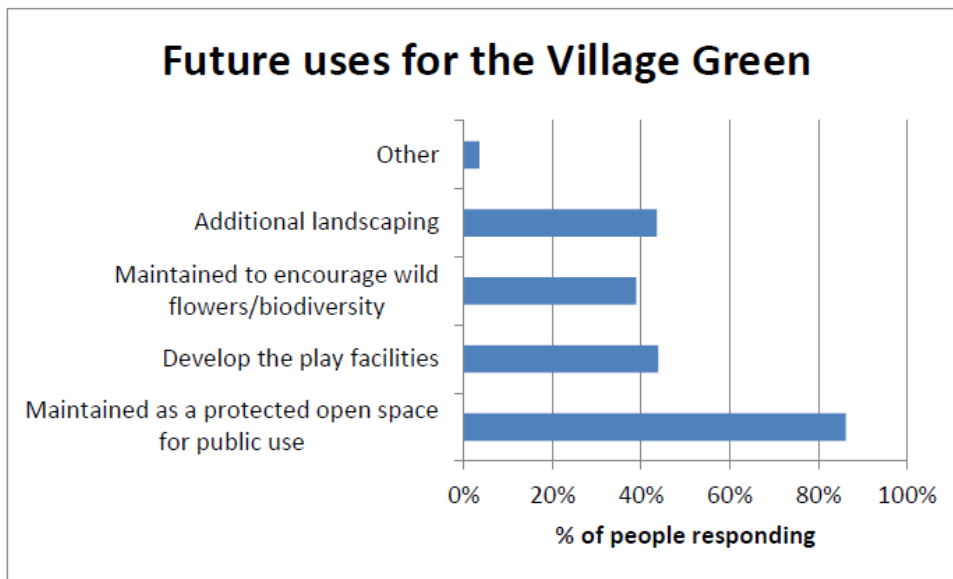
The local environment



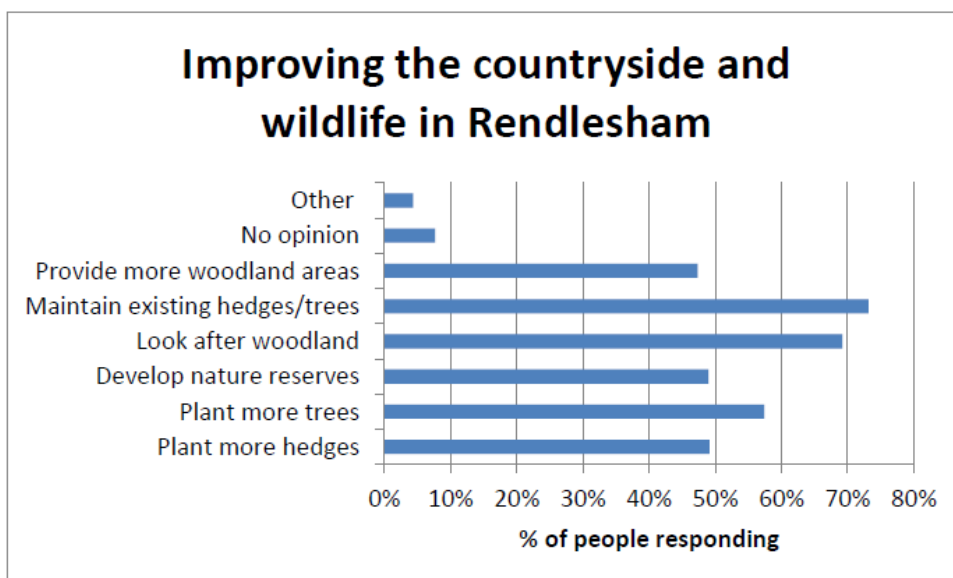
The evidence throughout this consultation exercise shows that the people of Rendlesham take great pride in the place where they live and aspire to the vision of the Neighbourhood Plan. They appreciate their surroundings and the value of achieving a sustainable way of living. This is further evidenced in other projects taking place in the village such as Transition Streets and Grow Me Rendlesham.

The Village Green

The Village Green is a piece of land that lies not only in the centre of the village but also in the centre of the District Centre and is highly valued by residents. The land has been used for community events but could be enhanced further under the ownership of the Parish Council. Residents were asked how they would like the Village Green to evolve over time.



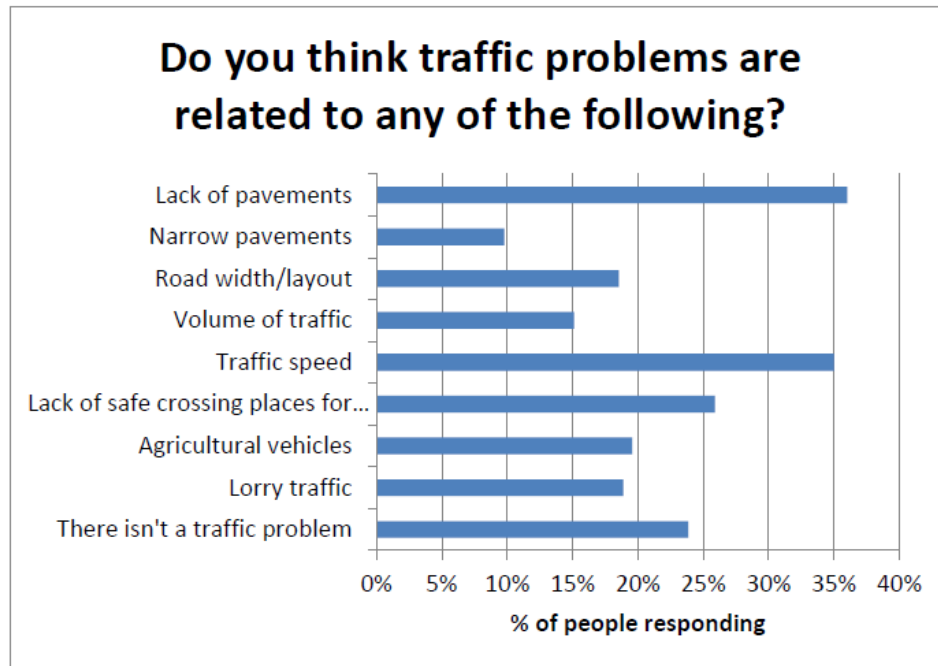
Countryside and wildlife in Rendlesham



There have been a number of ways identified which could improve the countryside and wildlife in Rendlesham. Links have already been created with Suffolk Wildlife Trust with a view to enhancing land due to come into the ownership of the Parish Council and future land that may become available through additional housing developments identified in the site specifics.

Traffic and Transport

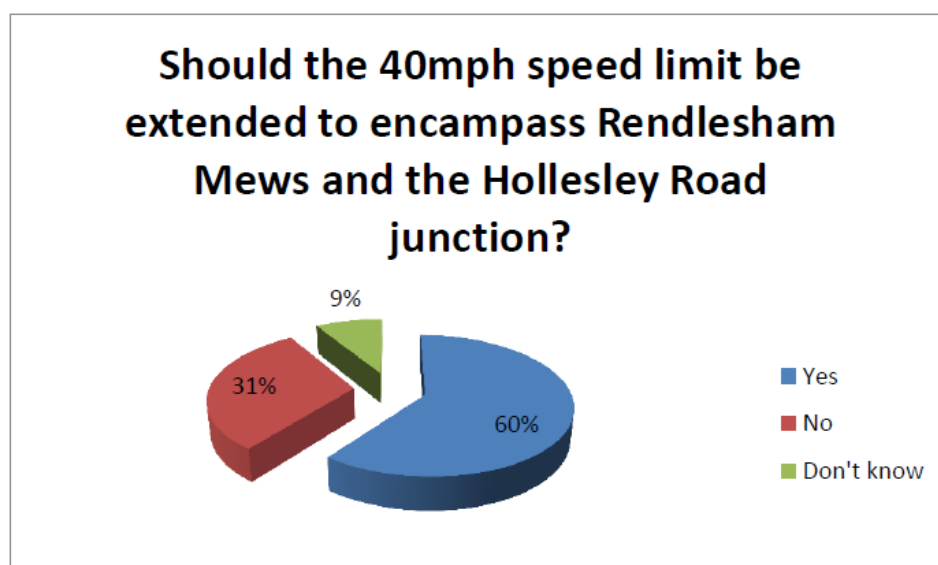
Traffic



The 2 main issues arising from this question are;

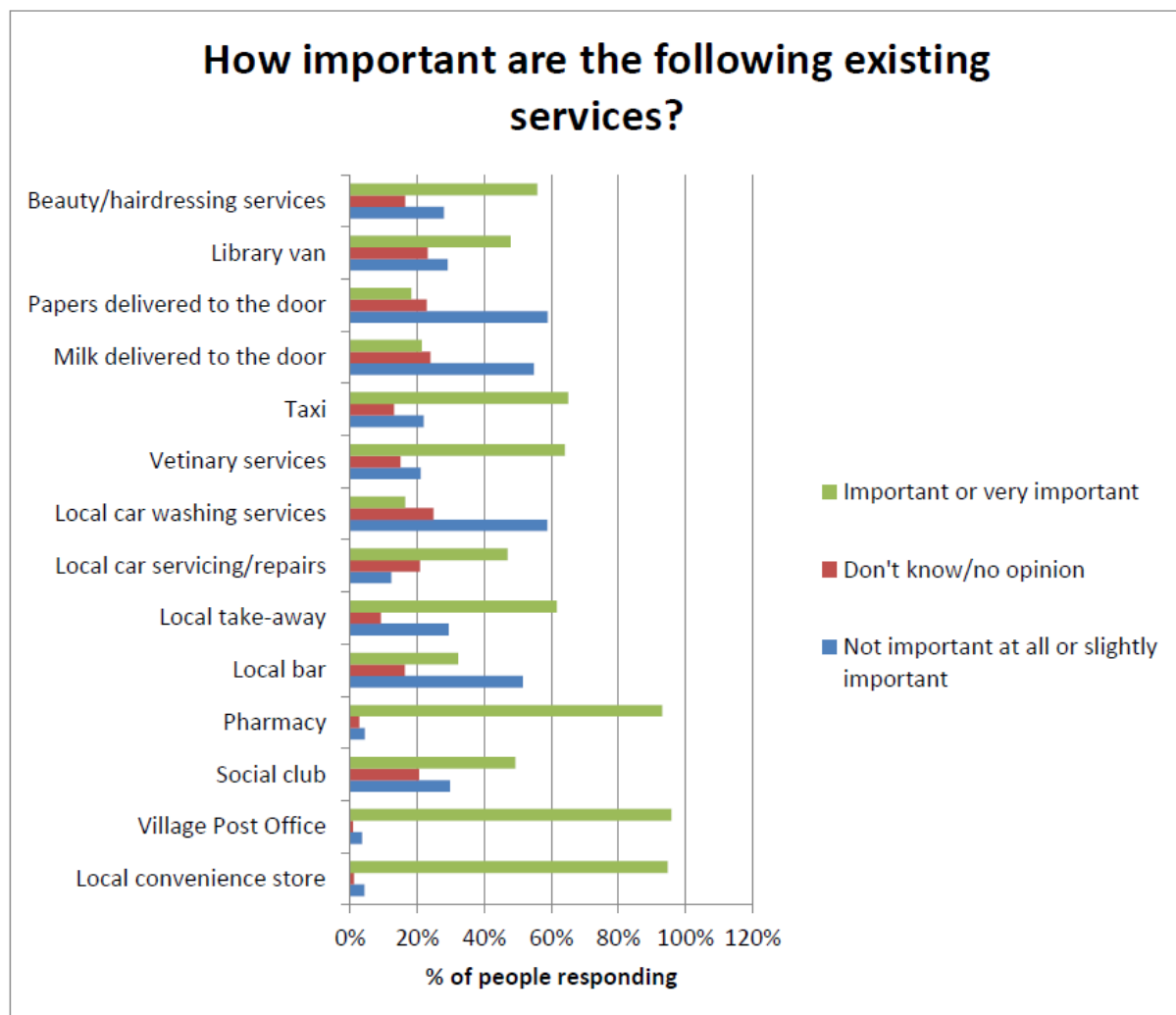
- Lack of pavements
- Traffic speed

The village is well provided with pavements and pedestrian walkways. The evidence supports the need for a pedestrian walkway/pavement from the entrance of Tower Field Road to Rendlesham Mews where retail and other service outlets operate from. Current access via foot is along the A1152 road which has a 40mph speed limit that changes to a 60mph speed limit.



Shops and Services

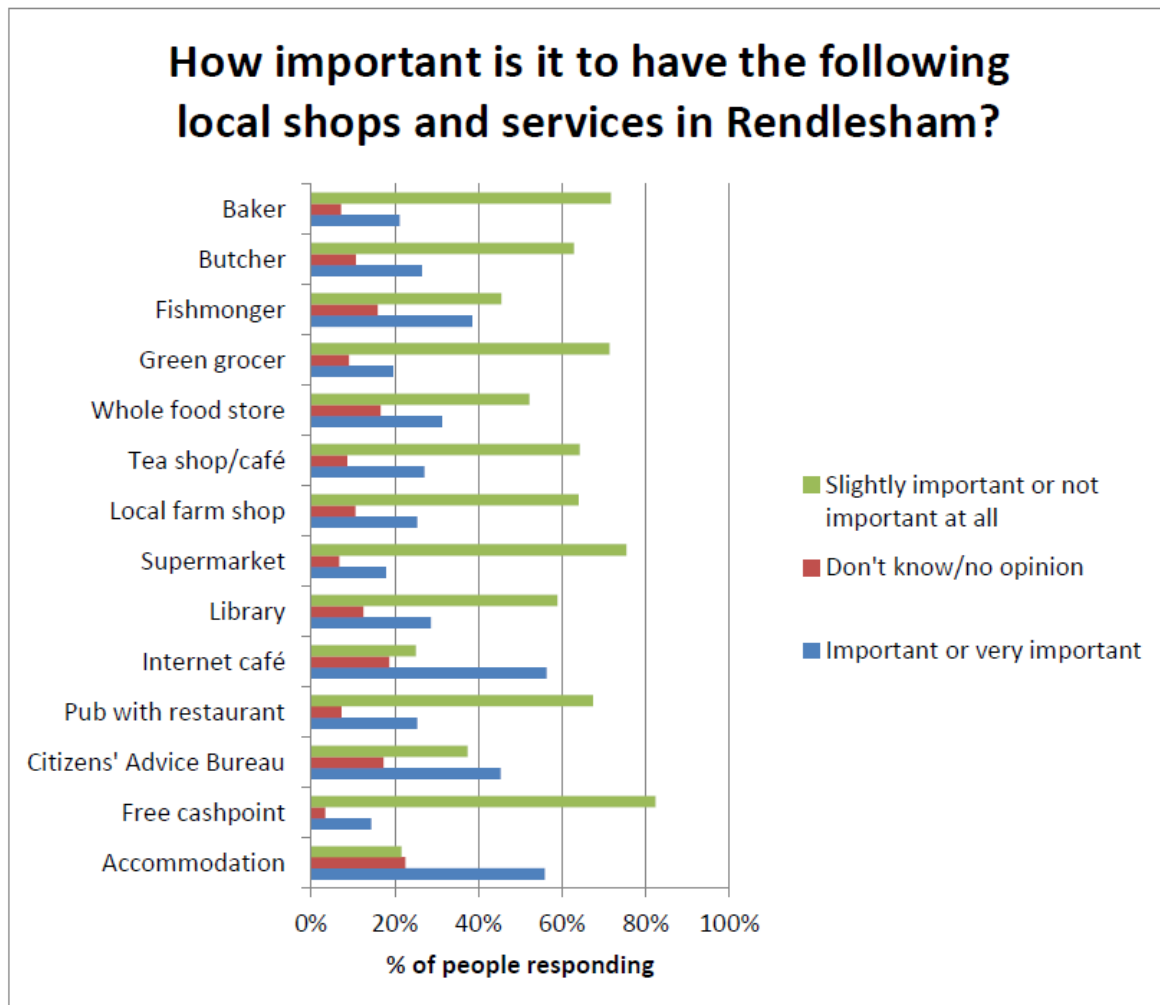
The provision of additional shops and services has featured strongly in the evidence gathered in this consultation. In this section residents were asked how important they felt the existing local shops and services were and which shops and services would be important to have in the future.



The above identifies which services that currently exist are important to residents. The top 10 in order of importance are:

- 1) Village Post Office
- 2) Local convenience store
- 3) Pharmacy
- 4) Taxi
- 5) Veterinary
- 6) Take-away
- 7) Beauty/hairdressing
- 8) Social Club
- 9) Library van
- 10) Car servicing

In addition to this, and in particular looking to the services that are missing, residents were asked to identify how important it was to have the following additional services in Rendlesham. The list was drawn from feedback at previous consultation events.



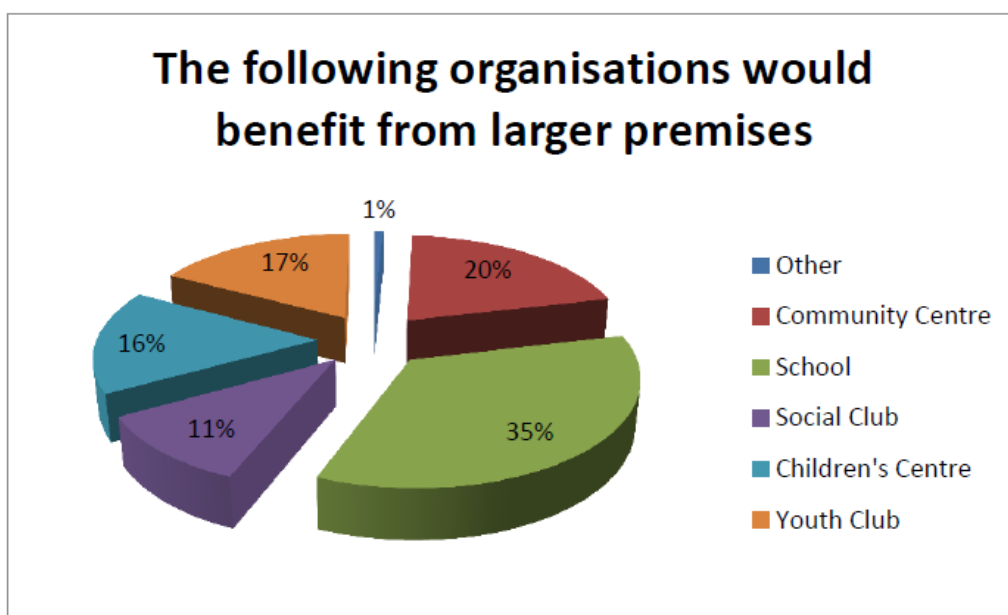
The responses above give clear evidence of the need for additional shops and services in the village, the majority of which could be argued should be located in the District Centre because of their nature.

Allotments

As part of the site allocations there were 184 people interested in having an allotment. This is deemed as sufficient demand from residents to include various sites for potential allotments within the Neighbourhood Plan.

Community Infrastructure

Looking back at the evidence in this report for additional community facilities in Rendlesham there is a need to provide additional physical infrastructure to house the activities that will provide community cohesion in the village. When combined with the need identified for larger premises for some of the key organisations in the village there is justification for creating allocation within the District Centre to enable the potential for larger premises to occur.



Parish Council

Precept

Funding the outcomes of the Neighbourhood Plan needs to be realistic. Funding will be forthcoming from future development in the village, but this alone will not fund everything to achieve the outcomes of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Parish Council asked if people would be willing to pay more in their precept to help meet the needs of Rendlesham identified through the Neighbourhood Plan process. 62.95% of people would support an increase in the precept of between £5-20 per month.



Supporting Neighbourhoods and Communities in Planning Rendlesham Neighbourhood Plan Report on Stakeholder Consultation: 20.3.13



Background

This report should be read in conjunction with the report on the drop in consultation held on 21.3.13.

The steering group were assisted by Helen Metcalfe a community planner (who was funded via the CPRE/NALC programme.) She supported the group, working closely with them to advice on the content of the consultation programme, to prepare the session outline (see appendix 1) and to facilitate discussion amongst the groups.

16 people attended, including all the major land owners and people who owned a business in Rendlesham.

Attendees:

Richard Johnson - Maharishi Foundation
 Sarah Brown - Bentwaters Parks
 Bill Kemball - Bentwaters Parks
 Lady Caroline Bunbury - Naunton Hall
 Justin D'Arcy - Stansall Properties
 John Marks - Rockford House
 Barrie Hayter - Rockford House
 Andrew Sheepshanks - Rendlesham Estates
 Lilia Sheepshanks - Rendlesham Estates
 Ray Herring - Leader of Suffolk Coastal District Council
 Dave Rushbrook - Rendlesham Parish Council
 Carole Brason - Rendlesham Parish Council

Kay Nash - Rendlesham Parish Council
 Clive Springle - Rendlesham Parish Council
 Heather Heelis - Rendlesham Parish Council
 Angela Robinson - NP Team Meeting

The workshop was an opportunity for the parish council to explain to local businesses and landowners why they were doing a NP and to get their input at the beginning of the process.

As part of its wider consultation and gathering of evidence the NP steering group had sent a survey to these businesses. This was also an opportunity to encourage people to return these surveys.

Format for the Workshop

Attendees were asked to comment on what they saw as the issues facing Rendlesham and to give their opinion on whether the emerging objectives and ideas for action were appropriate and could be viable.

The workshop was structured around a presentation from the Parish Council outlining why it was doing a NP. The delegates were asked to give their opinion on the issues that had been identified by the Parish Council and the NP objectives. All the questions were the same as those asked at the community drop in.

What issues do you think need to be addressed in the Neighbourhood Plan?

Delegates worked in 3 groups and their responses were as follows

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Employment versus housing: out of balance at present. More commercial development may reduce traffic as it would provide local employment. 2. Green space within the residential area needs increasing 3. Outside residential area – picnic site, access to Tunstall Forest and a safe crossing 4. Village identity – heart of the village needs retail and leisure 5. Broadband needs improving 6. Promote renewable energy solutions – school uses biomass boiler but we don't promote it enough.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lack of leisure facilities for youngsters e.g. skate park, ball games, gym? 2. Small starter units 3. Retirement homes – housing need to provide a mix of types 4. Supermarket?
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Primary school full 2. More shops 3. Social Amenities 4. Constraints of A1152 5. Further education/secondary school?

Do you agree with the objectives that will form the basis of the neighbourhood plan?

The sheets with the objectives and supplementary questions are at Appendix 2.

Group	1	2	3
Objective 1: To ensure that, as a priority, adequate community facilities are provided to support and address current deficiencies and to meet the future needs of local people.	<p>Objective endorsed</p> <p>Community facilities missing were a skate park, ball game small gym</p> <p>Concerned that local people are asked 'sensible' viable questions; don't believe retention of both sports centre and theatre is viable</p>	<p>Agree in principle but financial viability concerns</p> <p>Community facilities missing are youth sports – BMX, skate parks</p> <p>Must involve local businesses</p>	<p>Agree</p> <p>Young people need to feel wanted, need a place with amenities</p>
Objective 2: To ensure that key amenities in the village are connected by a network of safe and attractive walking and cycling routes so that the need to use a car to access community facilities within and outside Rendlesham is greatly reduced	<p>Agree</p> <p>Roads are busy and unsafe for cycles and walking. Need more cycle routes and footpaths with safe crossing points on the A1152 and in the village</p> <p>Actions needed are provision of cycle lanes between Rendlesham and Melton and safe pedestrian crossings</p>	<p>Agree</p> <p>Need to encourage outdoor activities by improving bridleways and footpaths. Possible picnic site at Ivy Lodge as part of Bentwaters planning application</p>	<p>Agree</p> <p>General feeling from residents that they are fenced in – need to think how we can allow residents increased access to adjoining countryside</p>
Objective 3: To encourage investment in existing and new open space and to support investment in the village green.	<p>NP policies should encourage wider spacing between dwellings and planned green spaces in between.</p>	<p>Agree</p> <p>Needed to strengthen village identity.</p> <p>Improvements</p>	<p>Agree</p> <p>Improve children's facilities on the green</p>

		should include seating areas, provision of allotments (within walking distance), better landscaping	
Objective 4: To support the delivery of high quality development that is attractive and also enriches the village due to its sensitive form and function.	<p>Agree</p> <p>Larger plot sizes needed with more space for gardens.</p> <p>There needs to be a better mix of housing types (style and value) and more landscaping in between.</p> <p>Rendlesham needs employment, retail and housing development.</p> <p>What about live work units?</p>	<p>Agree</p> <p>School design is special new community buildings should follow this model.</p> <p>Pub/restaurant and employment provision required.</p> <p>Design criteria should be modern, high tec and innovative</p>	<p>Agree</p> <p>Need additional sheltered housing for elderly.</p> <p>Low rise development</p> <p>Must include provision for visitor parking and more landscaping</p>
Objective 5: To identify small residential sites for affordable and market housing on the outskirts of the village to enable additional investment in Rendlesham to ensure the village grows in a sustainable manner.	<p>Disagree</p> <p>Don't think there is a need for more affordable housing than would come forward as part of 30% policy. Do not need more bungalows.</p> <p>Sites for development 350b, 350c, 559 to provide the link and 561. Front area of the enterprise park for commercial</p>	<p>Agree if balanced with business/economic development</p> <p>Additional affordable housing is required but must be balanced with allowing more commercial development.</p> <p>Wherever houses are built developers must provide and contribute to leisure facilities i.e.</p>	<p>Agree</p>

	development i.e. Supermarket on former BT site?	allotments and things for young people	
Objective 6: To support the growth of the local economy by encouraging development proposals that contributes to the creation and retention of local jobs.	<p>Agree</p> <p>Need more starter units to create jobs and reduce traffic volume leaving and returning.</p> <p>Looking for people who want to work hard. Skilled particularly in electronics.</p> <p>More houses and more residents would help our business grow. More residents would encourage us to invest more.</p> <p>Barriers to growth are availability of trained personnel and restrictive planning measures.</p>	<p>Agree</p> <p>Traffic congestion leaving and returning is a barrier to growth; need to employ more local people if they had the skills.</p> <p>Looking for skilled trades; do provide local training opportunities</p> <p>Hope the NP will continue a positive, realistic approach to growth and will be forward thinking.</p> <p>Securing planning consent at Bentwaters would enable us to invest more in Rendlesham.</p> <p>Current planning situation is a barrier to growth.</p>	<p>Agree</p> <p>Do recruit from local labour market</p>

Other comments

Various discussions added the following points:

The aspirations of the parish council, to acquire and operate both the sport centre and the angel theatre building, are unrealistic and financially unviable. Support for one site should be given for housing development in return for the low costs acquisition and help to refurbish the other building.

Bentwaters Business Park has a high occupancy level, there is demand and the provision could be expanded.

Traffic congestion is seen as a major impediment to further growth on the employment sites but if more local people could access these employment opportunities it would make Rendlesham more sustainable and reduce excessive commuting. Improved cycle and pedestrian access to the business park combined with policies that were positive in encouraging growth would enable more local people to work locally.

The Maharishi Foundation have plans for developing a local training centre, is there an opportunity for synergy here so that it could run courses that would help in plugging the skills gaps identified by local businesses who want to expand?

Implications for the Neighbourhood Plan

Consultation with local people has shown there would be support for development of the employment sites to the south of the A1152 to make the village a more sustainable place to live by providing more local employment opportunities. The feedback from this session was that the business community are equally willing to explore some development because they perceive there to be a commercial benefit in doing so.

The NP could explore the implications of redefining the settlement boundary to include sites to the south of the A1152 where this does not demonstrably harm any specific areas of particular wildlife or landscape value.

There would also need to be access improvements for pedestrians and cyclists from the roundabout to the business park which would need to be investigated. Funding for this may be more feasible if linked to the development of the land adjacent to the roundabout for a pub/restaurant use. (An idea supported at both consultation sessions.)

The responses from the delegates to issues like the provision of community facilities and their identification of the issues that needed addressing was in accord with the views held by the parish council and the local community.

The major divergence of view related to the stakeholder's assessment of the financial viability of trying to keep 2 large community buildings. The parish council are aware of these views and those of the CPRE/NALC planners who have been involved in developing the NP. An alternative approach may be necessary and the parish council have some sketch proposals for these 2 sites, produced by a landscape architect, which may need reviewing depending on the outcome of the planning application in April.

The strong feeling about being fenced in and the demand for better access to the adjoining countryside could be resolved by some of these landowners if there was a mutual understanding about the concerns of landowners and local people. It is hoped that the open dialogue required for the NP process could enable some footpaths to be opened up.

Concluding Remarks

It is usually quite difficult to get businesses and landowners involved in community consultation. The turnout at this workshop from all the major landowners (apart from the ones representing the owners of the sports centre and angel theatre sites) is a very positive sign that there is real opportunity to use the NP to work with this vital section of Rendlesham community.

Equally there appears to be much accord between the parish council and the business community in the recognition of the problems facing Rendlesham. The attendees at this session are key to developing policies that could address the majority of these concerns.

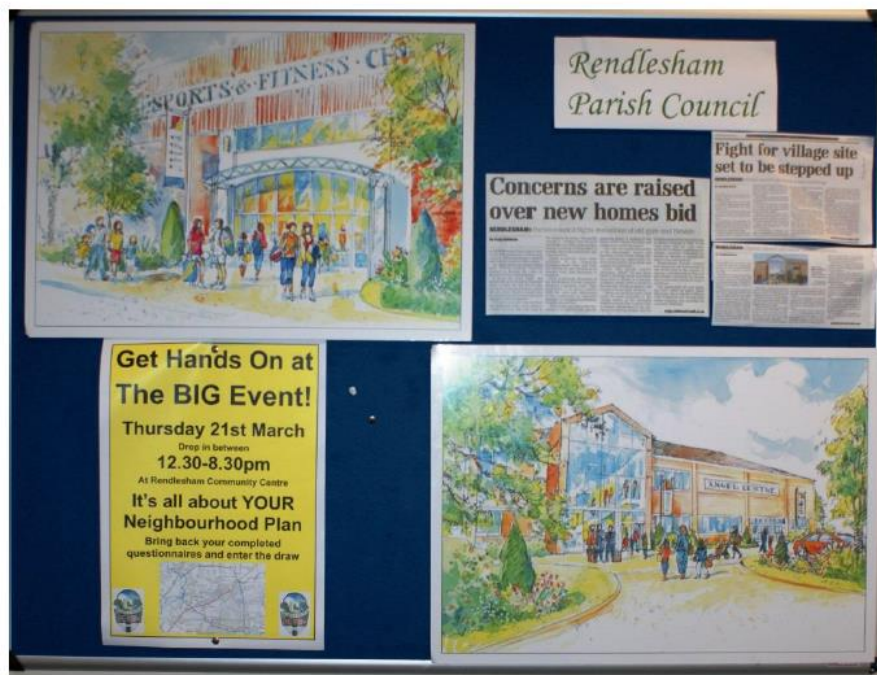


Helen Metcalfe March 2013



**Supporting Neighbourhoods and Communities in Planning
Rendlesham Neighbourhood Plan
Report on Drop In Consultation: 21.3.13**





Background

In February 2012 a planning application was submitted for the redevelopment of 2 sites in the centre of Rendlesham. The sites were the former Angel Theatre and former sport centre. Both buildings had been used by the community until they were closed 3 years ago. The planning application for housing triggered a strong protest from the local community and was the catalyst which focused the Parish Council on doing a Neighbourhood Plan (NP). The village had grown by 65% since the closure of the American air base in the 1990's and now has a population of over 3,000. All the new development has been housing except for the provision of a community centre (that the community say is too small given the lack of alternative venues for community activities) a convenience shop, wine bar and 2 other small shops.

The Parish Council had organised a community audit day and public meeting in autumn 2012 before committing to do a NP. Rendlesham's NP is being led by a steering group which include the Clerk of the Parish Council and other active members of the community. The steering group had secured support via the CPRE/NALC programme for 2 training packages, on consultation and evidence base.

The steering group had developed a draft vision and objectives for their Neighbourhood Plan and needed to consult widely with the community to seek a mandate to develop actions in accordance with these. The steering group did have some ideas for action and where possible they also sought comments on these.

The steering group also wanted to encourage people to discuss what they considered to be the issues facing Rendlesham and how these could be addressed via the Neighbourhood Plan to ensure they were focusing on the issues that mattered to local people.

With support from the CPRE/NALC programme the Parish Council was also working on establishing its evidence base for their emerging policies. This included producing 3 questionnaires, one for young people, one for the business community and one general one. These are attached at Appendix 1, 2 and 3.

This drop in session was part of a week of consultation which also included an evening meeting with the landowners and businesses in the parish (see separate report.)

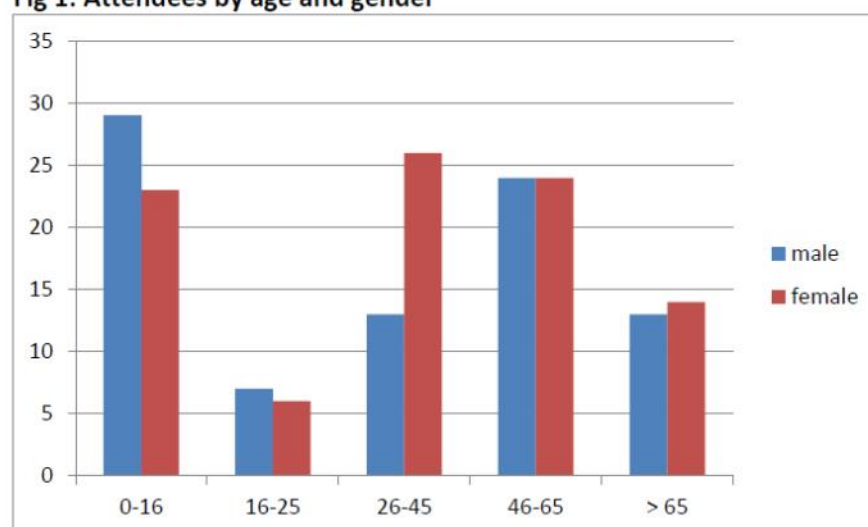
Format for the Workshop

The drop in session was held on 21st March from 12.30-8.30 to get peoples comments on the draft vision and objectives, to tell the Parish Council what they wanted to see in the Neighbourhood Plan and as an opportunity to return the questionnaires.

The steering group were assisted by Helen Metcalfe a community planner (who was funded by via the CPRE/NALC programme.) Throughout the drop in members of the steering group were also available to assist in the discussions with attendees as they answered the questions.

179 people attended the drop in session. The breakdown of age and gender is shown in fig 1.

Fig 1: Attendees by age and gender



There was good representation across all age groups although the relatively low numbers from the 16-25 cohorts and the male 26-45 cohort suggests that further specific consultation with these groups should be considered. For example the Sure Start groups may have participants from the 16-25 group and the maps and questions could be taken to one of their sessions with the permission of the Sure Start staff.

The brief was to run a consultation session to confirm what local people perceived to be the issues that could be addressed in a Neighbourhood Plan and to begin to present some possible policy solutions, to get views at pre-draft stage on some of the emerging ideas.

Upon arrival attendees were asked to put a star on a map showing where they lived and a blue spot showing where they worked (if it was on the map). This is the community map which is being used to show where everyone who participates on the Neighbourhood Plan consultation lives. It already had stars and spots on showing where people lived and worked from the stakeholder session the night before. This ensures that data is consistently built up to show the extent of reach of the consultation process and provides an opportunity to get some additional socio- economic information about who is working (and where) in Rendlesham.

The questions focused on the draft objectives with prompt questions in the same format as the stakeholder session. Participants were asked to say if they agreed or disagreed with the objectives but then to add comments on post it notes.

There were also 2 maps which people were asked to comment on. One related to objective 2 and asked people to draw on the map where they cycled and walked and where they would like to cycle and walk. The second map asked people to put coloured spots on areas they liked and wanted to protect, areas they didn't like and areas they thought could be developed.

Objective 1: To ensure that, as a priority, adequate community facilities are provided to support and address current deficiencies and to meet the future needs of local people.

There was unanimous support for this objective and 21 people endorsed this.

What community facilities do you think are missing?

Facilities for young people: Skate Park (lots of support for this), BMX Park, place to chill out indoors

A decent **pub** (location suggested was on the roundabout on the A5112)

Leisure facilities: for indoor bowls, trampolining, gym, swimming pool (the nearest is Woodbridge or Leiston), badminton (one teenager has to go to Felixstowe to play)

Shops and a cafe: a selection of local shops to provide competition and better quality and prices.

Implications for the Neighbourhood Plan

This is a community that has a population of > 3,000 but with only the very basic community infrastructure. The NP needs to use development to secure the community facilities necessary to ensure that Rendlesham remains a pleasant place to live. Rendlesham is a thriving community with young families attracted by the large scale house building that has occurred in the past 10 years and is continuing. There is an urgent need for facilities for young people in particular but there is also a community mandate expressed here to investigate the provision of other things like the allocation of a site to encourage the development a family pub and skate park.

Objective 2: To ensure that key amenities in the village are connected by a network of safe and attractive walking and cycling routes so that the need to use a car to access community facilities within and outside Rendlesham is greatly reduced

There was unanimous support for this objective and 21 people endorsed this.

Respondents were asked to show on a map where they cycle in blue pen and where they walk in black pen and where they would like to walk or cycle in red pen. This combined with the comments under the objective gave a consistent view that people feel able to walk and cycle safely within Rendlesham but walking or cycling out of the village is dangerous or obstructed. The A5112 is narrow and lacks footpaths making it dangerous for cyclists and walkers. For historic reasons due to the land in and around Rendlesham being owned by the Ministry of Defence there seems to be far fewer rights of way across the fields around the village than you would normally expect. Local people consequently feel hemmed in. The high fence along the boundary to Jubilee Park is particularly resented, as is the gate blocking the end of Garden Square from the network of informal footpaths around.

Red lines show where people want to walk/cycle



What actions do you think could be promoted via the Neighbourhood Plan to improve walking and cycling routes to get around and to get from and to Rendlesham?

Respondents wanted a footpath to get to Rendlesham Mews as people regularly have to walk along the A1152 to access the businesses and few shops there. Access through from the end of Suffolk Drive to the west would mean people could walk or cycle further along safer streets before cutting down to the A1152 to get to Eyke.

Footpaths on the A1152 in both directions were requested. Various respondents noted they had to get in their cars and 'drive 5 minutes' before they could go for a walk. One of the benefits of living in a rural area (direct access to the countryside) appears limited in Rendlesham.

Several people noted that legibility was an issue in the village due to the layout of streets and cul de sacs. Sat navs didn't help and a map of the village situated in the centre (by the village green) was suggested by several people.

Implications for the Neighbourhood Plan

The NP should include policies that promote the development of a network of cycling and footpath routes that extend into the countryside from the residential areas of the village. Additional development will bring a developer contribution that may be in the form of a community infrastructure levy (Suffolk Coastal District Council is currently considering the application of a CIL policy). CIL money could be used to improve the A1152 making it more suitable for pedestrians and cyclists. It should be a priority to improve access to Rendlesham Mews.

Objective 3: To encourage investment in existing and new open space and to support investment in the village green.

There was unanimous support for this objective and 26 people endorsed this.

What improvements do you think could be made to the village green?

There were a lot of suggestions for improving the village green with other people endorsing the comments below (numbers shown in brackets):

Make the play area bigger for older children (5)

Put some benches on it so parents can watch children (5)

Level it out and use natural materials for play equipment like at Sutton Hoo

Ban dogs on the village green [and at Jubilee Park¹] (9)

Seats along the brick pathway (4)

Maintain play areas so children are safe to play on them (4)

What policies do you think could be in the Neighbourhood Plan to ensure that new housing development integrates open space within residential areas to create well designed green spaces?

Shared gardens, more dog free areas, more trees and hedges (2)

¹ This was added by a participant

Implications for the Neighbourhood Plan

Policies should be developed in the NP that promotes the improvement of the village green including investment in play equipment. More discussion and consultation is required on additional policies that would improve the landscaping of existing and new development as there was only one response to this question. This should include showing examples of best practice in the layout of housing (reference should be made to the Building for Life 2012 criteria).

Objective 4: To support the delivery of high quality development that is attractive and also enriches the village due to its sensitive form and function.

12 people disagreed with this objective 4 people endorsed it.

14 people did not want any housing at all. 3 people only wanted housing if community facilities were provided.

What type of high quality development do you think Rendlesham needs the most (e.g. employment, retail and housing)?

Despite the clear response from some people others did have suggestions for the sort of development that would be acceptable.

Lower density (4)

Eco friendly

Distinctive design like the houses built according to Vasat architecture

Bungalows (3)

Build new properties in old Rendlesham (3)

New housing should require off road parking (2)

Retail and leisure development is required rather than housing development (8)

What do you think should be the design criteria?

No high rise flats, nothing higher than 2/3 storey.

Implications for the Neighbourhood Plan

These responses should be considered in relation to the Housing Needs Survey 2012 that showed a demand for 20-30 housing units primarily for single people and expanding young families requiring an additional bedroom.

It is likely that the resistance to any further housing expressed by some respondents is due to the current imbalance between housing development and the provision of facilities that would make Rendlesham a nicer place to live.

For the NP to promote policies for further housing development many local people would need to see direct links (from planning gain/CIL investment) to secure the provision of community facilities.

People are likely to be more engaged in questions about design if they can see examples of good and bad design. Awareness raising about the Building for Life 12 code for example, would assist people in considering the sort of design framework that could be part of the NP policies.

Objective 5: To identify small residential sites for affordable and market housing on the outskirts of the village to enable additional investment in Rendlesham to ensure the village grows in a sustainable manner.

4 people disagreed with this objective; no one actually endorsed it.

Do you think there is a need for additional affordable housing in the village above the quota that would come forward through the normal release of sites?

8 people disagreed and one person agreed with this statement (but this response needs to be balanced with the feedback from the Housing Needs Survey.)

One person noted that 'more housing makes more infrastructure more viable'.

2 respondents wanted plots for self-build and shared equity housing.

Are there any additional facilities that you think would be necessary in the village if additional housing was allocated?

Several people commented that the school is already full with local children having to go to school in Eyke so additional housing without an expansion of the school would be unacceptable. 3 people noted that the primary school was at capacity, any further development should require an extension to the school. Other facilities required were a café (4), a pub/restaurant, more shops, leisure facilities and public toilets.

Are there particular sites that you consider would be good for development? (Refer to SHLAA sites and map if required) Why? Please declare an interest if you have one!

No one responded directly to this question here but there were sites suggested as part of the map exercise (see below).

Objective 6: To support the growth of the local economy by encouraging development proposals that contributes to the creation and retention of local jobs.

This objective was put up for completeness at the event. There were fewer comments in general as most of the local business community had attended the stakeholder session the previous evening (see separate report).

Responses to the questions were as follows:

What would encourage you to invest more in Rendlesham?

A young adults and adult education facility

What support would you hope to see via the Neighbourhood Plan that would help your business to grow?

Better internet communications (3) 'I can't work as a home tutor here'.

Considering the issues



Area Review

Using 2 maps attendees were asked to show areas that they liked and needed protecting (green spots), areas that they disliked (red spots) and areas that could be developed as part of a Neighbourhood Plan policy (yellow spots).



The maps attracted the most interest and people spent most of their time looking at other people's comments and adding their own.

The spread of the coloured spots shows quite clearly the community's concerns about the Angel Theatre site. Significantly on both sites people either wanted the buildings protecting or redeveloping but not for housing.

There were no red spots on the sports centre site possibly because the building is less vandalised and therefore is less of an eye sore?

Places people like and want to protect: Jubilee Park, the village green, the walk through the woodland area from Pine Close to Hercules Road, the open fields behind Suffolk Drive (possible because people know it is a SHLAA site?). People like the alleyways and cut throughs and felt safe using them.

Areas that could be developed: The land around Rockford House was seen as an area for potential development and the land to the north of the roundabout was identified by

several people as a good location for a pub/restaurant facility. The site at the southern end of the village near the water tower was promoted as a potential development site by the landowner. This area had been the original centre of the village in the 1920's. One respondent had approached Bentwaters Business Park to propose the reuse of one of the hangars as an indoor skate park but this was not supported by the owners.

The second map covered a wider area and showed there was interest in considering the development of some land to the south of the A1152. The village boundary was drawn by Suffolk coastal along the line of the A1152 but with employment land on the other side of the road and an interest from landowners in some development this is something that the NP process should investigate. This idea was also expounded at the stakeholder consultation session.



Comments around the maps endorsed the comments made under the objectives. In fact a lot of people answered the questions on the boards by looking and making comments on the map. Comments included

1. The need for a skate park facility
2. The need for pedestrian access to Rendlesham Mews (ideally from Suffolk Drive). If this was opened up this would also create a much safer cycle route to Eyke.
3. The need to utilise the angel theatre and sports centre sites for community use
4. The desire of sports/leisure facilities
5. The opportunity to develop the site north of the roundabout (for a pub)
6. To develop Bentwaters business park
7. To consider some housing development south of the A1152 near the water tower.

8. Land around Rockford House a suggested location for allotments?
9. The need to walk out into the countryside from Tidy Road, Garden Square and Jubilee Park.

Consultation with Year 5 from Rendlesham Primary School

Between 2pm and 3pm the Head Teacher from the Primary School brought a class of 22 10 years olds to the community centre to enable them to have their say about the Neighbourhood Plan. The children were asked to use the same colour code to say what they liked and wanted to protect (green spots) didn't like (red spots) and areas that could be developed (yellow spots). The children worked in 4 groups with a teacher or steering group member.

Several of the children couldn't think of anything they didn't like about Rendlesham. However there were more red spots on the Angel Theatre and Sports Centre sites. They loved Jubilee Park but wanted a skate park. They also loved their school and the village green although the equipment needed improving.

Each group commented on how much they wanted the sports centre to re-open so they could use the sports facilities.

The Head Teacher commented that there was a 'hardness' to Rendlesham. Some older children (secondary school age) tended to hang around with little to do outside the shops and on the village green that made her feel uncomfortable at times.

The children then designed their ideal town based on good town planning principles. They were told to put in it all the things they would like to have in Rendlesham. The model towns were left up in the room and several children got their parents to come after school to look at them which in turn got the parents involved in the consultation as well.

Using the coloured spots on the maps



Designing their Ideal Town



The drop in consultation continued with the school session running alongside.



In the evening teenagers attending the youth club dropped in!





Concluding Remarks

The active participation of 179 people at this session is testament to the interest the NP is generating in Rendlesham. The event had been well promoted by the NP Steering Group who were well organised. The submission of the NP survey to coincide with the event gave another reason for people to attend and had been a way of promoting the drop in session. The drop in was held on a day when groups were on in the building which made it easier for people to participate.

The comments from the drop in session will be considered alongside the feedback from the stakeholder event and the questionnaires to build up a mandate for the development of policies in the NP.



Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report Consultation List

Organisation
Anglian Water
Bentwaters Park
British Gas
Bromeswell Parish Council
BT
Bunbury - land owner
Campsea Ashe Parish Council
Disability Advice Service
East Suffolk Partnership
EDF Energy
EDF Energy PLC
English Heritage
Environment Agency
Eyke Parish Council
Highways Agency
Homes and Communities Agency
Ipswich & East Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group
Melton Parish Council
Natural England
Now 43
Over 60's Club
Rendlesham Children's Centre
Rendlesham Community Centre
Rendlesham Community Church
Rendlesham Dental Practice
Rendlesham PCC
Rendlesham Primary School
Rendlesham Social Club
Rockford House
Sheepshanks - land owner
Snape Parish Council
Sport England
Stansall Properties
Suffolk Coastal District Council
Suffolk County Council
Therese Coffey
Tunstall Parish Council
Wantisden, Butley & Capel Parish Council