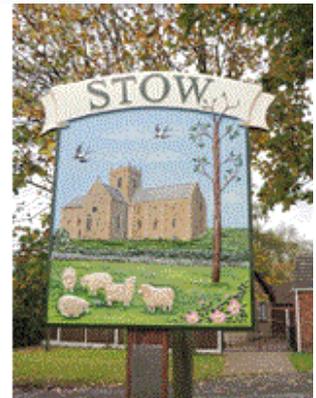
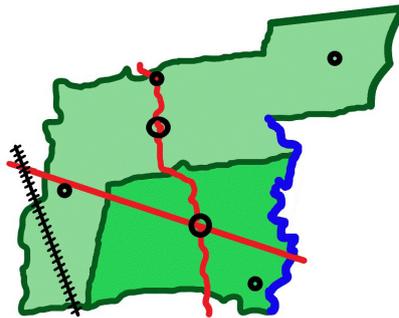


# Sturton by Stow and Stow Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Analysis Report



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## What is Neighbourhood Planning?

Neighbourhood (Development) Plans give communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of their local area over the next ten, fifteen, twenty years in ways that meet identified local need and make sense for local people.

Local people are able to choose where they want new homes, shops and offices to be built, have their say on what those new buildings should look like and what infrastructure should be provided. A Neighbourhood Plan provides the opportunity for communities to set out a positive vision for how they want their community to develop.

Neighbourhood Development Plans will become part of the Local Plan and the policies contained within will be used in the determination of planning applications. It must be stressed that the policies produced cannot block development that are already part of the Local Plan (if in place). What they can do is shape where that development will go and what it will look like.

## What is the Central Lincolnshire Plan (Local Plan) and how will the Neighbourhood Plan fit in?



The Central Lincolnshire Local Plan was formally adopted in 2017 and now forms part of the Development Plan for the Central Lincolnshire authorities until 2036.

The Plan is a planning policy document that local planning authorities are required to produce. It is used as a guide against which planning applications will be determined for such things as:

- The location of new homes
- The creation of new jobs
- The protection of open spaces

The Plan must be in accordance with the National Policy Planning Framework (NPPF). The Local Plan covers the Districts of West Lindsey, North Kesteven and the City of Lincoln.

A Community's Neighbourhood Plan will need to consider the key issues and principles coming from the Local Plan's consultation, in preparing its own document. It may be that the Local Plan will address a number of the fundamental issues raised which would mean that the Neighbourhood Plan could potentially have fewer policies and be a simpler, more selective document.

The Neighbourhood Plan cannot promote less development than the Local Plan recommends but can, if passed by the inspector, specify policies and guidance on how new development should be designed, orientated and located.

The Neighbourhood Plan can also guide the provision of infrastructure e.g. setting out priorities for new development such as upgrading local paths and open spaces. In addition it can identify the need for new community facilities and where they should be located.

The Neighbourhood Plan will become part of the statutory Development Plan (Local Plan) for the area if successful at the referendum stage.

For more information about the Central Lincolnshire Plan visit:

[www.central-lincs.org.uk](http://www.central-lincs.org.uk)

## Introduction and Background

The Sturton by Stow and Stow Parish Councils created a partnership to develop a joint Neighbourhood Plan. As such they set up one single Neighbourhood Plan subcommittee (NP group), combining members of both Parish Councils and volunteers from both parishes. The group held an initial consultation event in 2017 and had a presence at various events, raising awareness of the Neighbourhood Plan in 2018 before receiving a grant to employ professional support to assist with consulting households and businesses in the parishes of Sturton by Stow and Stow.

This report relates to analysis of the parish wide consultation undertaken in January 2019.

## Client Brief

Community Lincs were asked to:

- Design a residents' questionnaire\* in collaboration with the NP group and produce hard copy questionnaires and an online SurveyMonkey version.
- Design a business questionnaire \* to understand the needs of business development in the future, producing an online SurveyMonkey version.
- Data input and analysis of these two consultation exercises.
- Produce a final report of the results and feedback to the NP group.

\* Copies of the questionnaires used as part of this consultation are available in **Appendices 2 and 11**.

### Analysis Methodology Quantitative and Qualitative Data Handling

This analysis is based returned questionnaires only, and does not take into consideration 70.61% of the Sturton by Stow and 72.26% of the Stow survey population. Whilst the questionnaire response rate across both parishes was comparable with similar surveys of this type, no inference can be made that the responses wholly represent the two parishes. However the analysis will be used as a guide to opinions in order to shape the vision of the Sturton and Stow Neighbourhood Plan. The final Plan will be subject to the two parishes' approval via a referendum.

### Analysis of the Residents' Questionnaire

A questionnaire was considered to be the most effective way to reach the parishes, giving all members the opportunity to respond in a consistent and measurable way to a range of questions in support of the community consultation process.

The design of the questionnaire was based on the need to incorporate key issues identified by the NP group from an initial consultation with the parishes in November 2017 (**Appendix 1**). The method of design involved both Community Lincs and the NP group drafting and refining the questions to ensure overall size of the questionnaire was appropriate whilst important themes were covered.

The population of Sturton by Stow and Stow from the 2011 census was 1,370 and 365 respectively, comprising of 595 and 155 households.

Every household received a paper questionnaire; residents had the option of completing and returning this paper version, or completing an online version. The number of questionnaires delivered and returned is as follows:

	Sturton by Stow	Stow
Number delivered	<b>660</b>	<b>167</b>
Number of paper copies returned via collection boxes placed at strategic points around the parishes	<b>143</b>	<b>26</b>
Number completed online	<b>51</b>	<b>27</b>
Total returned	<b>194</b>	<b>53</b>
Total % return rate based on one questionnaire per household	<b>29.39%</b>	<b>31.73%</b>

The paper questionnaire data was inputted to SurveyMonkey for analysis, independently by Community Lincs.

A copy of the questionnaire is included in **Appendix 2**.



For report writing purposes the settlements of Bransby, Rural District, Sturton by Stow and Westwood have been identified under the parish of Sturton by Stow.

Stow parish includes the settlements of Stow, Coates, Normanby by Stow and Stow Park.

Where respondents have written their own comments, we have made little or no change to spelling and grammar.

## Analysis of Residents' Questionnaire

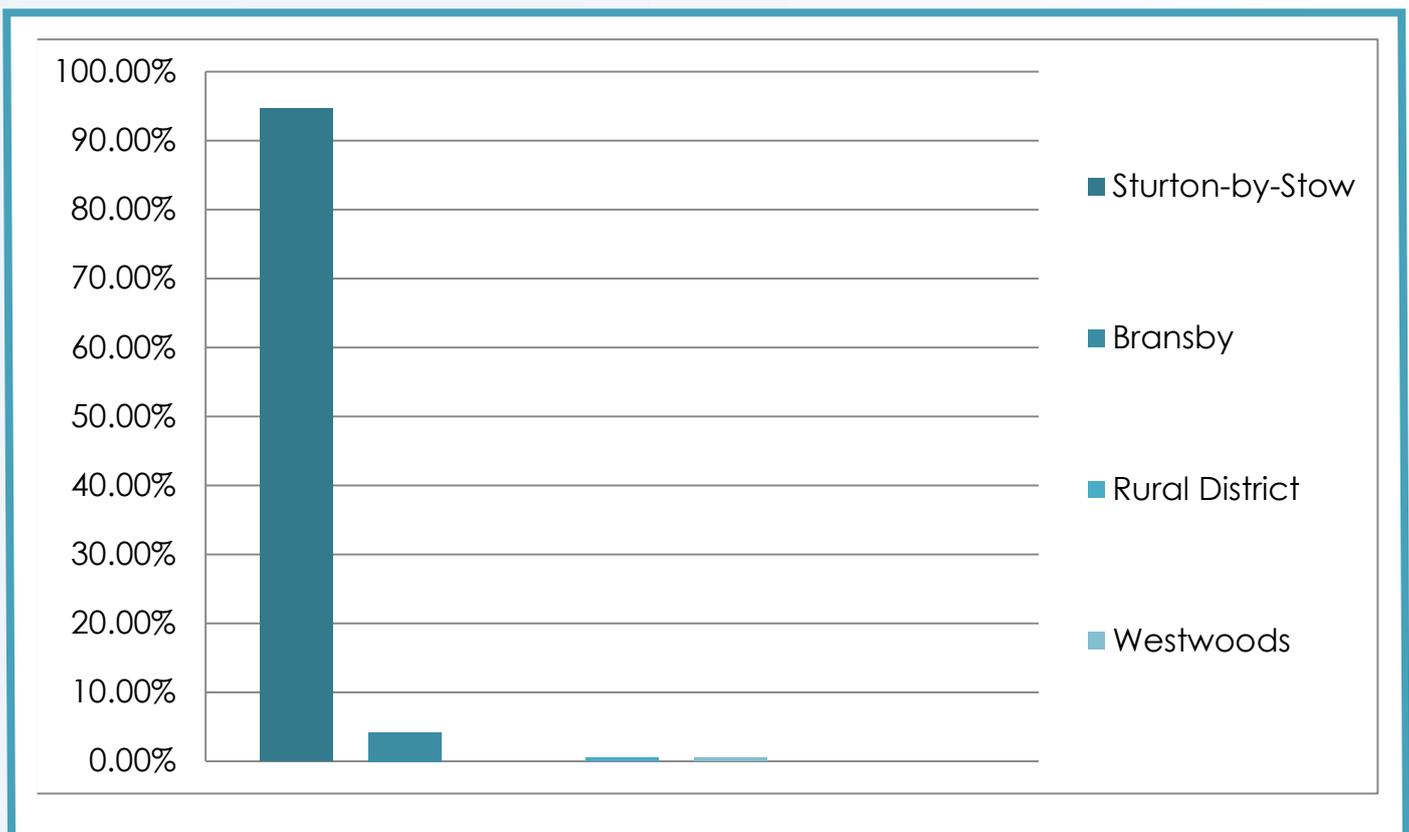
The questionnaire was delivered and publicised as two versions, one for households in the parish of Sturton by Stow and one for households in Stow. As such, the analysis below reflects these two versions.

Sturton by Stow includes a number of different settlements, these have all be included under the parish name of Sturton by Stow, unless otherwise indicated.

### Question 1

**As this questionnaire covers two parishes including a number of settlements, please indicate where you live:**

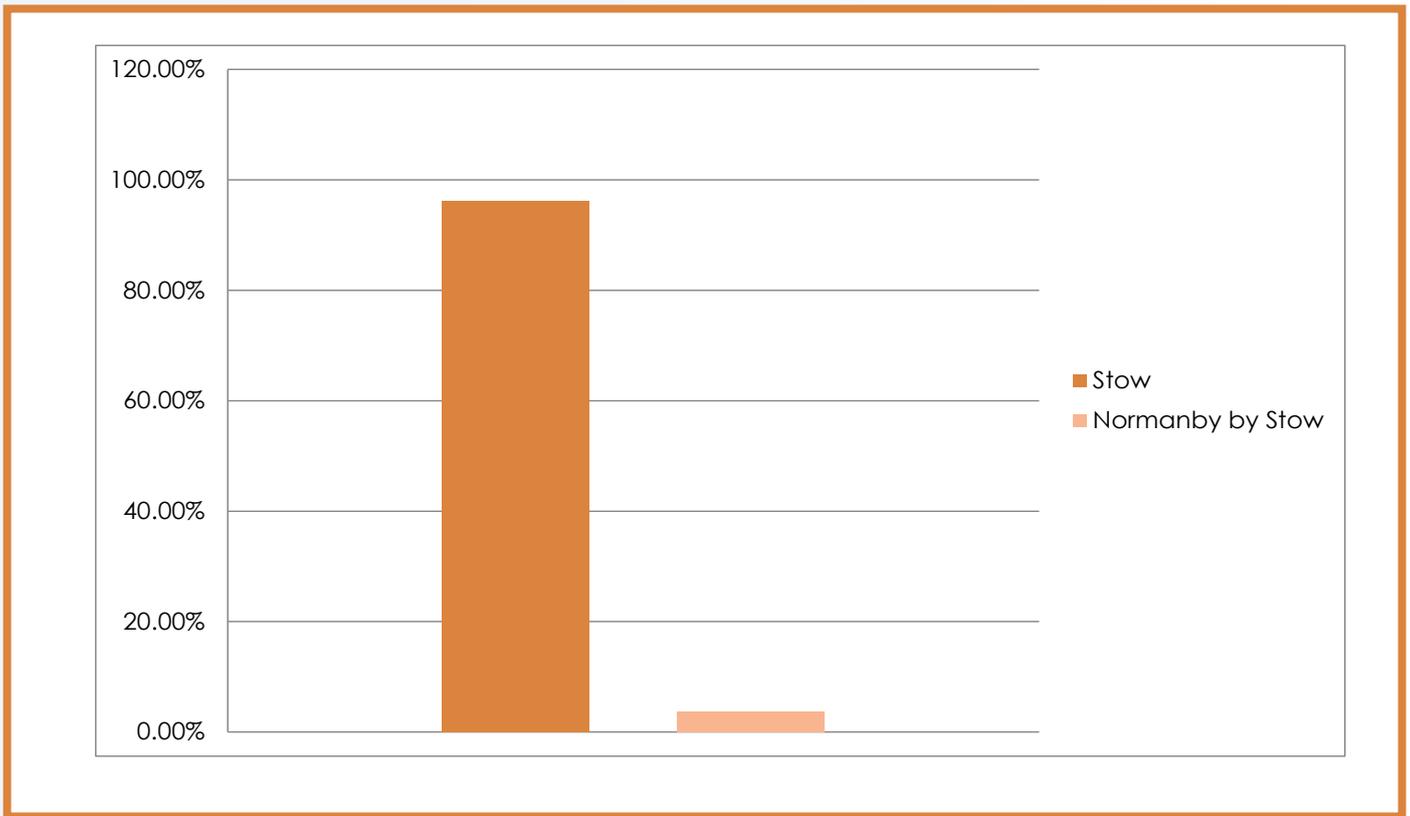
Sturton by Stow	Stow
190 responses were collected, with four respondents choosing to skip the question.	53 responses were collected, with no respondents choosing to skip the question.



**Figure 1 - Sturton by Stow**

Figure 1 shows that 94.74% of respondents live in Sturton by Stow. Other respondents live in, Rural Distict and Westwoods.

Figure 2 shows 96.23% of respondents live in Stow. The other respondents are from Normanby by Stow.



**Figure 2 - Stow**

## Your Parish

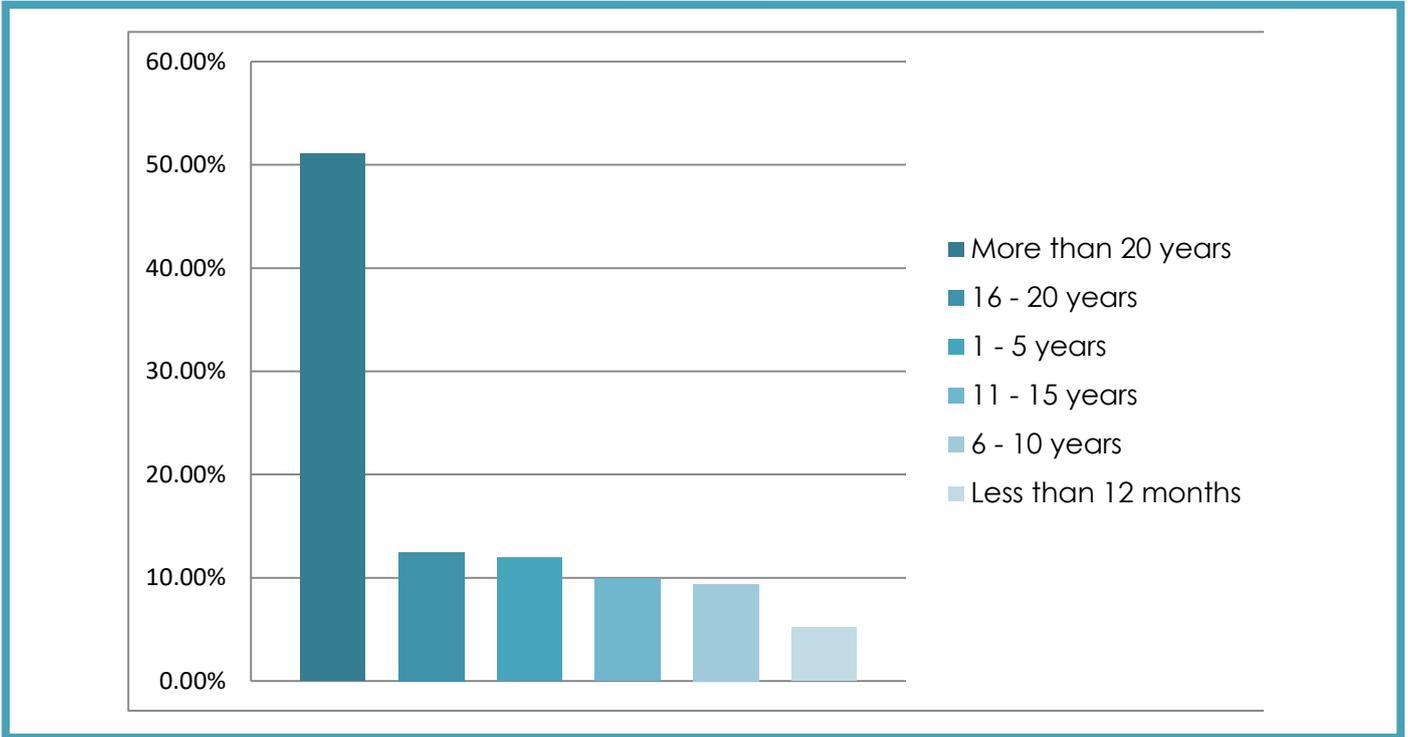
As an introduction, the questionnaire aims to identify respondents' views about the parishes of Sturton by Stow and Stow as places to live, highlighting important features and the length of time those responding to the questions had lived here.

### Question 2

#### How long have you lived in your parish?

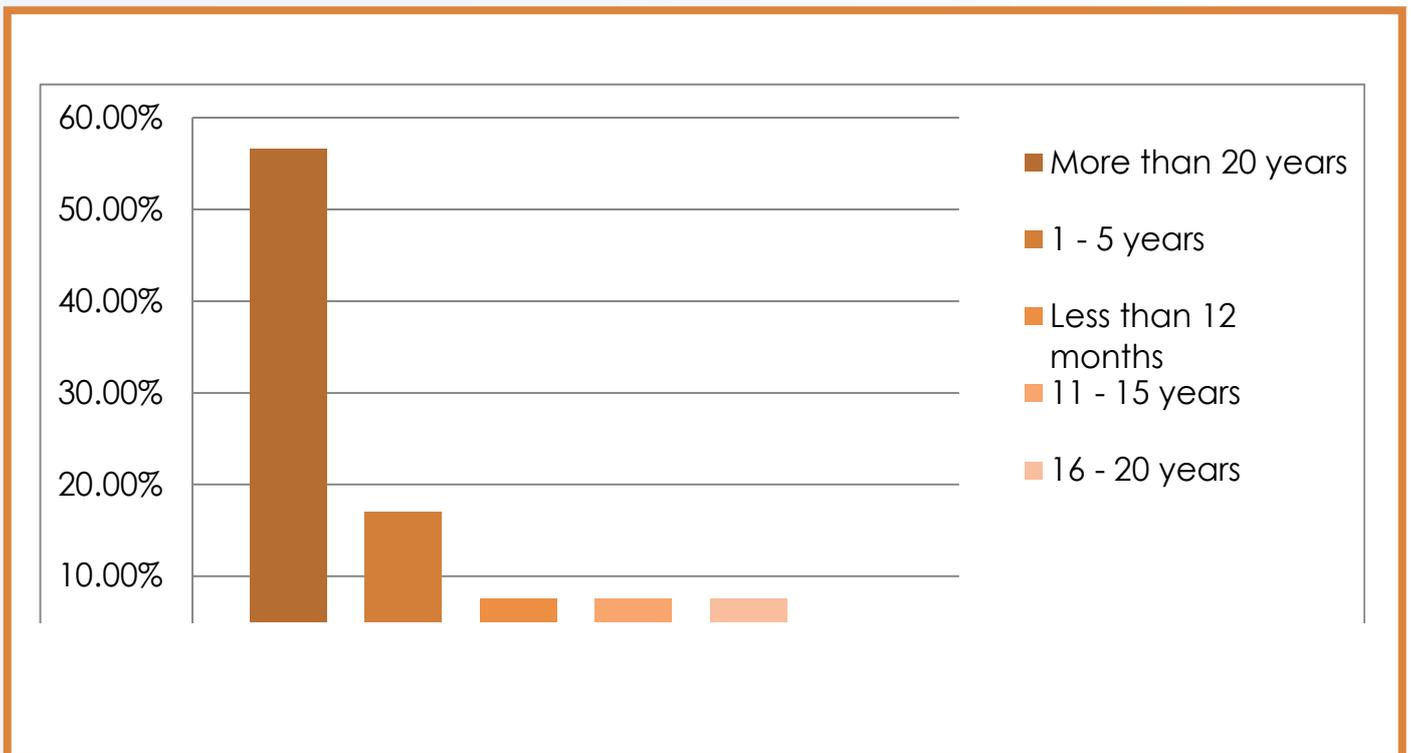
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Figures 3 and 4 illustrate the breakdown of these responses.



**Figure 3 - Sturton by Stow**

Figure 3 illustrates that the highest percentage of respondents (51.04%) are from residents who have lived in the Sturton by Stow for more than 20 years. 12.50% of residents have lived in the parish for 16 – 20 years are the second highest percentage of respondents.



**Figure 4 - Stow**

Figure 4 illustrates that the highest percentage of respondents (56.60%) are from residents who have lived in Stow for more than 20 years. 16.98% of residents have lived in Stow for 1 - 5 years are the second highest percentage of respondents.

**Question 3**

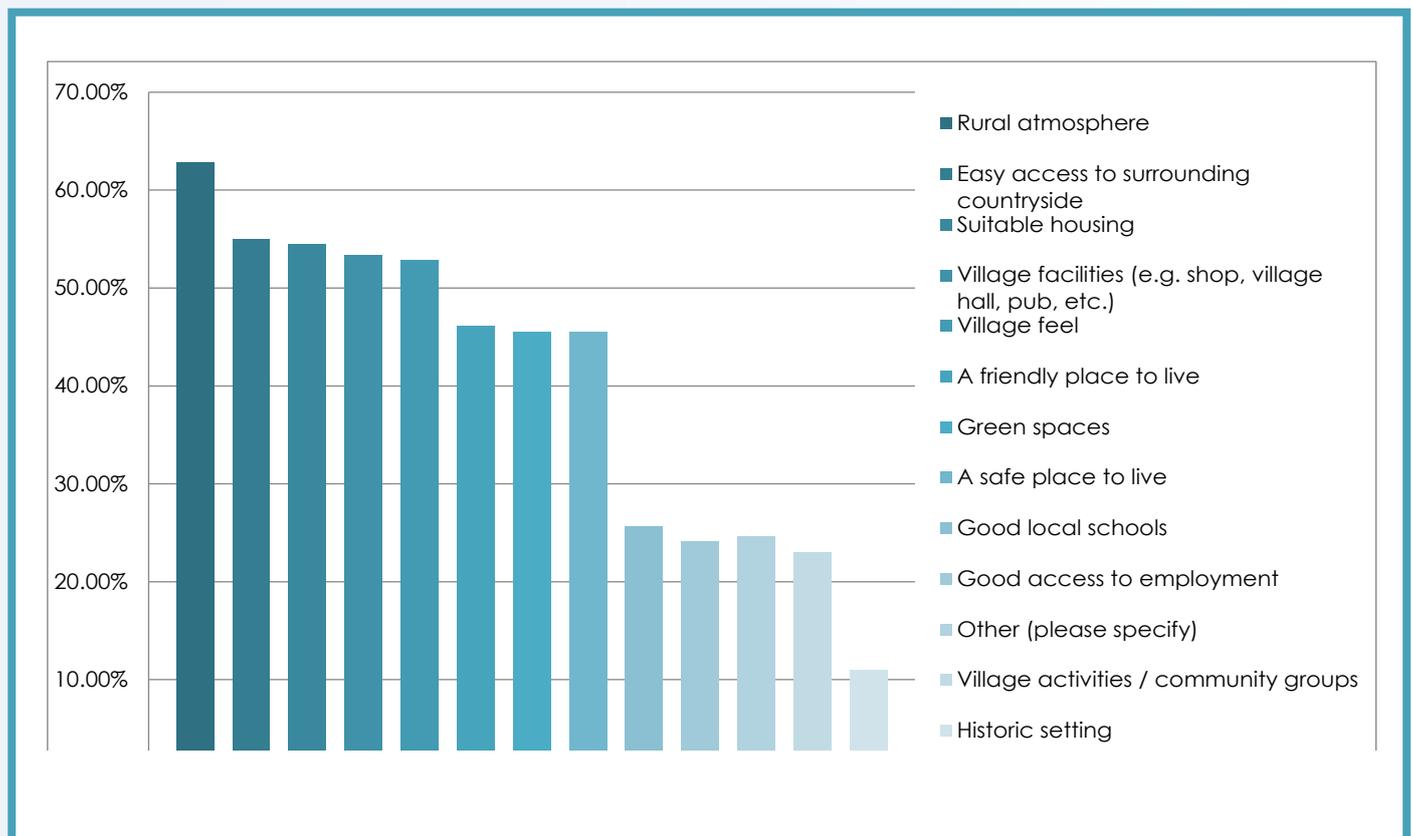
**Which of the following attracted you to live in your parish?**

Sturton by Stow	Stow
191 responses were collected, with three respondents choosing to skip the question.	53 responses were collected, with no respondents choosing to skip the question.

Respondents were invited to tick all the relevant option boxes.

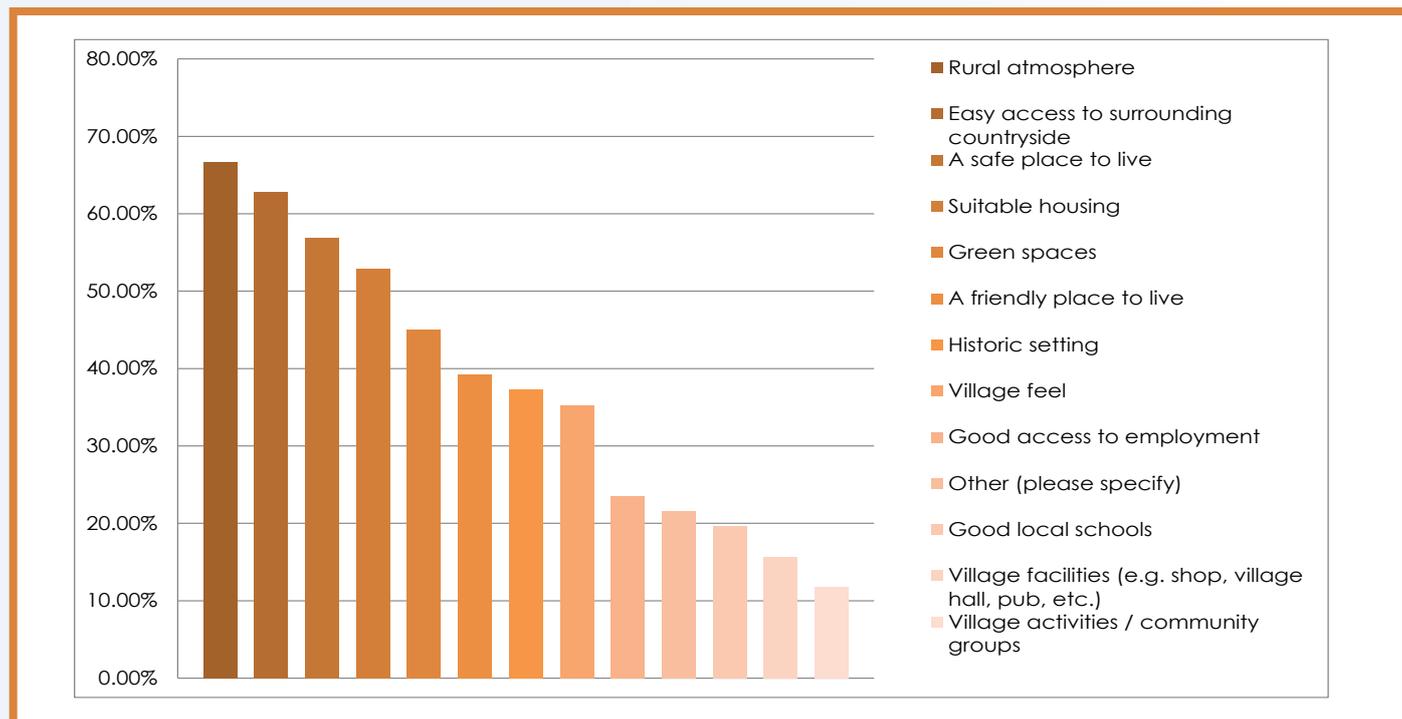
Figures 5 and 6 indicate, respondents place 'Rural atmosphere' and 'Easy access to surrounding countryside' in both Sturton by Stow and Stow, as the most popular reasons for living in the parishes.

Over 45% of respondents place the first eight options as the most influential reasons for living in the parish (figure 5).



**Figure 5 - Sturton by Stow**

In Stow the top five options (Figure 6) were selected by over 45% of respondents indicating these as the most influential reasons for living in the parish.



**Figure 6 - Stow**

Sturton by Stow respondents listed 47 other reasons for living in the parish, an example of comments are shown below under relevant headings. The full list can be seen in **Appendix 3**.

### Accessibility and Transport

- Easy to access Lincoln and Saxilby railway station. Easy access to Gainsborough.
- Close enough to drive into Lincoln.
- Easy access to quiet lanes and tracks.
- Access to transport links, e.g. Newark rail, property value.

### Village life

- Small village feel with slow complementary growth.
- Peaceful, rural village with reasonable facilities. A feeling of wellbeing, safety and delightful setting.
- Good green views, no traffic, horses home and the Red Arrows.
- We like the fact it still feels like a small community where everyone looks out for each other, we say hello as we pass strangers in the street.

### Family

- Family connections in the village for over 100 years.
- Came here as a baby.
- To be near/close to family.
- I have lived in the village most of my life as I was born here and my family (father was born and lived here all his life).

<b>Housing</b>
First offer from Acis of suitable dwelling, i.e. pensioner bungalow adapted for disabled.
Family house.
Affordable housing 30 years ago.
The right house at the right price and time in a village close to Lincoln.
<b>Local business</b>
Two Pubs at the time.
Available farmland and house 1976.
Local Livery Yard.
When we moved into Sturton there were two shops, a post office and a butchers, newspaper delivery, milk delivery and Lucas shop delivered the weekly shop, now all gone but for one shop.

Stow respondents listed 12 other reasons for living in the parish, the full list is shown in the table below.

<b>Accessibility and Transport</b>
Bus route, Post Office.
<b>Village Life</b>
Views of the Stow Minster, views across open countryside.
Stow is a quiet and peaceful place away from industry and busy roads.
<b>Family</b>
It was 36 years ago!
Previous family connection with village. Returned to family owned property.
To be close to family in Stow.
Family connection.
<b>Housing</b>
Family home.
The right house.
Cottage with land.
<b>Local Business</b>
Where my business is.
Acreage with the property. Wide open spaces, little traffic, little noise pollution.

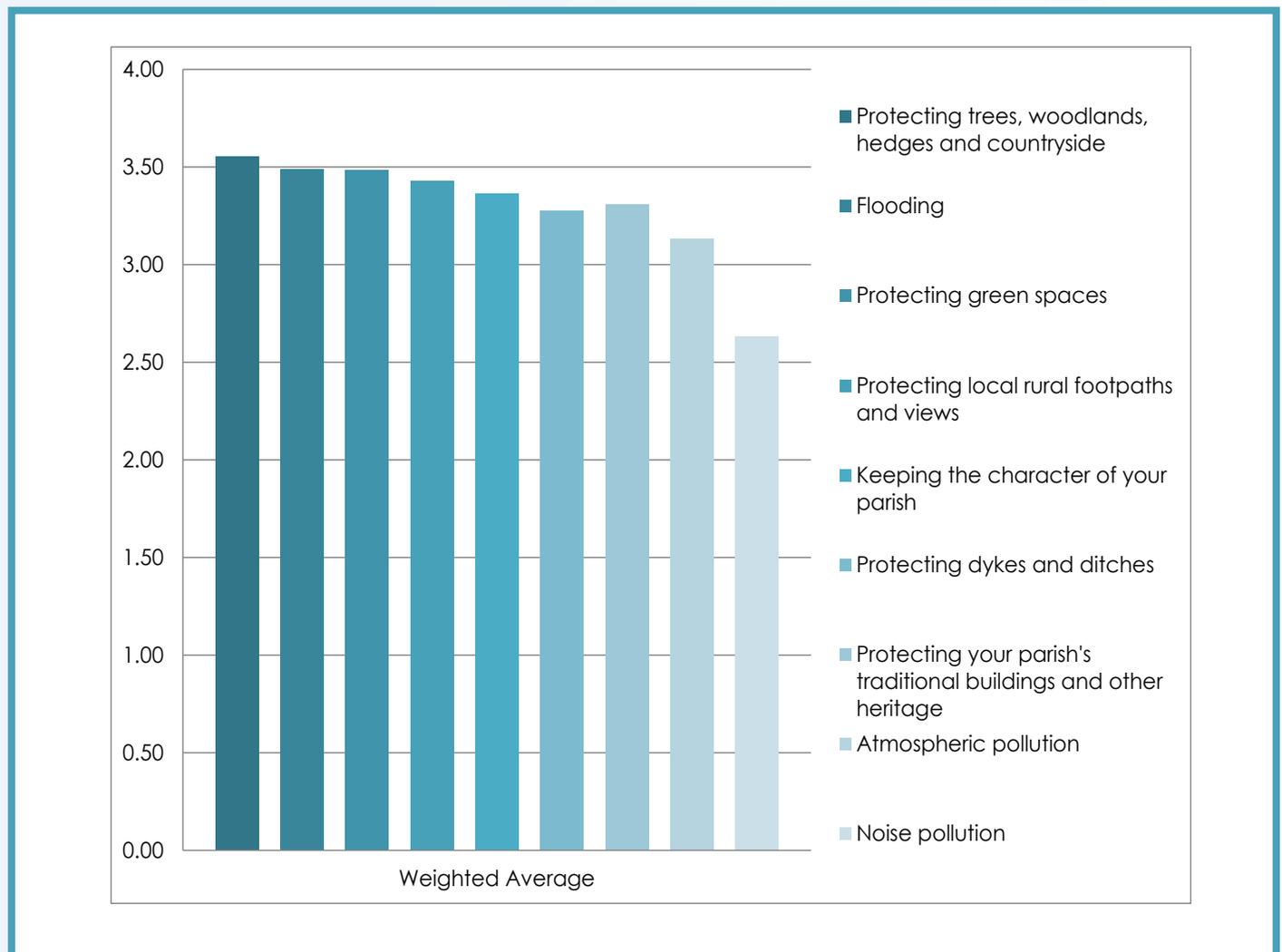
## Local Environment

The intention in this section is to gain an understanding of how residents view the environment in which they live and its importance to them both now and for the future.

### Question 4

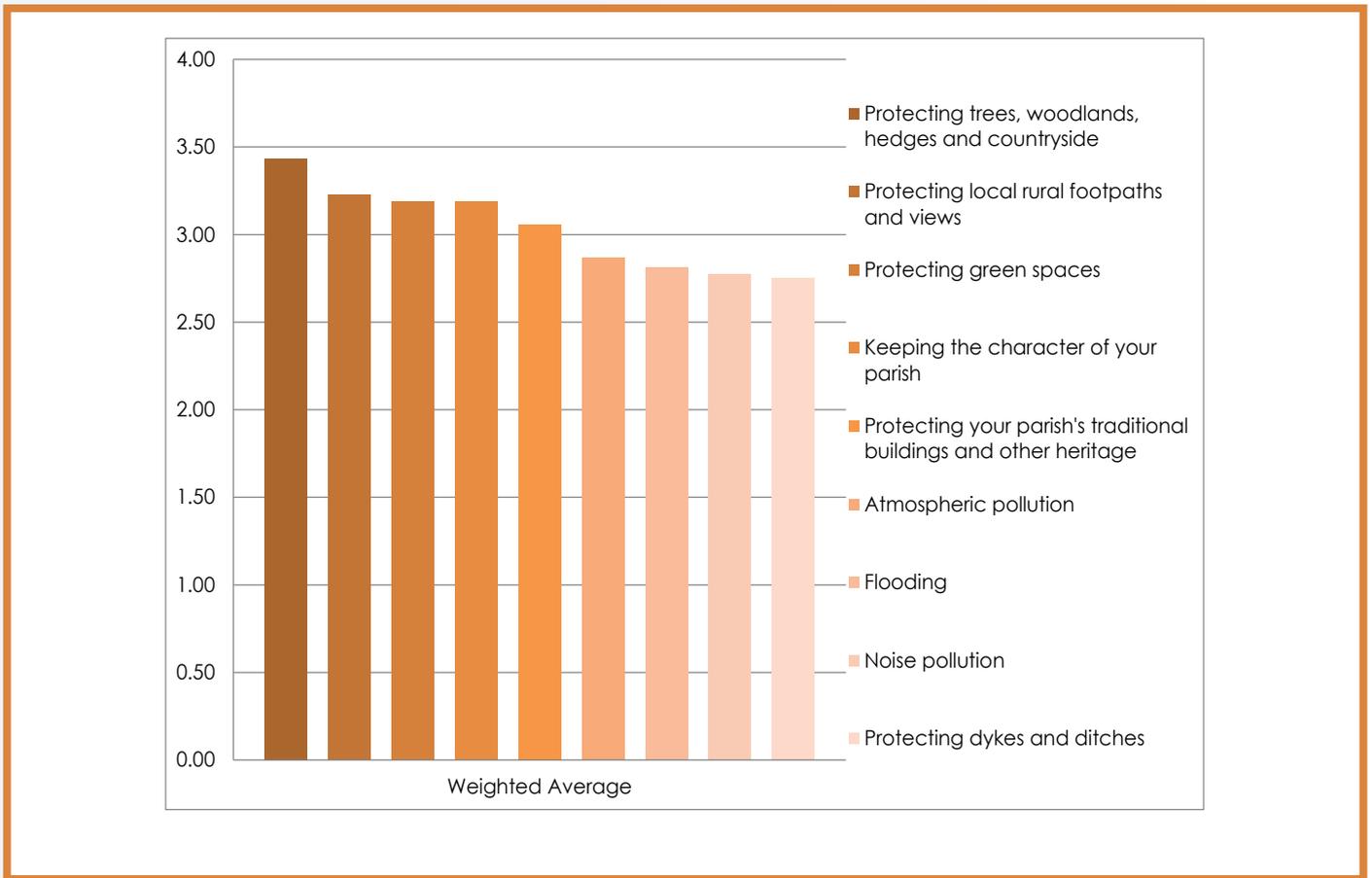
**When considering the local environment how important to you are the following?**

Sturton by Stow	Stow
192 responses were collected, with two respondents choosing to skip the question.	53 responses were collected, with no respondents choosing to skip the question.



**Figure 7 - Sturton by Stow**

Figure 7 illustrates that respondents place similar importance on the 'Protection of trees, woodlands, hedges and countryside' and 'Flooding' in Sturton by Stow. 'Noise pollution' is of least importance to those respondents who provided a response.



**Figure 8 - Stow**

Figure 8 illustrates that respondents place 'Protecting trees, woodlands, hedges and countryside' as most important in Stow. Protecting dykes and ditches is of least importance to respondents.

Weighted Average (of those expressing a preference)
Weighting Factors - Very Important = 4, Important = 3, Not Important = 2, No Opinion = 1

When asked to give other ideas, the following comments, under relevant headings, were given for Sturton by Stow:

### Littering

Cleanliness - litter, dog fouling, fly tipping, speeding.

Litter within the village and grass verges on each of the entrances to the village.  
Dog fouling.

Collection of discarded items and litter, fines imposed for litterers very important.

### Nature/Environment

Develop Jubilee Wood by planting shrubs and plants for birds to feed off in winter.

Protecting the local wildlife, flora and fauna. We have developed a balance wildlife garden since moving to the area with a lot of at risk wildlife being assisted.

A village remains a defined individual community with green space between villages.

### Sewerage

Adequate sewerage system.

### Atmospheric Pollution

Re atmospheric pollution - concerning the practice of burning hay soaked in horses' urine (mainly on a Thursday evening) to the west of Sturton by Stow, would help greatly with this!!

There is a serious recurring odour nuisance from the Fleets Road sewer works affecting residential properties at least 20 metres away. This plans was identifies in 2007 Lincolnshire Utility Constraints studs as 'having insufficient capacity and requiring upgrading to both the treatment works and foul water network. This problem continues to be exacerbated by the continuing expansion of residential development in both Stow and Sturton by Stow. The sewage treatment works were installed in 1955 and in urgent need of modernising and upgrading.



**Sturton by Stow continued...****Transport**

Additional transport through the village resulting in pot hole/road surface breakdown maintenance of roads and footpaths.

Local public transport with good connections - very important. Reducing fly tipping and litter - very important. Actions to support/encourage native wildlife, e.g. road verge management - very important. Landscape features, e.g. ridge and furrow field-scape.

Including traffic.

**Protecting your parish's traditional buildings and other heritage**

THE RED LION PUB IS AT THE HEART OF THE VILLAGE AND THE HISTORIC VILLAGE BUILDING, LOOK AT THE HISTORIC PICTURES WITH THE HISTORY SOCIETY FOR FACT. THE COOP WILL KNOCK IT DOWN AND BUILD A PLASTIC COMMERCIAL CUBE. IS THAT PROGRESS?

I am sad to see the Red Lion becoming derelict and hate the thought of it being bulldozed down - it is such a part of our heritage.

Keeping Bransby as a HAMLET means not having much development and I think we have nearly passed that already.

Need to keep the village a village not overgrown with houses. That is why people come here for a village to live in (not like Saxilby).

**Other**

Views should have been as a separate question, as I understand it views cannot necessarily be used in planning decisions. This section contains very loaded questions - who will say not important to this question and choices? The question should have been worked differently, Community Lincs should know what to do by now. Please see my notes at the end of this questionnaire.

Safe environment for children.

Privacy and low people count.

Too much development, holiday homes/caravan parks.

The back roads around the village provide residents with safe place to walk, cycle and take children.

Bridleways.

All the above contribute massively to the quality of life in Sturton by Stow.

When asked to give other ideas, the following comments were given for Stow:

### **Sewerage**

capacity of sewerage plant should be considered when granting new estates. (Consult with Anglian Water).

Saving and protecting listed buildings.

### **Flooding**

Flooding - the importance is lack of flooding. Noise pollution - the importance is lack of noise pollution.

### **Litter**

Litter management.

Litter and poor maintenance of rented properties in the village.

### **Nature/Environment**

Protecting wildlife habitats.

Keeping a rural peaceful atmosphere.

Reducing wire-scape (i.e. putting cables underground). Making new development sympathetic to the local environment. Making sure that new development does not exacerbate any current flooding problems.

### **Other**

The first 3 are no issues for where I live. Atmosphere pollution is bad - burning plastic, especially Sunday tea times and bank holidays when no controllers about.



## Question 5

### Have you been affected by localised flooding?

Sturton by Stow	Stow
191 responses were collected, with three respondents choosing to skip the question.	53 responses were collected, with no respondents choosing to skip the question.

Answer Choices	Responses	
No	69.63%	133
Yes	30.37%	58
If 'Yes' state the location		66

Figure 9 - Sturton by Stow

Answer Choices	Responses	
No	83.02%	44
Yes	16.98%	9
If 'Yes' state the location		13

Figure 10 - Stow

Figures 9 and 10 show that flooding is significantly more of a problem in Sturton by Stow than in Stow.

Where respondents have given a location or more details of flooding, the responses for both Sturton by Stow and Stow have been combined into one table. The full list can be seen in **Appendix 4**.

A sample of locations identified is as follows:

Bransby	St. Hughes Terrace
Church Road	Stow Road
Fleets Road	Thorpe Lane
High Street	Tillbridge Road
Mill Lane	Twitchell
Saxilby Road	Upper Close
School Lane	

## Question 6

### What was the main cause of the flooding?

Sturton by Stow	Stow
68 responses were collected, with 128 respondents choosing to skip the question.	11 responses were collected, with 40 respondents choosing to skip the question.

In Sturton by Stow respondents listed the following reasons for flooding. The full list can be seen in **Appendix 5**.

<b>Drainage</b>
At times the drain can't cope with the volume of water and it stands on the road.
Drainage on horses home, resulting in surface water running onto road and downhill to various properties, water overwhelms the road drains and accumulates at the lowest points.
Lots of rain and opening flood gates. Also drains blocked.
Surface water.
The drains are not big enough along Fleet Lane.
<b>Development</b>
Development in a flood area.
Run off from farm yards within village, ditches overflowing. Little regard to infrastructure by local planning when granting permission for new buildings.
<b>Dykes and Ditches</b>
Dykes being piped and filled in incorrectly restricting the flow of surface water. Size of pip to parish drain totally inadequate. dykes not maintained adequately.
Excess rain and unsupervised dykes.
Heavy rain and lack of ditch clearing.
Land and dykes unable to absorb melting snow.
The pipes and dykes in and around the village are not maintained so water is impeded.
<b>Sewerage</b>
Due to the presence of human excrement in the flood water it was assumed that the Fleets Road sewage transfer pumps were incapable of pumping the combined surface water and sewage under storm conditions from the two villages.
Sewerage backing up and flooding my garden.
<b>General</b>
Alluvial flooding from river Till together with no flood defence.
Flash flood.
Flooded to save Lincoln.
Heavy rainfall.
High rainfall.
Intense Rainfall over a long period.
Too much rain!

In Stow respondents listed the following reasons for flooding:

**Drainage**

Blocked drains.

Underground pipes not suitable from east to west of village and dyke taking this water westerly away from village is not maintained.

Housing development in the village on greenfield eradicated land ability to absorb rains, leading to flooding around the area regularly with little rainfall.

**Development**

Inadequate drainage. Excess development.

A new estate was built on higher ground and there was insufficient drainage which was never resolved.

Too much water! In both the cases I would suggest that too many impermeable surfaces have been constructed in the local area, thus increasing runoff. I would not attribute the cause to global warming or burst water mains.

**Dykes and Ditches**

Heavy and prolonged rain causing the River Till to over top its banks.

Heavy rain, poor maintenance of dykes and drains, block paving on drains

As above.

Poor flood barriers.



## Safer Community

### Question 7

Do you consider that any of the following are issues within your parish?

Sturton by Stow	Stow
191 responses were collected, with three respondents choosing to skip the question.	51 responses were collected, with two respondents choosing to skip the question.

In both Figures 11 and 12 'Dog fouling' and 'Litter' were identified as the most important issues.

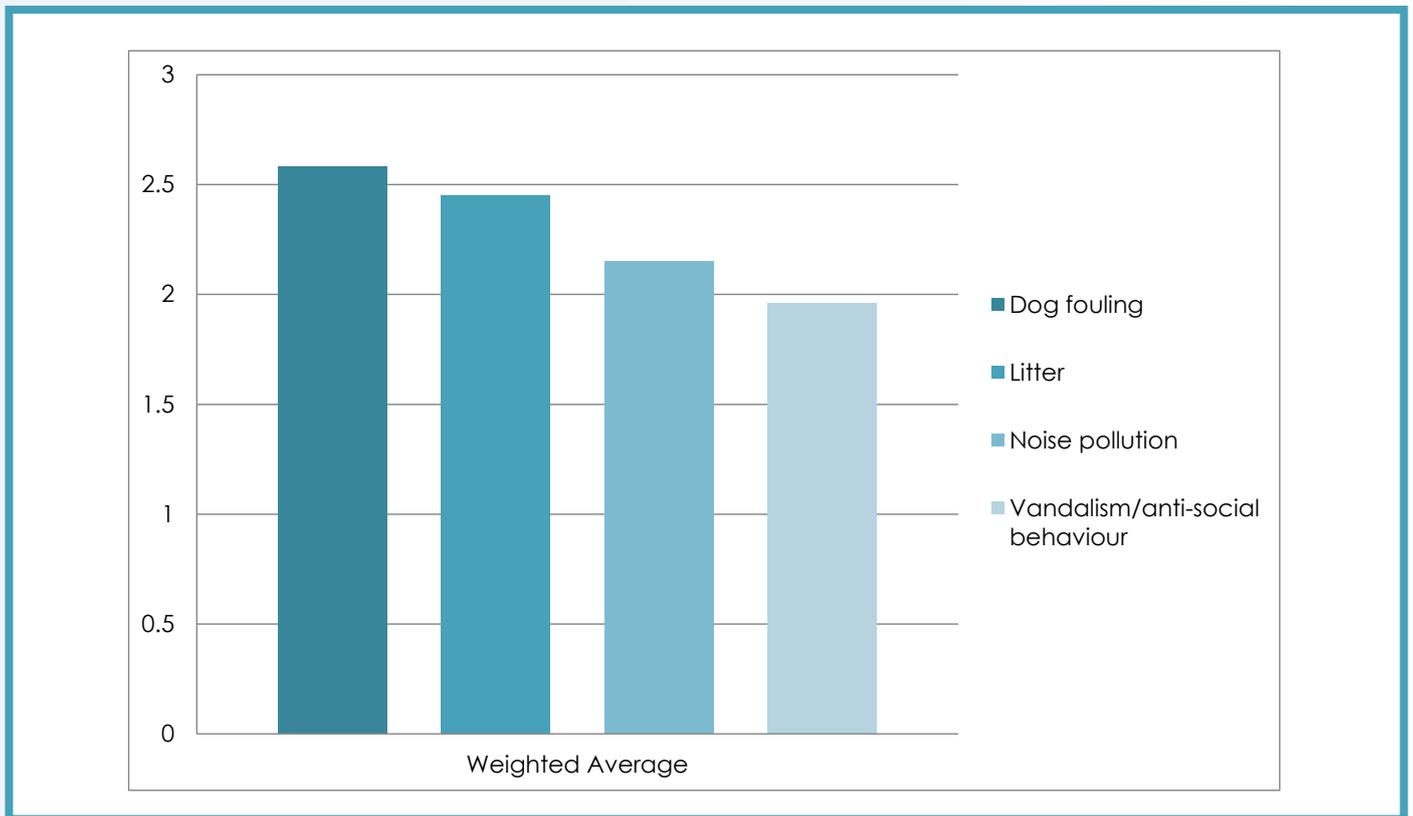
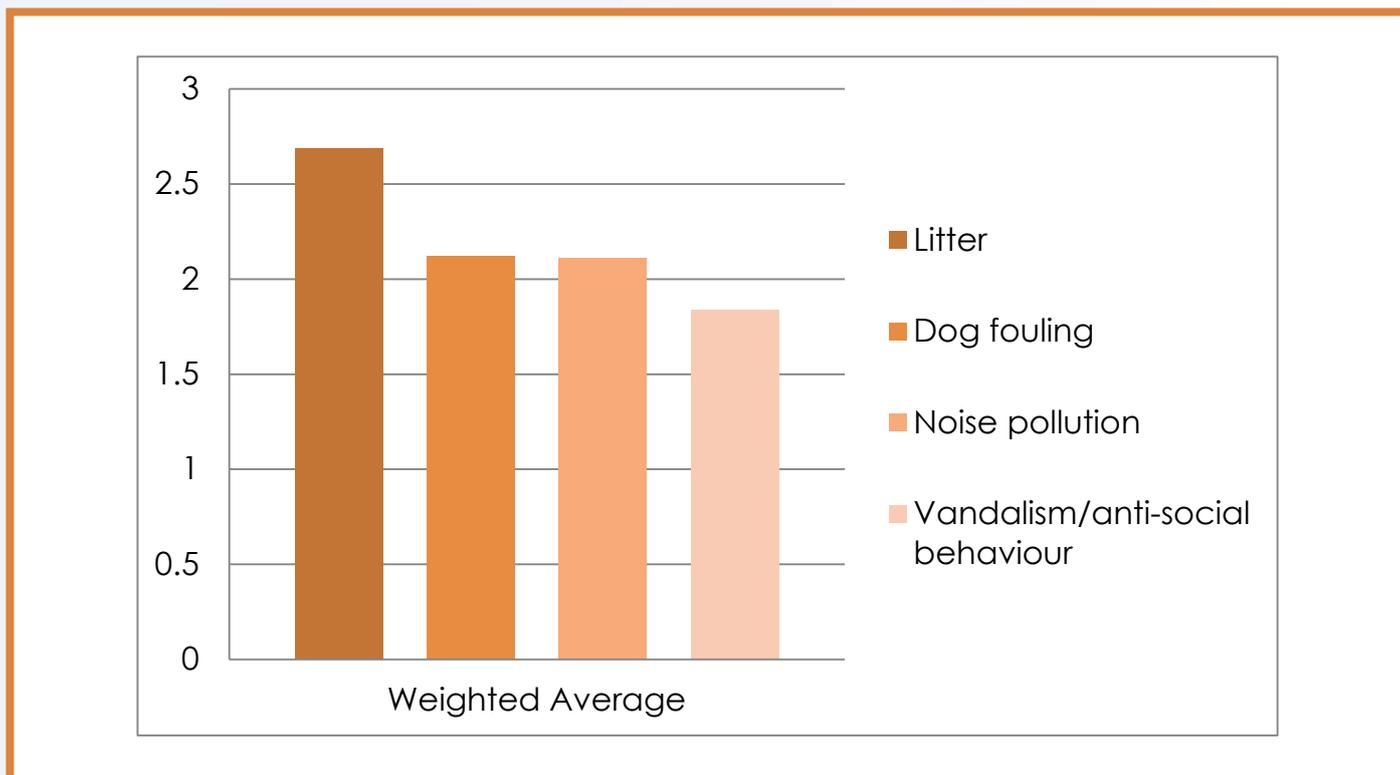


Figure 11 – Sturton by Stow



**Figure 12 – Stow**

Weighted Average (of those expressing a preference)
Weighting Factors - Yes = 3, No = 2, don't know = 1

When asked to list other issues, comments for Sturton by Stow are as follows:

<b>Sturton by Stow</b>
The person who completed this question identified a gentleman who “does a great job of keeping our village tidy”.
The volume of traffic passing through the village.
To cut the grass more often in the park.
Parking – inconsiderate.
Speeding, particularly on Saxilby Road.
Gritting depot is noisy at night.
Condition of pavements and footpath disgusting and in need of repair! unsafe for prams, pushchairs and disability.
Dog fouling on the recreation ground is a major issue!!
Antisocial - Queen’s way.
Dog fouling by visitors letting their dogs run unattended on the playing field.
Excessive dog barking (numerous dogs).

**Sturton by Stow continued...**

Lack of space for cars (parking) in modern society.

Speeding.

The only noise problem with which we suffer most is the planes which fly over the village very often, even during the night (this is not to do with the Red Arrows).

Speeding.

Speeding cars through the village.

Section of Tillbridge Road so poorly maintained that it creates noise pollution by certain vehicles.

Bullying - between neighbours.

Amount and type of traffic since upgraded to 'A' road - A1500.

Dog fouling on verge and footpath sometimes on Marton Road, people think they can leave it if it's dark! Also dog fouling on field footpaths. People parking on the pavements and verges because it is not safe to park on the roads, I have had a car written off and recently a wing mirror smashed off.

Litter between Sturton by Stow and Stow. Taking down small A5 community posters from notice boards in the village and at the village hall/end of school lane. Please leave them up for a while, there is room on the boards for everyone, Do you own them? I think they are the interest of the villages.

Speeding.

School buses, delivery lorries, parents picking up children from buses often sit with their engines running. There is no advantage to this, it just causes air pollution on the High Street.

During 2018, we experiences 16 days continuously of unrelenting stench from Anglian Waters Sewage Treatment Works. The stench unreasonably, substantially and significantly interfered with the enjoyment of the house and garden resulting in the abandonment of a family BBQ and sleeping with the bedroom windows closed during the hot summer.

Poor roads, pot holes, poor repairs, no footpath and lack of kerbs in front of some properties (Chapel Cottage, etc.) leading to erosion of verges.

On road parking - especially near junctions. Speeding traffic.

We are opposite the cemetery, on Stow Road. We continue to suffer air pollution from horse manure being burned by the house just up the road from the cemetery, opposite Rectory Park. We rarely hang out our washing, and we rarely leave a bedroom window open at night because of the smell. I class this as seriously anti-social behaviour. I spoke with the environmental people at Gainsborough about this a few years ago, to no avail. It needs to be stopped. Dog fouling is a real nuisance in the village, and along Fleets Road (AKA Dog Muck Alley), and Stow Road.

When asked to list other issues, comments for Stow are as follows:

Stow
Barking dogs.
Parking on narrow roads and damage of verges.
Littering - people throw fast food containers and drinks cans, etc. into the ditches.
The vandalism/anti-social behaviour is occasional and infrequent but when it happens it is upsetting. Question 8 below see all of text added to each box as the screen does not allow the full text to be seen.
Cat fouling really bad, worse than any dog fouling.
Being very isolated there have been historical incidents of burglary and unsolicited visitors.
Litter is for passing cars throwing rubbish out of car windows as they pass through.
Atmosphere pollution - burning plastic frequent- often may as well live next to a filthy factory.
Most of the problem is caused by non-residents driving through the area.

## Question 8

**Residents have voiced concerns about the speed of traffic and dangerous junctions. Please identify your 3 main concerns:**

Sturton by Stow	Stow
163 responses were collected, with 31 respondents choosing to skip the question.	41 responses were collected, with 12 respondents choosing to skip the question.

The main concerns in Sturton by Stow are speeding, parking and dangerous junctions. A selection of comments can be seen below from Sturton by Stow. All 165 responses can be seen in **Appendix 6**.

Concern 1
Speed of traffic on High Street particularly where pavement is so narrow around junction with Fleets Road.
Saxilby Road to Tillbridge Lane.
Too many cars park on High Street.
I consider the junctions around the shop dangerous with the parking there.
Speed down all roads leading to the village.
Junction Saxilby Road onto Tillbridge Lane.
Crossing the road from pub to shop increasingly more dangerous.
Parking outside village shop.
Traffic going dangerously fast through Normanby.
Junction not adequate for the size of lorries turning into Westwood.

**Concern 2**

Parking outside the village shop in relation to proximity to junction between Saxilby Road and Tillbridge Lane.

Near the school during drop off and pick up times.

No safe parking for school traffic.

Pedestrian crossing needed at the crossing of Tillbridge and Marton Road.

Speed on Tillbridge Lane.

30mph speed limit being ignored.

Getting out of the High Street to Marton Road.

No passing place if meeting a large lorry.

Parking on footpath.

High Street too narrow.

**Concern 3**

Speed of through traffic on Tillbridge Lane.

Parking on the High Street.

Please slow down farm vehicles on High Street.

Some excessive speed through village.

Not enough space to park at the village hall.

The main concerns in Stow are dangerous junctions. A selection of comments can be seen below from Stow. All responses can be seen in **Appendix 6**.

**Concern 1**

Junction of the A1500 and B1241 in Sturton and B1241 entering Sturton from Stow direction (Stow Road).

Stow bends Normanby.

Ingham Road.

Exceeding 30 mph through village.

Observing/keep to 30 mph speed limit.

Staggered junction and vehicles parked outside the village shop - poor visibility, etc.

Ingham Road, Stow.

Stow cross roads in village centre.

Church Road.

**Concern 2**

Junction of Church Road and Normanby Road. Hedges on bend too high.

Normanby Road

Turning right into Church Road in Stow when approached from Willingham and Stow bends.

Main road through the village.

High hedge, corner Church Road and Normanby Road.

**Concern 3**

Saxilby Road.

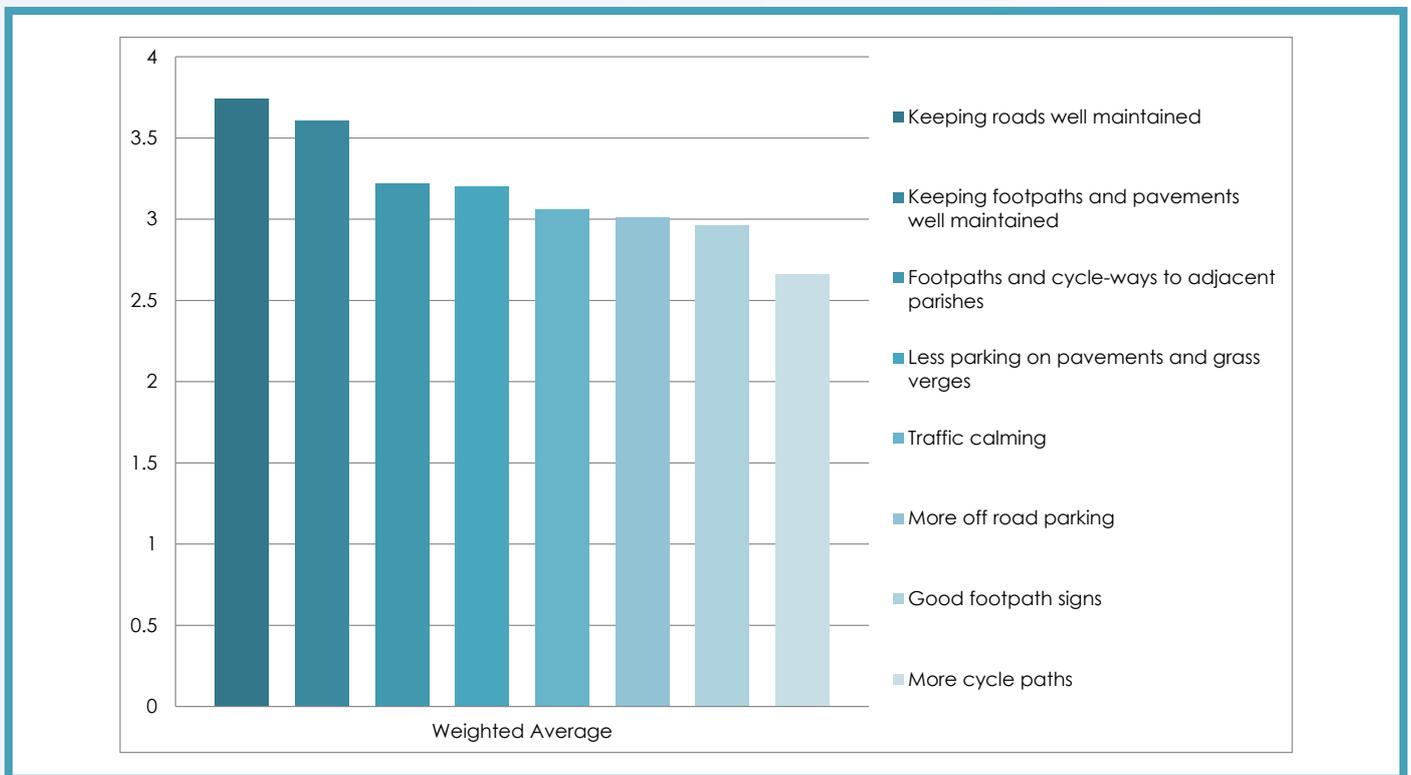
Traffic speeding on slow bends, cutting corners, etc.

Cross Keys junction, Stow Park Road and Church Road.

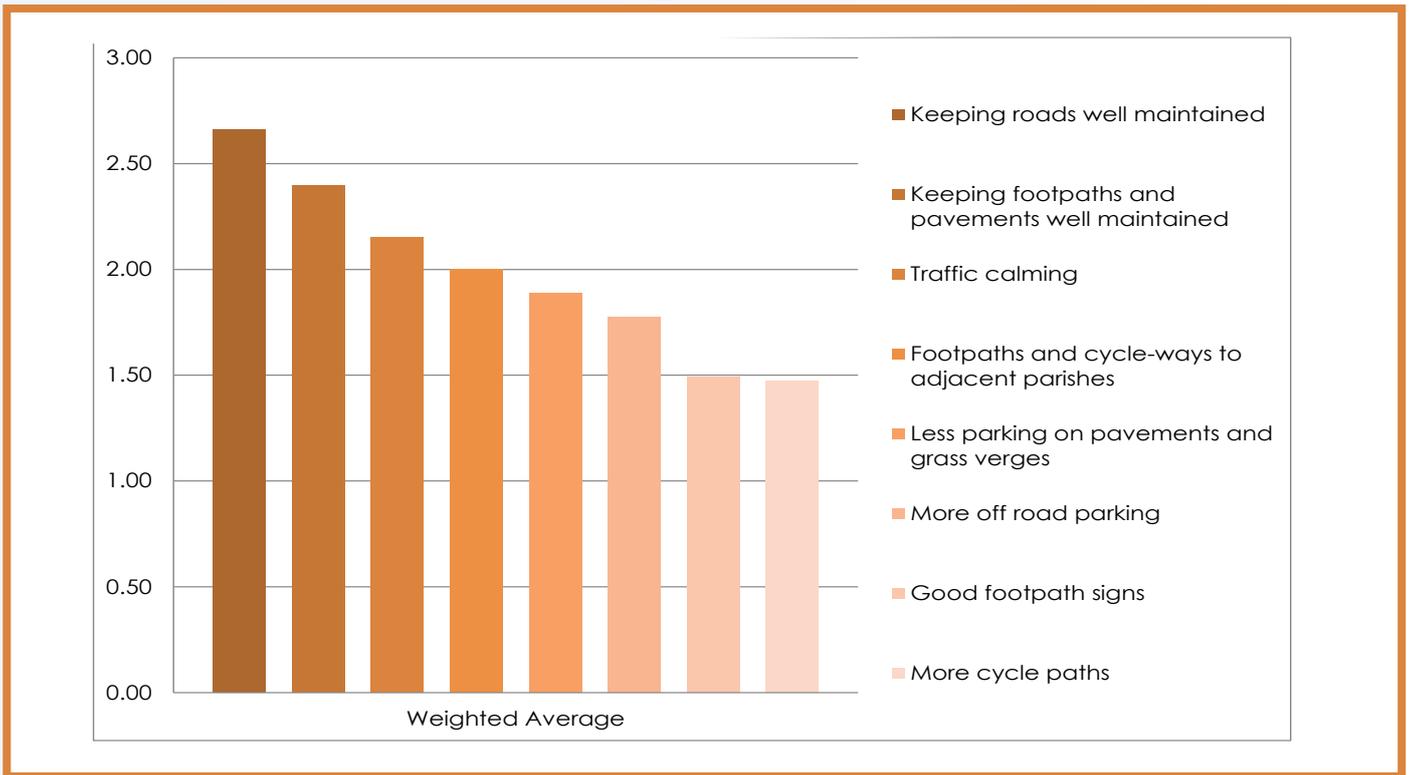
**Question 9**

How important are the following to you?

Sturton by Stow	Stow
194 responses were collected, with no respondents choosing to skip the question.	53 responses were collected, with no respondents choosing to skip the question.



**Figure 13 – Sturton by Stow**



**Figure 14 – Stow**

Weighted Average (of those expressing a preference)
Weighting Factors - Very important = 4, Important = 3, Not important = 2, No opinion = 1

Respondents have indicated that two of the options given have similar weighting averages namely 'Keeping roads well maintained' and 'Keeping footpaths and pavements well maintained' and are, therefore, most important to respondents. (Figures 13 and 14)

## Housing

Sturton and Stow Neighbourhood Plan can influence the types of developments within the boundaries of the parishes.

The following housing questions relate to these proposed developments.

### Question 10

In the Central Lincolnshire Plan 2016 - 2036, the advised housing growth in the parish of Sturton by Stow is 15% (97 houses); in Stow this is 10% (17 houses).

**Our Plan cannot request less housing growth than this. If you feel more housing could be accommodated, how many would you be happy with?**

Sturton by Stow	Stow
186 responses were collected, with eight respondents choosing to skip the question.	52 responses were collected, with one responder choosing to skip the question.

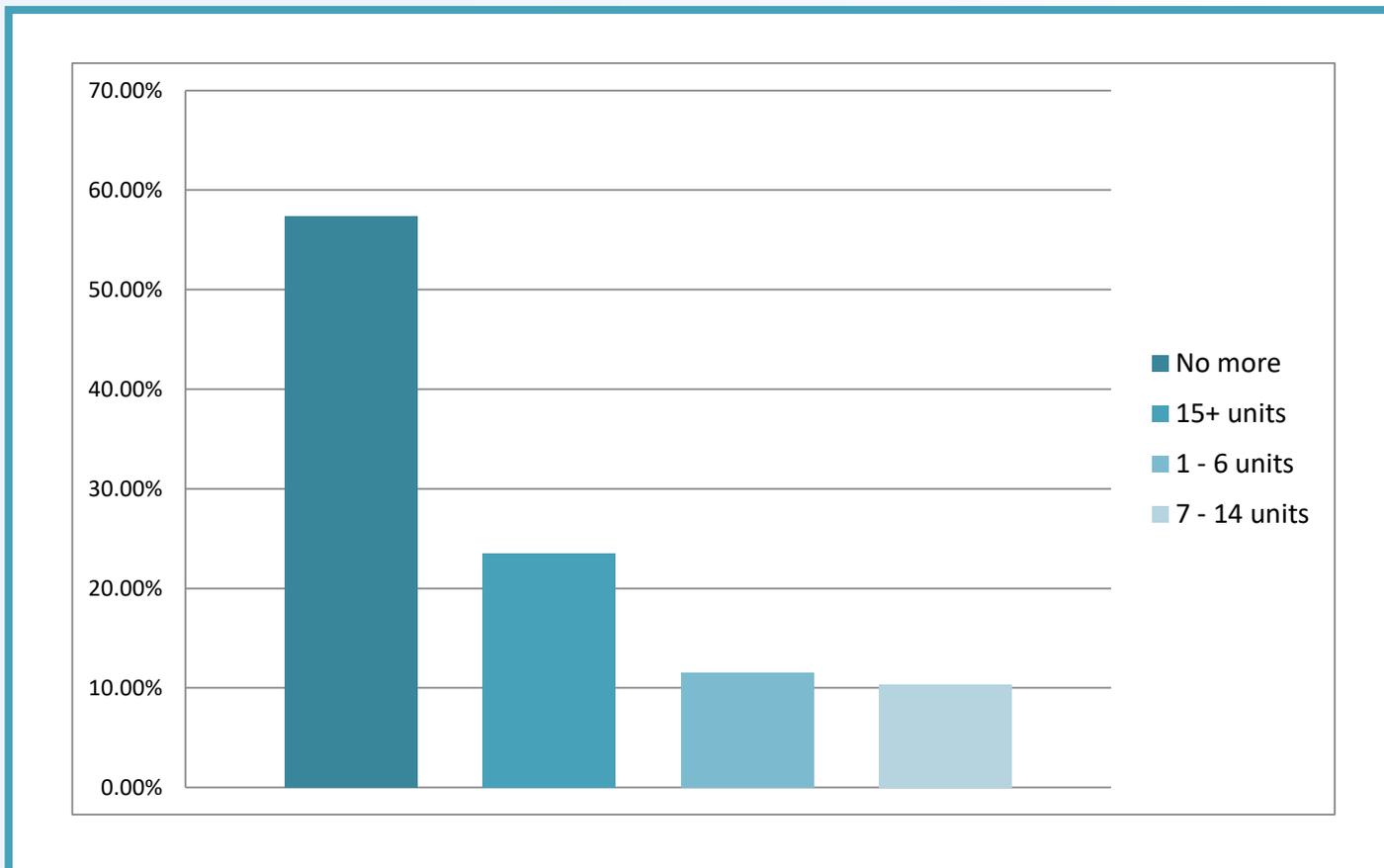
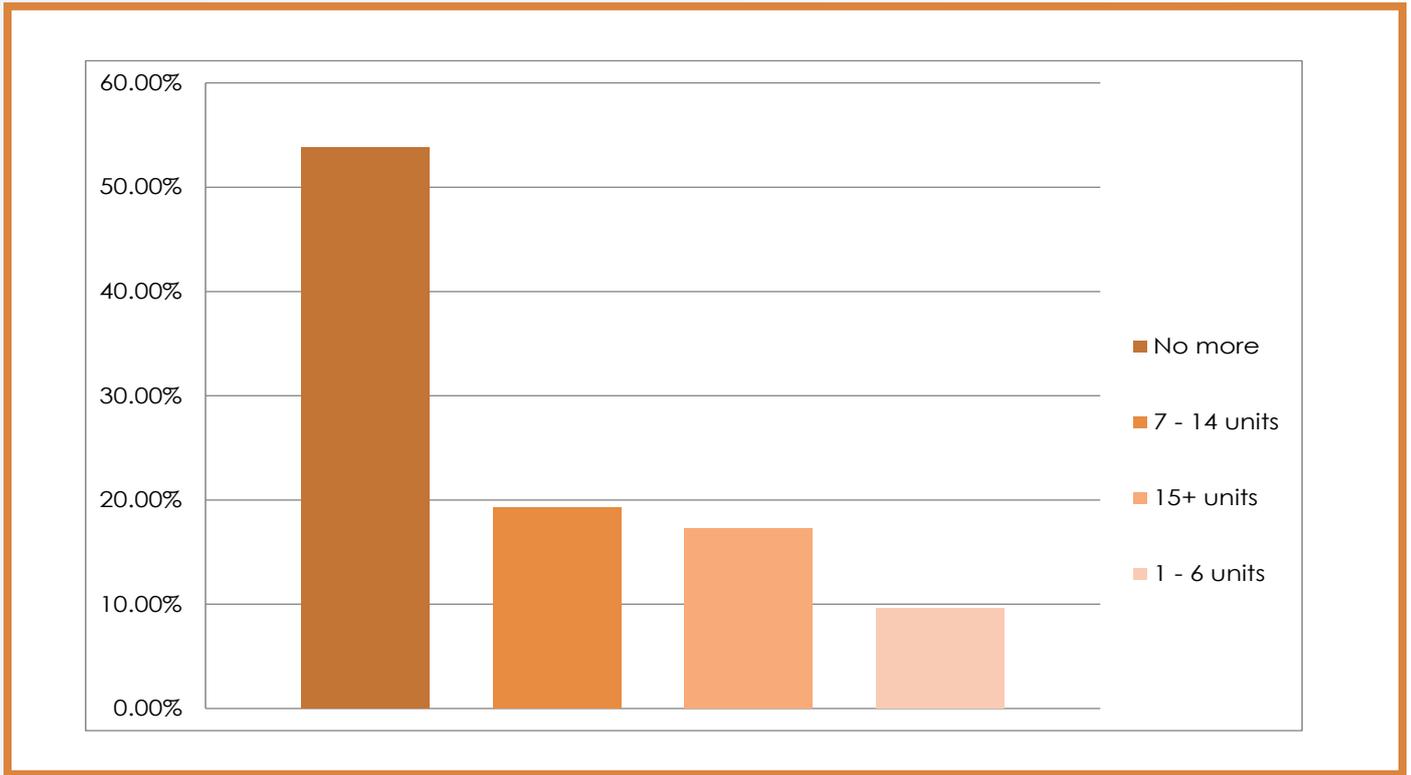


Figure 15 – Sturton by Stow



**Figure 16 – Stow**

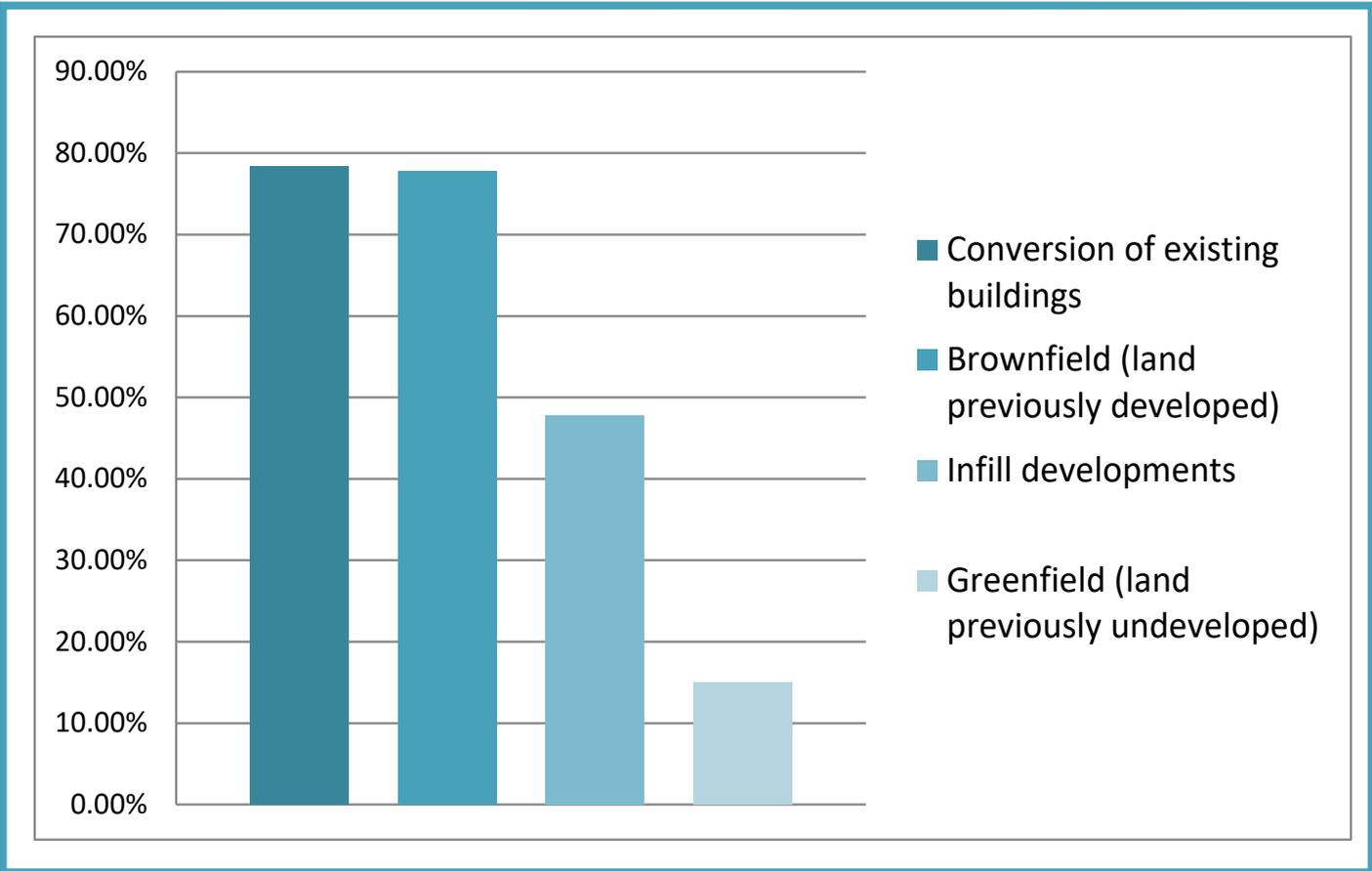
Figure 15 shows that 55.91% of respondents do not wish to have any more than the designated 15% growth in Sturton by Stow. In Stow, 53.85% of respondents do not wish to have any more than the designated 10% growth.



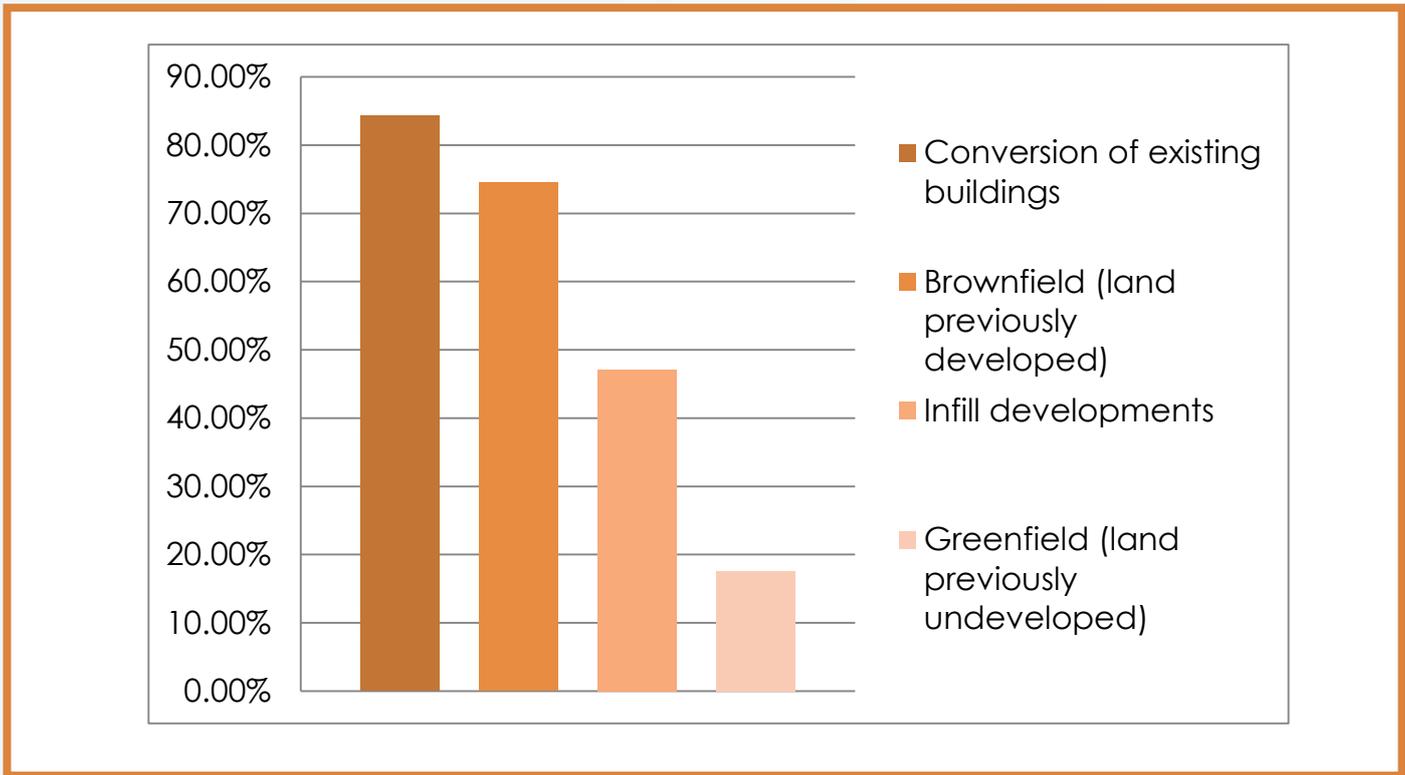
**Question 11**

**Where would you prefer to see future development within your parish?**

Sturton by Stow	Stow
178 responses were collected, with 16 respondents choosing to skip the question.	51 responses were collected, with two respondents choosing to skip the question.

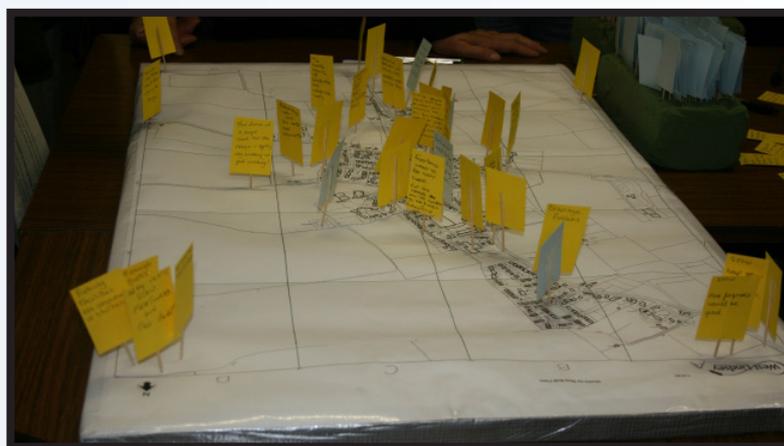


**Figure 17 – Sturton by Stow**



**Figure 18 – Stow**

In both parishes, respondents have a much higher preference for the conversion of existing buildings and brownfield sites for future development. Greenfield sites are a less popular choice.



**Question 12**

**In your opinion what type of housing would you like to see included in any new development?**

Sturton by Stow	Stow
187 responses were collected, with seven respondents choosing to skip the question.	51 responses were collected, with three respondents choosing to skip the question.

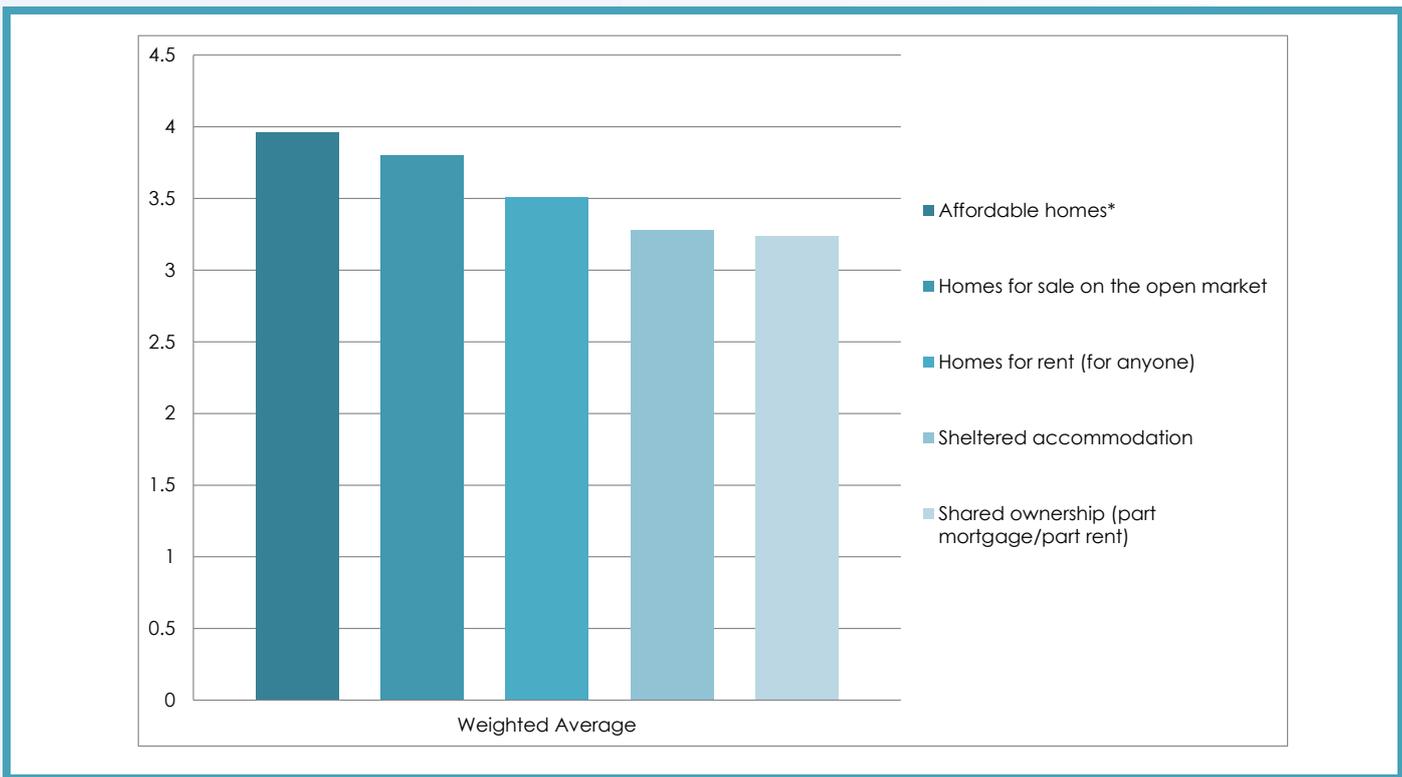


Figure 19 – Sturton by Stow

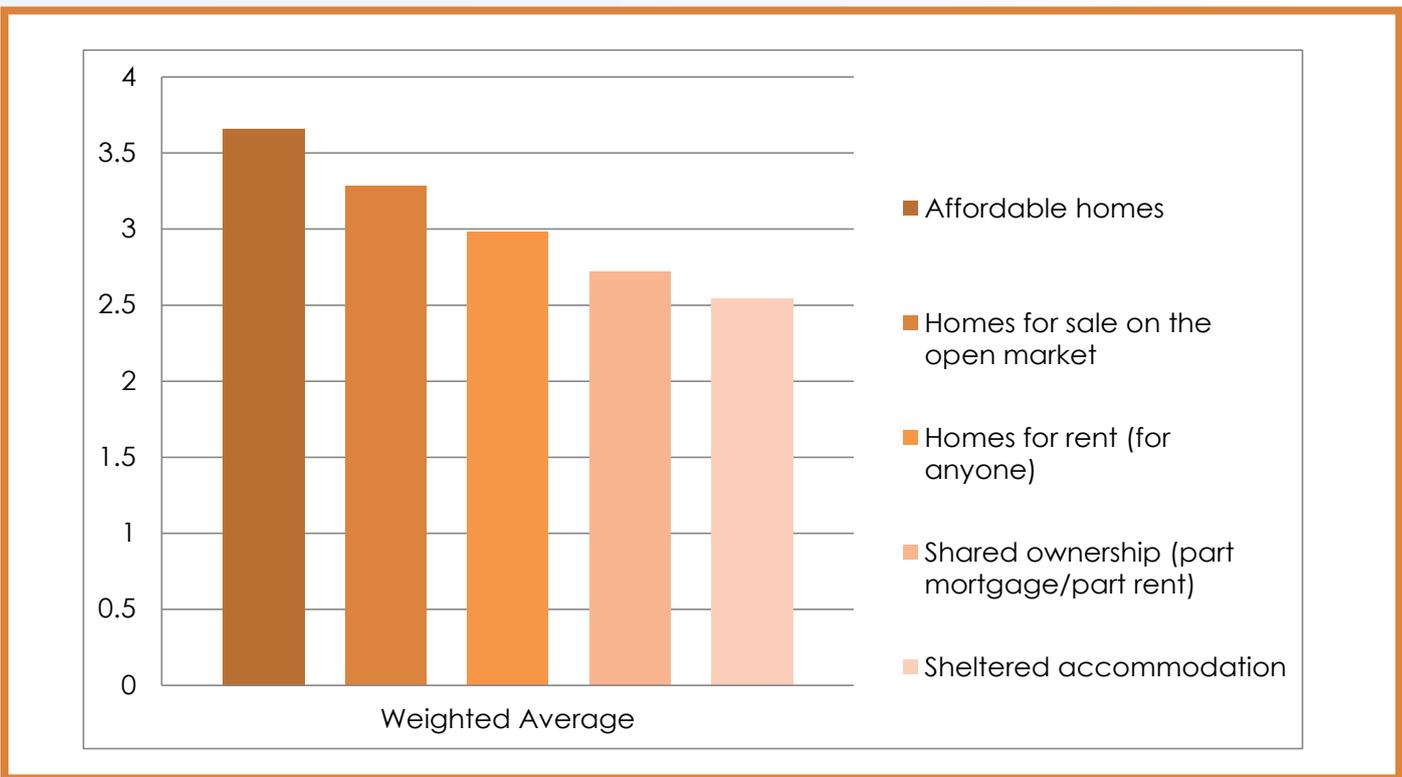


Figure 20 – Stow

\*This is housing for local people whose needs cannot be met on the open market. Usually provided by a housing association or local authority, it includes homes for rent or shared ownership.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree strongly	Disagree	Don't know	Total	Weighted Average
Affordable homes	67	78	14	17	8	184	3.97
Homes for sale on the open market	50	87	5	7	21	170	3.81
Homes for rent (for anyone)	40	76	10	28	20	174	3.51
Sheltered accommodation	49	40	15	28	33	165	3.25
Shared ownership (part mortgage/ part rent)	32	69	11	24	34	170	3.24

Figure 21 – Sturton by Stow

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree strongly	Disagree	Don't know	Total	Weighted Average
Affordable homes	18	17	4	5	3	47	3.66
Homes for sale on the open market	10	25	1	2	7	45	3.28
Homes for rent (for anyone)	10	19	2	5	7	43	2.98
Shared ownership (part mortgage/ part rent)	8	17	2	7	8	42	2.72
Sheltered accommodation	6	17	4	6	5	38	2.45

Figure 22 – Stow

Weighted Average (of those expressing a preference)
Weighting Factors - Strongly Agree = 5, Agree = 4 Disagree = 3, Strongly Disagree = 2, Not Sure / Don't Know = 1

Figure 21 and 22 show respondents place a similar level of importance to both 'Affordable Homes' and 'Homes for sale on the open market' when using the weighted average analysis.

When asked to give other ideas, respondents in Sturton by Stow gave the following comments:

<b>Sturton by Stow</b>
In the event of future development please avoid large grassed areas which require cutting by council at our expense.
Starter homes for families and young people, first time buyers.
Affordable homes that first time buyers can buy. Most housing that I see built is usually well out of the budget of ordinary people.
Any but it should be varied. At present new development seems to be (Tillbridge Lane) 3/4 bed houses.
Single unit rental bed-sits for youngsters to rent at a rate that lets them save to move up the property ladder.
No preference. Nice to have a good mix of people.
A care home, now people have to move away from everything they know and their systems. It means older people find it difficult to visit their friends - cruel!!!
Affordable eco housing.
Better standard of rented property. Tenants should be made to look after the property and keep gardens tidy, etc. Some people don't care about this and spoil it for people who take pride in houses they live in.
There is no accommodation suitable for housing the elderly with in-situ carers.
None!
"Affordable Housing" often implies high rise, often at least three or four stories which would ruin the character of the village and may result in a loss of privacy, views and open aspects in existing buildings.
Far too many 5 bed executive houses being built in Sturton and Stow.
Local young people and young families wishing to stay or work in the area have no chance of getting accommodation.
Low cost rental urgently needed.
More affordable homes for young people who want to stay in the area.
Some homes for young people that have live in the village all their lives and have generations of family here but when want to leave home there is no properties we can afford to buy. I think the demand is for houses between 120,000-180,000! I think with the quick sell of house just recant in this bracket is the proof of this.
In part we moved from Saxilby due to several difficult neighbours (one was police raided for growing drugs and had guns in the garden) the property was repeatedly rented out to unsuitable tenants.
The quality of the houses need to be increased.

**Sturton by Stow continued...**

I think as a parish we are to snobby on the class of house that is being built, I find it interesting how all these executive homes keep getting built even though they seem to be struggling to sell them!

Houses at an appropriate price for young professional couples to purchase, couples who may have grown up in the village with parents and wish to stay in the village. If I was leaving home now (in the village) and wanted to stay in the village we simply could not afford it and would be forced to look to the city which would be a shame as this is where we grew up.

When asked to give other ideas, respondents in Stow gave the following comments:

**Stow**

No second homes.

Appropriate type depends on particular location. A good example of mixed homes is seen on Old Rectory Gardens and meets a variety of needs in pleasing style. This should be applied to any new developments. Infill needs to consider surrounding buildings and sympathetic design.

Much of the rented and ACIS houses are poorly maintained and spoil the village for residents who wish to see improvements and progress.

Feel development should be mixed. Not just large exec type houses.

Most new housing built in Stow is not affordable to younger people or older residents wishing to remain in the area but needing more suitable accommodation. Few houses are for local residents but are being built for profit.

Single-storey dwellings for older people should be included.

Bungalows.

Sheltered accommodation for the elderly is in short supply. Currently, older folk from our communities often need to move elsewhere to find the support needed especially if there is no extended family nearby.

There are too many homes for sale on the open market at prices that are beyond affordability for younger folk wanting to have a home of their own

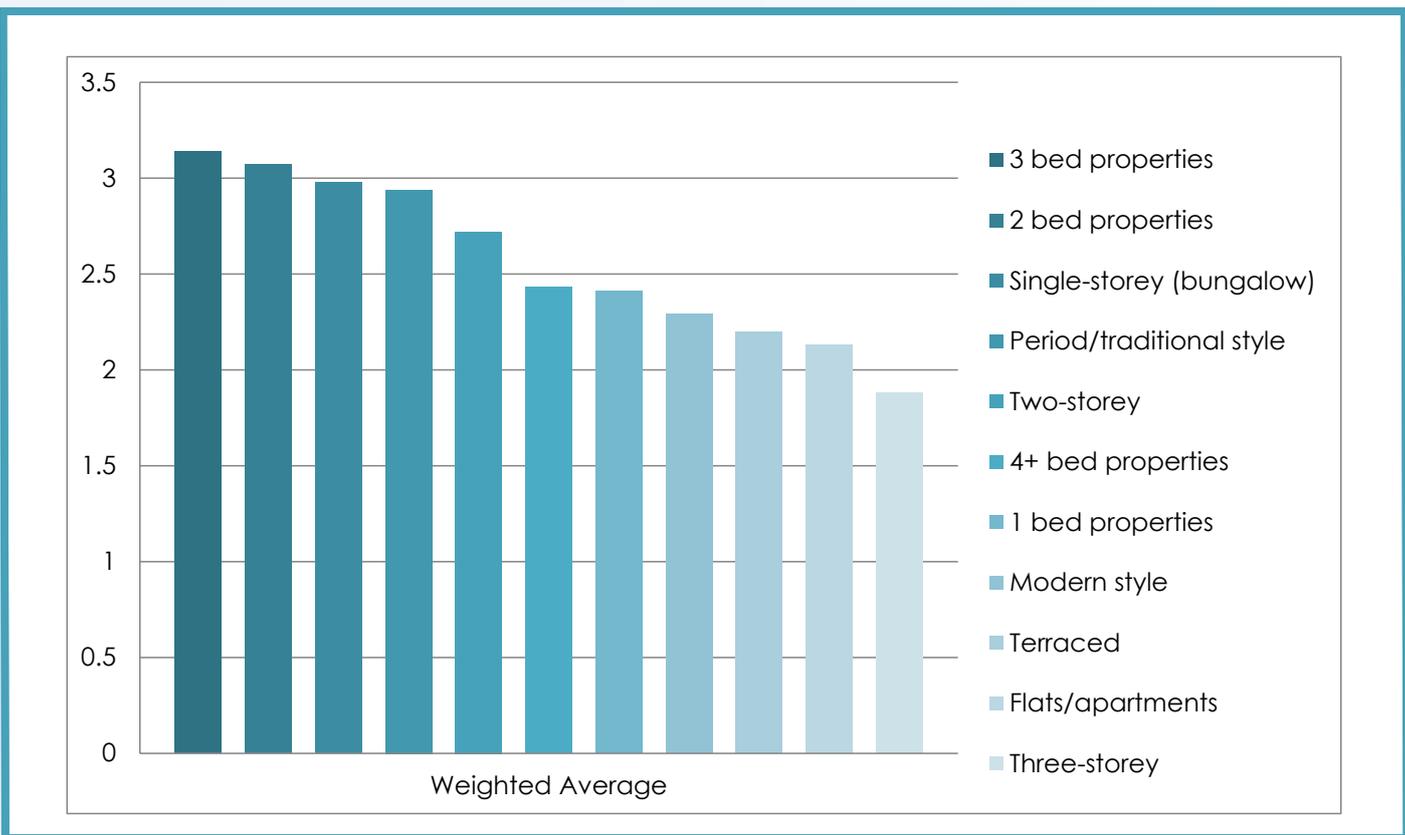
I am disagreeing with sheltered accommodation because I don't believe our parish is appropriate and this should be more available in built up areas.

The village is too isolated to support sheltered accommodation due to lack of facilities and transport links.

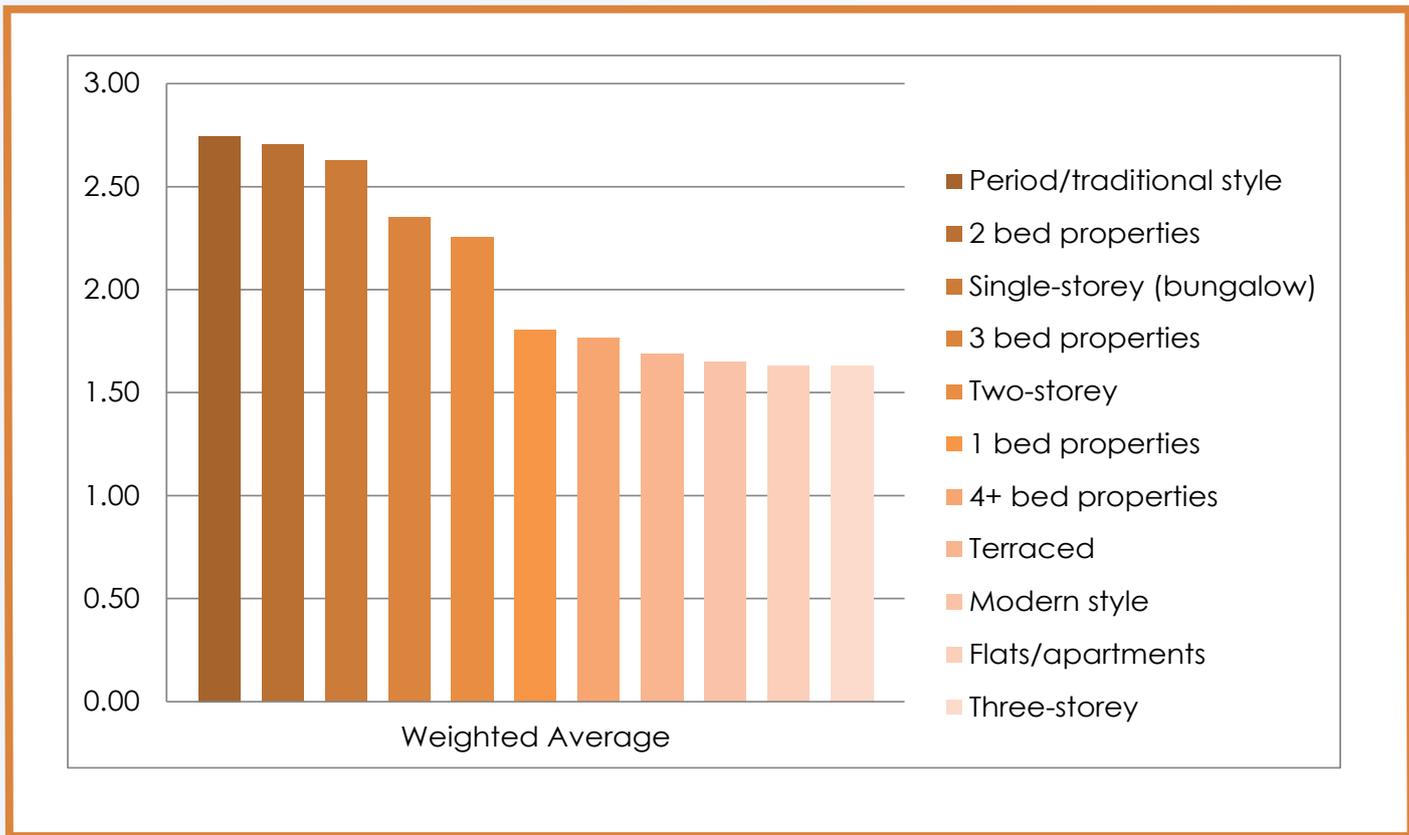
**Question 13**

**What style of housing would you like to see included in any new housing development?**

Sturton by Stow	Stow
187 responses were collected, with seven respondents choosing to skip the question.	51 responses were collected, with two respondents choosing to skip the question.



**Figure 21 – Sturton by Stow**



**Figure 22 – Stow**

Weighted Average (of those expressing a preference)
Weighting Factors - High preference = 4, Medium preference = 3, Low preference = 2, No preference = 1

A range of options were given for respondents to indicate their preference. In Sturton by Stow, Figure 21 shows '3 bed properties' and '2 bed properties' are the preferred choices of respondents. In Stow, Figure 22 shows the preferred choices are '2 bed properties' and 'Period/traditional style' properties.

Figure 23 and Figure 24 illustrate the breakdown using both the weighted average and the percentage of respondents who indicated that these options are their most preferred.

	High preference	Medium preference
3 bed properties	68	72
2 bed properties	74	63
Single-storey (bungalow)	64	62
Period/traditional style	59	69
Two-storey	39	76
1 bed properties	30	42
4+ bed properties	27	38
Modern style	22	46
Terraced	16	48
Flats/apartments	13	32
Three-storey	5	23

Figure 23 – Sturton by Stow

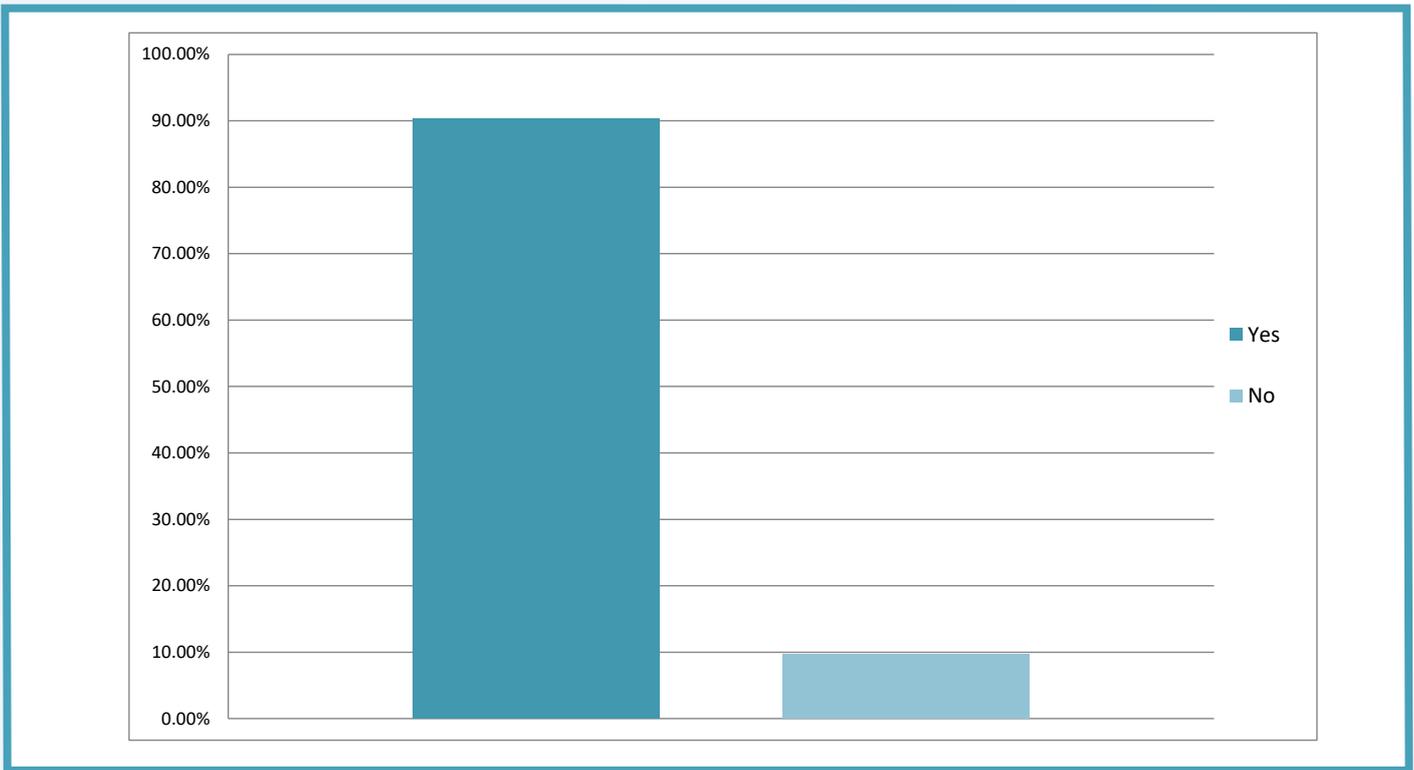
	High preference	Medium preference
3 bed properties	15	15
2 bed properties	22	10
Single-storey (bungalow)	17	18
Period/traditional style	14	19
Two-storey	7	25
1 bed properties	6	9
4+ bed properties	3	9
Modern style	2	12
Terraced	3	13
Flats/apartments	0	10
Three-storey	2	5

Figure 24 – Stow

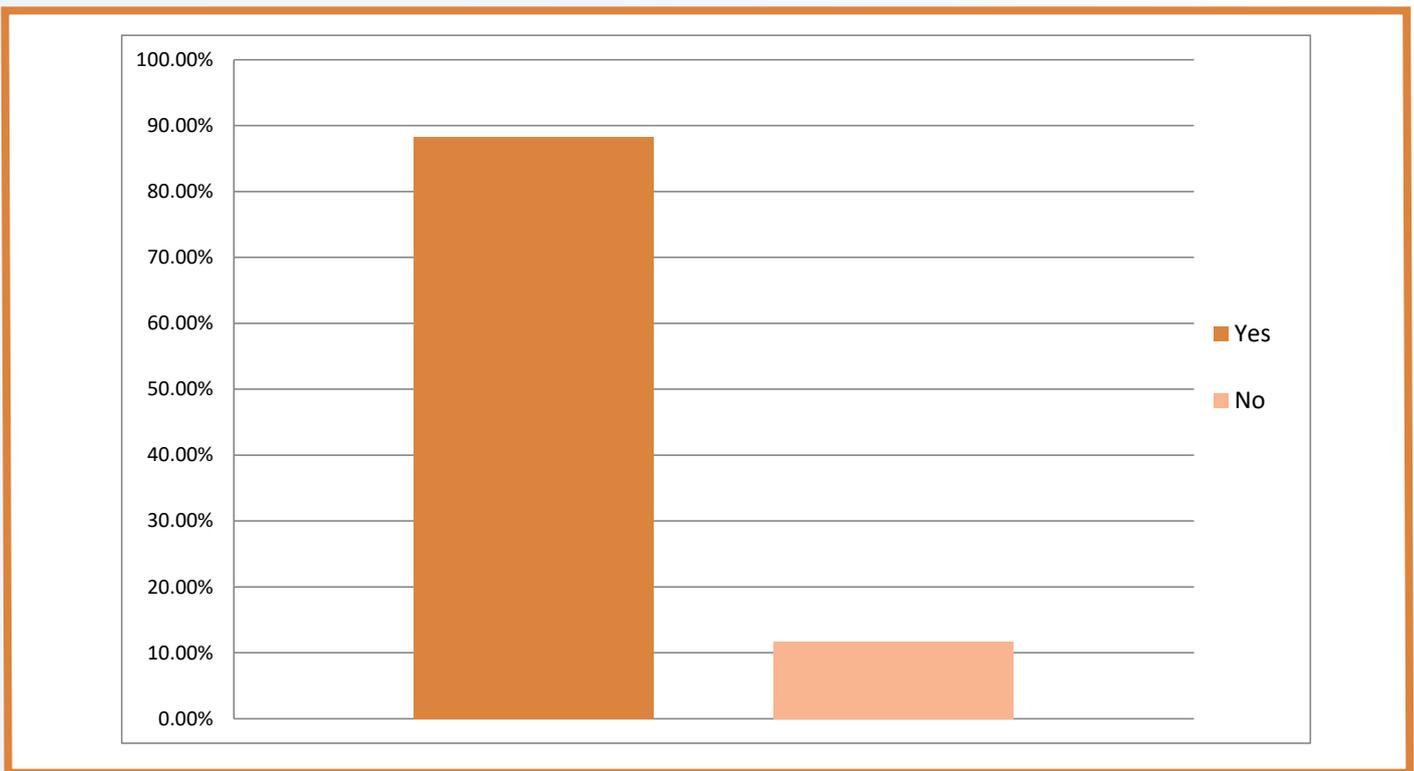
## Question 14

Do you think any new development should respect the local character, landscape and heritage of the parish?

Sturton by Stow	Stow
194 responses were collected, with four respondents choosing to skip the question.	53 responses were collected, with no respondents choosing to skip the question.



**Figure 25 – Sturton by Stow**



**Figure 26 – Stow**

Figures 25 and 26 indicate that 90.20% of respondents in Sturton by Stow and 88.68% of respondents in Stow agree that new developments should respect local character, landscape and heritage of the parishes.

When asked 'If "yes", what local features are particularly important to you?' There were 121 respondents from Sturton by Stow and from Stow. A selection of comments can be seen below from Sturton by Stow. All responses can be seen in **Appendix 7**.

<b>Sturton by Stow</b>
To maintain the current general height of any additional housing i.e. no town houses in the centre of the village. Develop facilities (sporting and leisure) in recreation ground.
Green spaces, woodland, nature conservation, ponds, dykes, off road connection pathways.
Trees, hedges, dykes. Reasonable space between houses.
Old buildings and churches. Sturton and Stow are very close and would be sad to see developments between them which would join them together. Need green spaces between villages.
Green spaces, trees, flower verges, less tarmac. Ancient hedges, moats and features.
Old houses, churches, green gaps (not used for parking), public house, village hall, recreation ground and playpark.

Respondents in Stow gave the following comments:

<b>Stow</b>
Older houses and traditional churches.
Local views, views of the church, views of open countryside, green gaps between houses and villages, quiet rural atmosphere, footpaths, space.
The church, the character of local houses, the green space, views of open countryside.
Old historic buildings and green spaces. The 'traditional' (i.e. not modern) style of houses that predominates.
Green gaps.
Old houses, spaces between, green spaces, fields, the quiet area feel. Light and space.

### Question 15

**How important are the following considerations in relation to any development?**

<b>Sturton by Stow</b>	<b>Stow</b>
190 responses were collected, with four respondents choosing to skip the question.	52 responses were collected, with one responder choosing to skip the question.

The percentage margins between the top four of the six considerations in the graphs (Figures 27 and 28), are small.

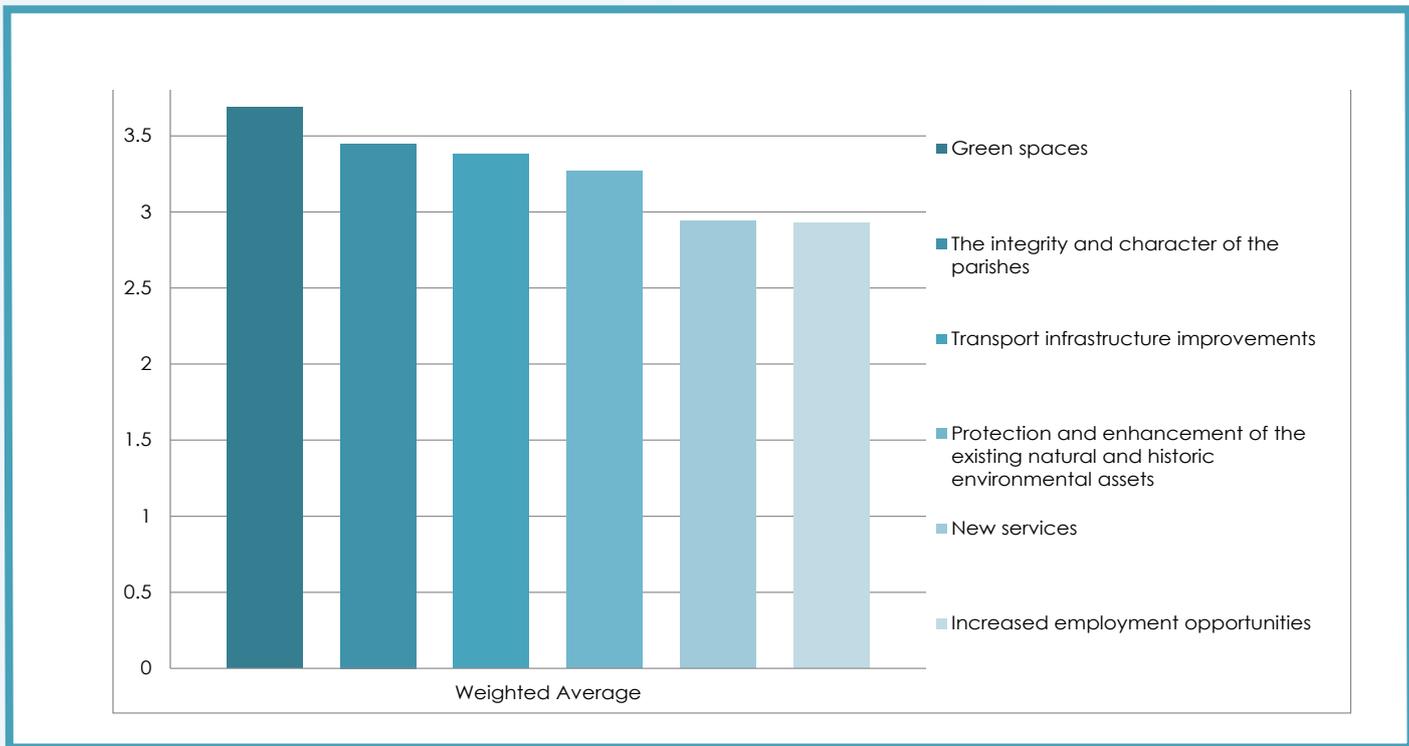


Figure 27 – Sturton by Stow

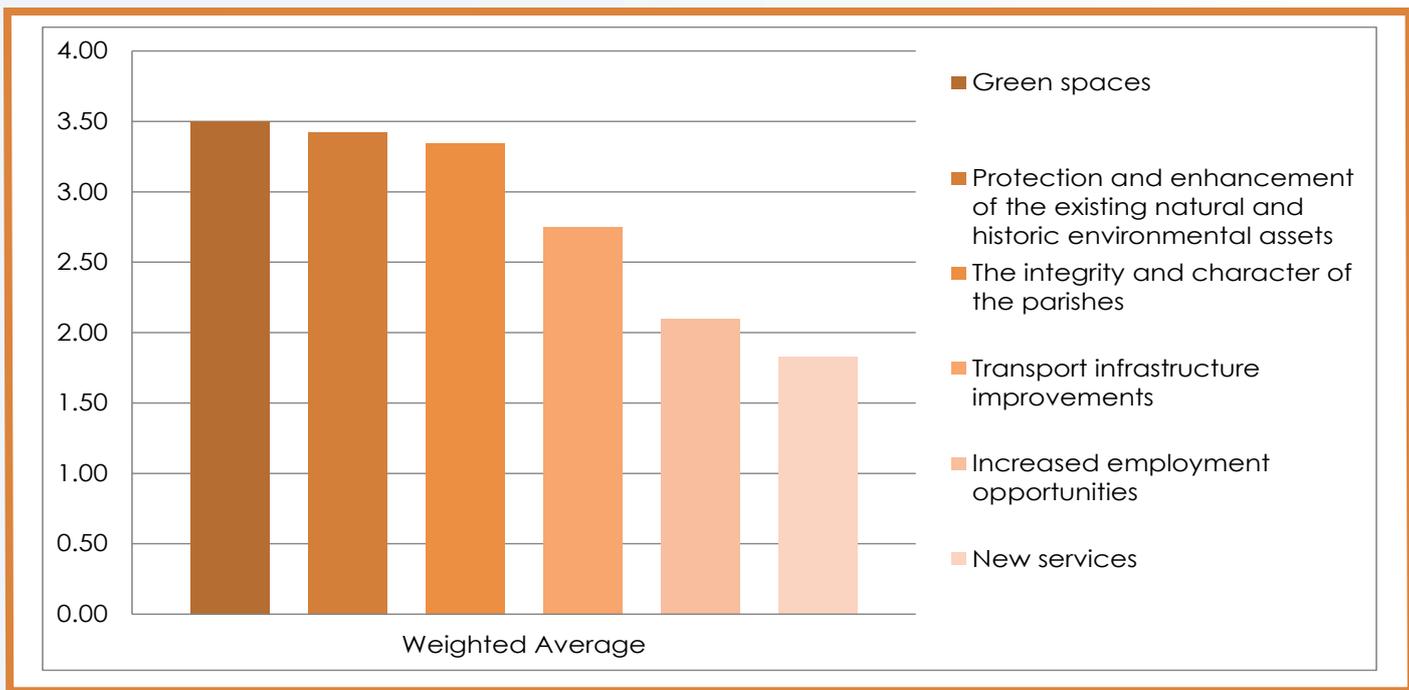


Figure 28 – Stow

Weighted Average (of those expressing a preference)
Weighting Factors - Very important = 4, Important = 3, Not important = 2, No opinion = 1

## Question 16

**Should you wish to remain in your parish, do you consider that you or a member of your family will have a housing need in the next 5 years?**

Sturton by Stow	Stow
192 responses were collected, with two respondents choosing to skip the question.	53 responses were collected, with no respondents choosing to skip the question.

In both parishes, the majority of respondents have indicated they will not have a housing need in the next five years.

However, 30% of Sturton by Stow respondents suggest they may have a housing need (Figure 29) and in Stow this is slightly less at 24.53% (Figure 30).

Answer choices	Responses	
No	50.00%	97
Yes	30.73%	59
Don't know	19.27%	37

**Figure 29 - Sturton By Stow**

Answer choices	Responses	
No	58.49%	31
Yes	24.53%	13
Don't know	19.98%	9

**Figure 30 - Stow**

## Question 17

### What would you consider is the main reason for this need?

Sturton by Stow	Stow
59 responses were collected, with 135 respondents choosing to skip the question.	14 responses were collected, with 39 respondents choosing to skip the question.

The most significant reasons given for this need in Sturton by Stow were:

- Want to leave parental home/live independently
- Current accommodation is too large
- Current accommodation is too small

In Stow the most significant reasons were:

- Current accommodation is too expensive
- Current accommodation is unsuitable for physical needs
- Want to leave parental home/live independently

Figures 31 and 32 shows the breakdown of the individual responses to each of the options given.

Answer Choices	Responses	
Want to leave parental home/live independently	23.73%	14
Current accommodation is too large	16.95%	10
Current accommodation is too small	15.25%	9
Current accommodation is too expensive	11.86%	7
Legal reasons (end of relationship, end of tenancy, etc)	10.17%	6
Current accommodation is unsuitable for physical needs	8.47%	5
Need to live closer to family	8.473%	5
Need to live closer to a carer or to provide care	3.39%	2
Current accommodation is too far from work	1.65%	1

**Figure 31 - Sturton by Stow**

Answer Choices	Responses	
Want to leave parental home/live independently	21.43%	3
Current accommodation is too large	21.43%	3
Current accommodation is too small	21.43%	3
Current accommodation is too expensive	14.29%	2
Legal reasons (end of relationship, end of tenancy, etc)	14.29%	2
Current accommodation is unsuitable for physical needs	7.14%	1
Need to live closer to family	0.00%	0
Need to live closer to a carer or to provide care	0.00%	0
Current accommodation is too far from work	0.00%	0

Figure 32 - Stow

## Community

This section aims to look at the range of facilities available and used by the community, together with any further development that is considered necessary.



### Question 18

Which community facilities do you use within your parish and how often?

Sturton by Stow	Stow
193 responses were collected, with one responder choosing to skip the question.	53 responses were collected, with no respondents choosing to skip the question.

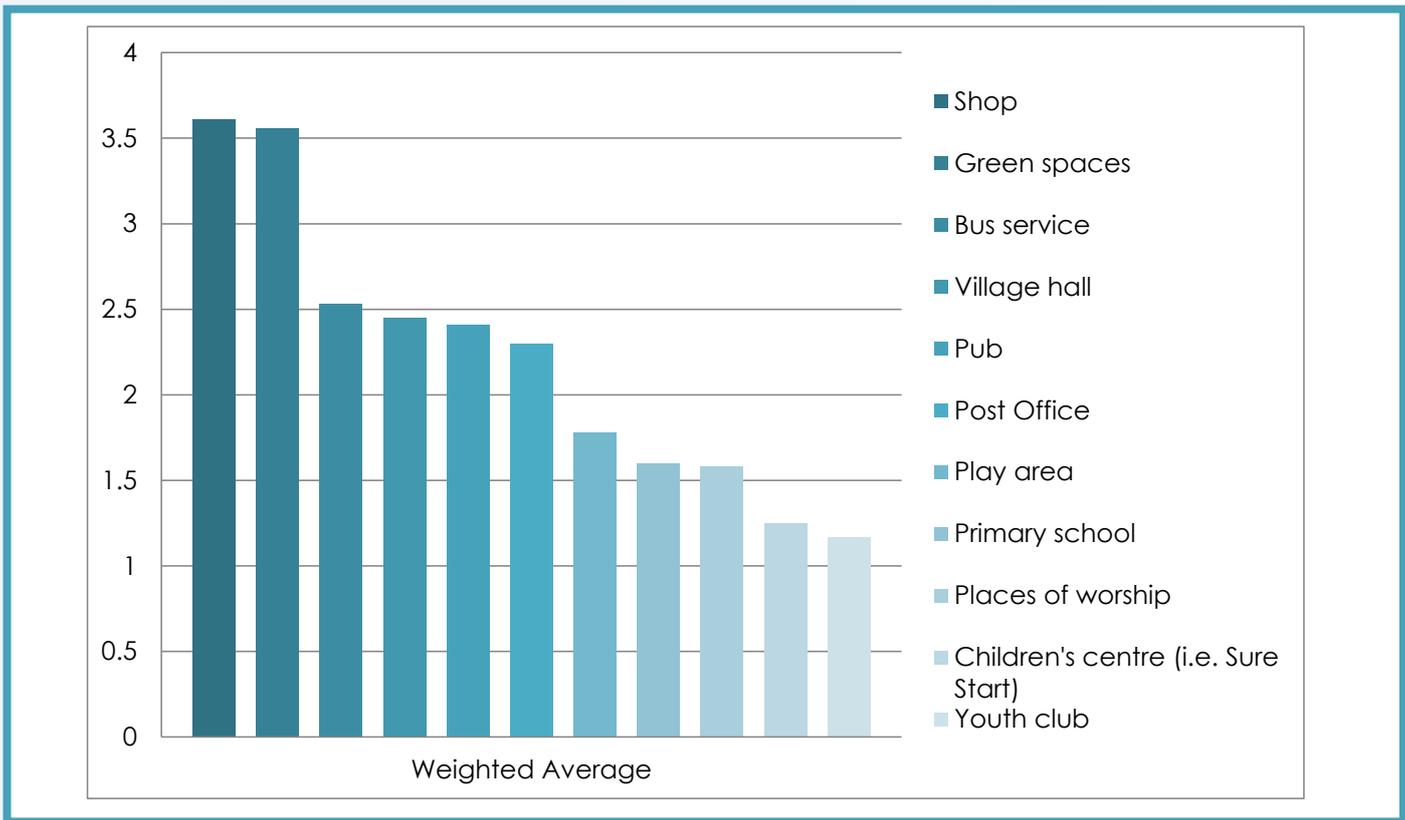


Figure 33 - Sturton by Stow

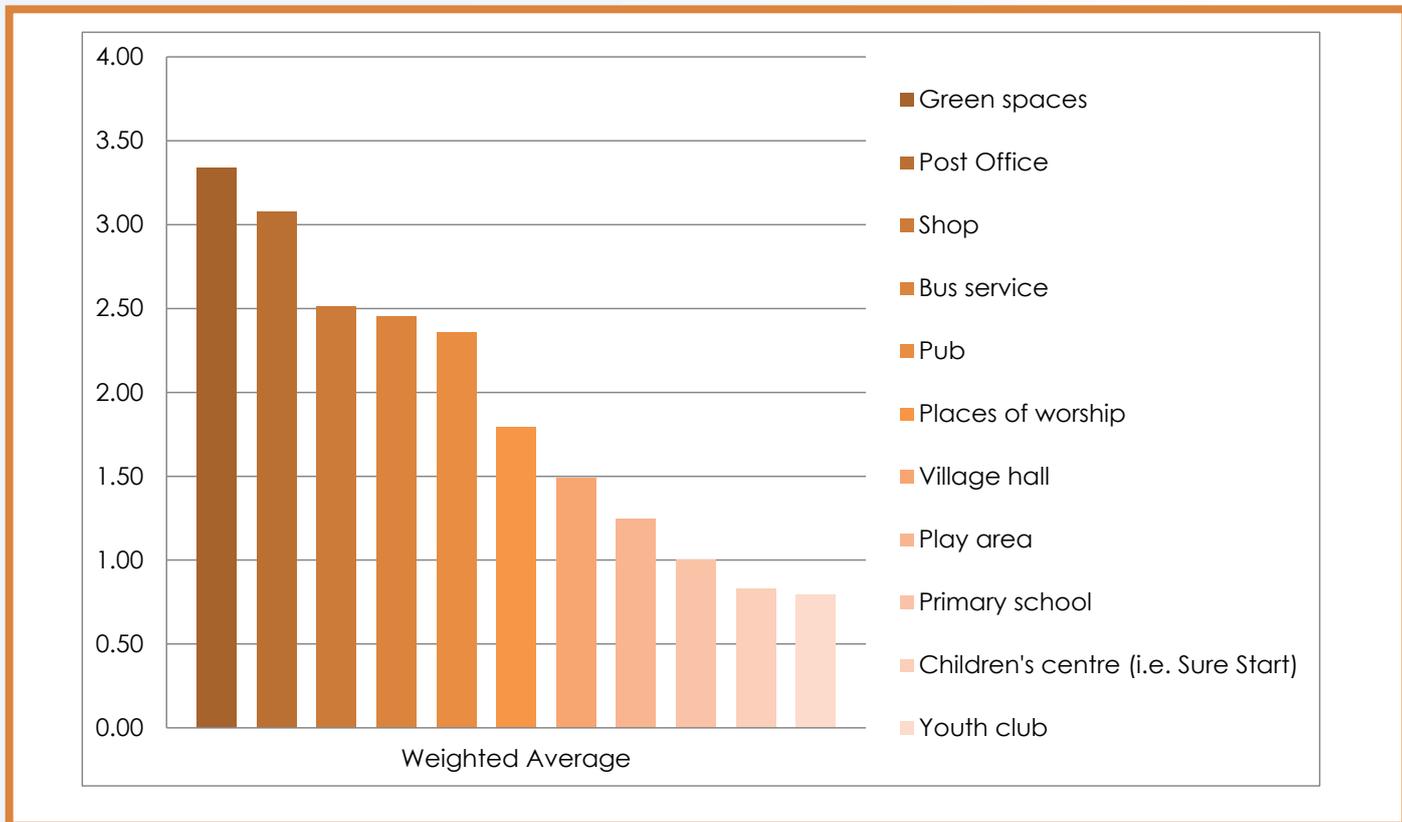


Figure 34 - Stow

Weighted Average (of those expressing a preference)
Weighting Factors - Daily = 5, Weekly = 4, Monthly = 3, Occasionally = 2, Never = 1

Figure 33 indicates that the shop and green spaces in Sturton by Stow are well used facilities using the weighted average.

Figure 34 indicates that green spaces and the post office in Stow are well used facilities using the weighted average.

Figures 35 and 36 show the breakdown of facilities used most often in each parish.

Answer Choices	Daily		Weekly	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
Shop	50	27%	73	39%
Green spaces	59	34%	48	27%
Bus service	14	8%	40	22%
Village hall	3	2%	33	18%
Pub	5	3%	40	22%
Post Office	5	3%	41	23%
Play area	2	1%	14	8%
Primary school	22	13%	1	1%
Places of worship	2	1%	6	4%
Children's centre (i.e. Sure Start)	3	2%	6	4%
Youth club	1	1%	3	2%

**Figure 35 – Sturton by Stow**

Answer Choices	Daily		Weekly	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
Green spaces	24	53%	7	16%
Post Office	6	12%	19	38%
Shop	10	23%	8	18%
Bus service	5	11%	10	21%
Pub	3	7%	8	17%
Places of worship	1	3%	6	15%
Village hall	1	3%	3	8%
Play area	1	3%	1	3%
Primary school	3	8%	0	0%
Children's centre (i.e. Sure Start)	1	3%	1	3%
Youth club	0	0%	1	3%

**Figure 36 – Stow**

There were 19 additional comments in Sturton by Stow and seven in Stow that have been listed in the tables following:

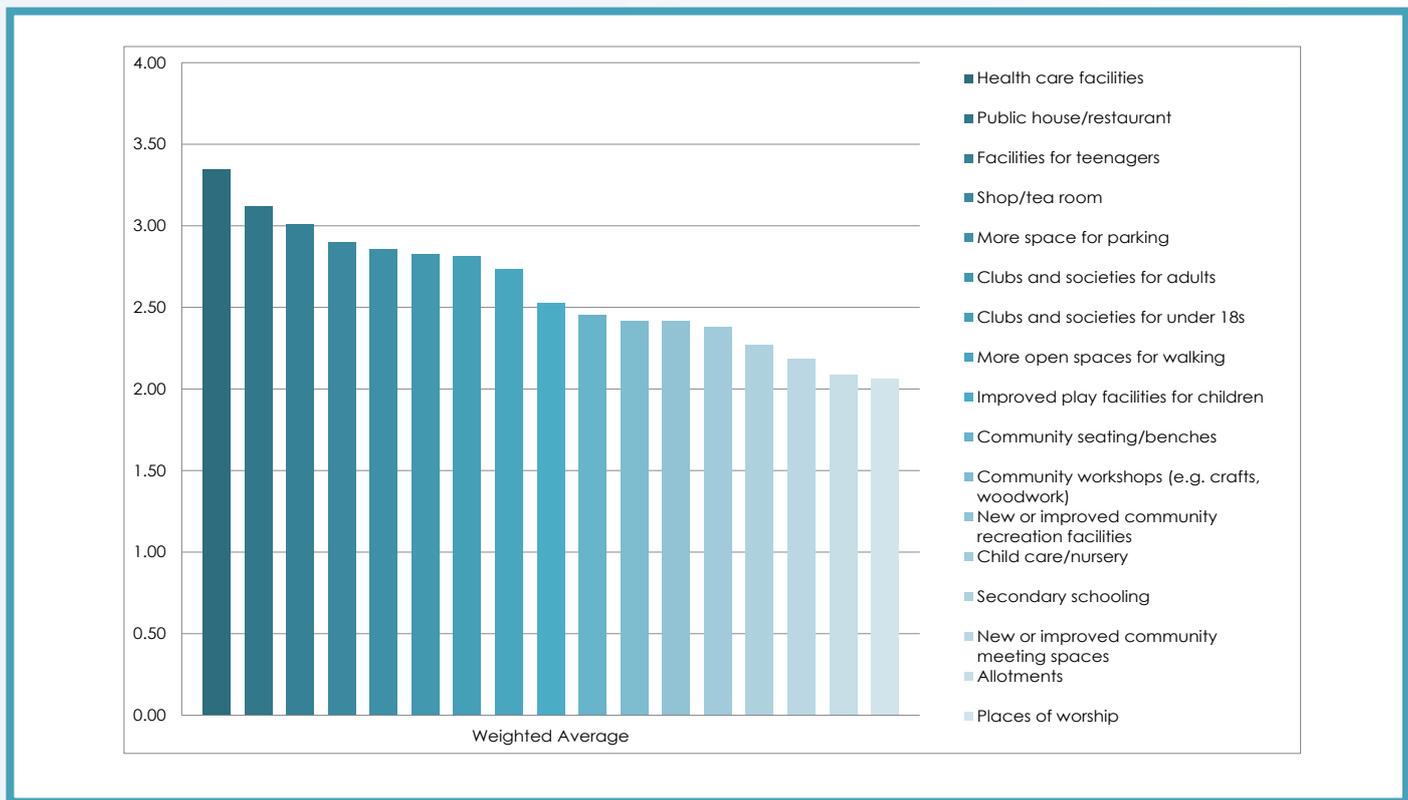
<b>Sturton by Stow</b>
Hairdresser every few weeks.
Would use post office almost daily if there was one.
Need community church which can be hired to different religious groups and available for baptism, funerals and weddings.
Bus service- would use more if the service was more frequent. Post office - would use if we had one [identified as living in Sturton by Stow in responses]. Pub - unsure may use more if more inviting with food. Shop - too expensive would use a Co-op. Tillbridge Tastery- use maybe monthly, great asset to village.
Tillbridge taster on an occasional basis.
Recreation ground weekly.
No bus service in Bransby, have to go to Saxilby for post office.
Have to go outside village for place of worship.
Old School room. The Tastery. Butcher (Saxilby Road).
Dog waste bins. Footpath network. Recreation grounds.
Bransby has none of these apart from a few green spaces, mind you I can't actually think of any green spaces, the River Till walk is now fenced off, Bonnywells Lane is car park so maybe Bransby has nothing!
Attend many activities in village hall but not weekly, some are monthly but more than once activity per month (4/5).
Gents hair dressers at rear of village hall.
Tastery.
Use the pub in Stow monthly.
Although we do not use the primary school or youth club yet, it is purely because of the age of our child and will in the future.
Tillbridge Tastery.
Tillbridge Tastery cafe weekly.
Footpaths across countryside.

<b>Stow</b>
Café.
No village hall but Sturton Hall is important in the life of many Stow residents.
Golf course at Torksey.
Our child uses the bus to get to school in Gainsborough.
Cycle shop (Barrons), post boxes, notice boards, benches, litter picking (6 monthly - organized by Stow Fun Raisers).
We came to Stow knowing there were few facilities in the village proper, but appreciate the bus service for future use, so we hope that just because we don't use services right now does not mean they ought to be cut as others do use the services.
Library van.

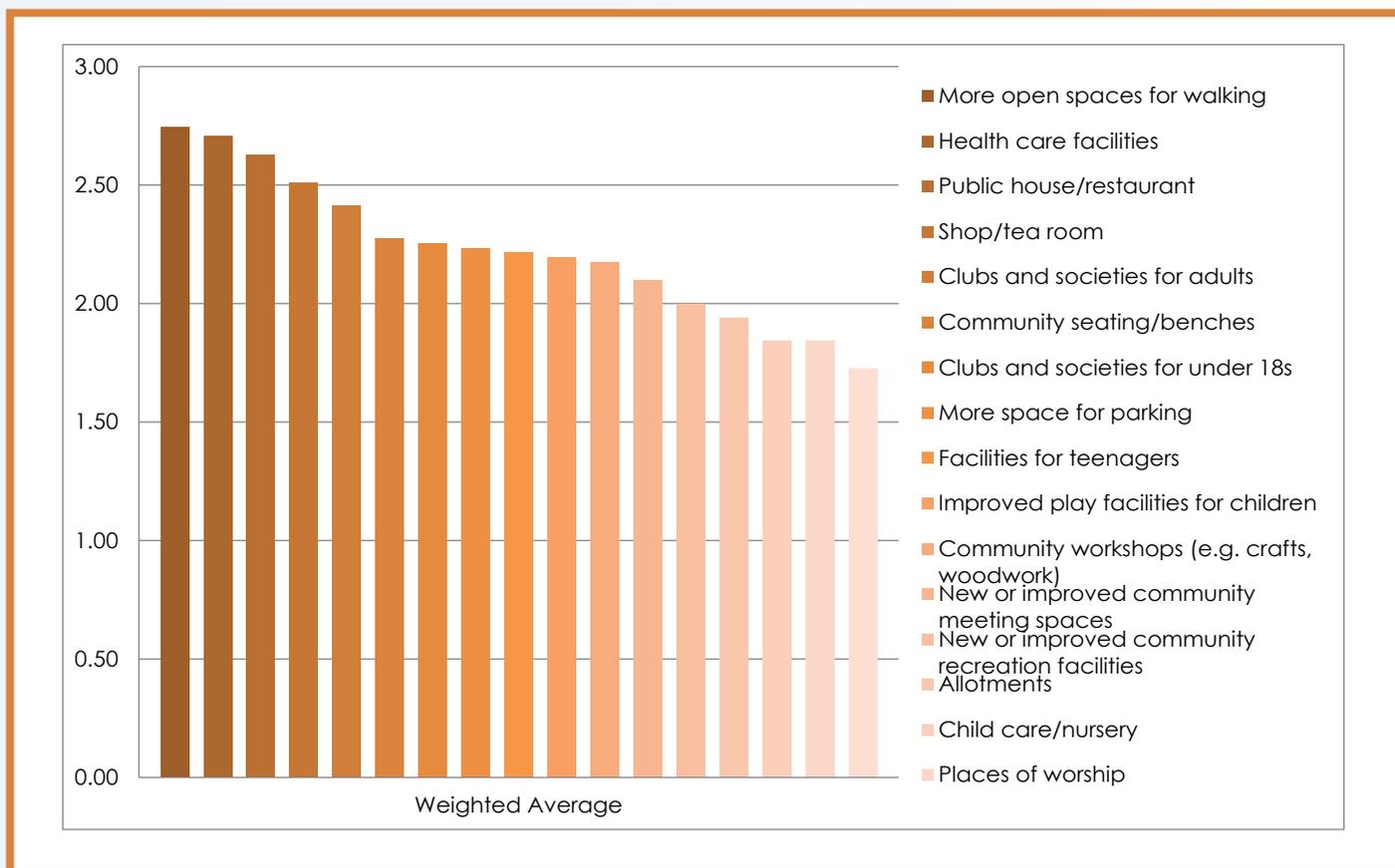
**Question 19**

**How do you view the need for the following additional or improved community facilities in your parish?**

Sturton by Stow	Stow
192 responses were collected, with two respondents choosing to skip the question.	48 responses were collected, with no respondents choosing to skip the question.



**Figure 38 – Sturton by Stow**



**Figure 39 – Stow**

Weighted Average (of those expressing a preference)
Weighting Factors - Very Important = 4, Important = 3, Not Important = 2 No Opinion = 1

Additional or improved Healthcare facilities are rated as most important by respondents in Sturton by Stow, (Figure 38). With ‘Public house/restaurant’ and ‘Facilities for teenagers’ placed closely in second and third place in importance using the weighted average.

‘More open spaces for walking’ was identified as the most important by respondents in Stow, with additional healthcare facilities as a close second using the weighted average.

Figures 40 and 41 list local facilities in the order of importance.

Answer Choices	Very important	Important
Health care facilities	110	56
Public house/restaurant	74	82
Facilities for teenagers	61	101
Shop/tea room	71	69
More space for parking	63	68
Clubs and societies for adults	49	97
Clubs and societies for under 18s	54	90
More open spaces for walking	54	69
Improved play facilities for children	41	81
Community seating/benches	26	87
Community workshops (e.g. crafts, woodwork)	28	82
New or improved community recreation facilities	31	72
Child care/nursery	40	67
Secondary schooling	34	47
New or improved community meeting spaces	18	61
Allotments	11	61
Places of worship	12	55

Figure 40 – Sturton by Stow

Answer Choices	Very important	Important
Health care facilities	18	17
More open spaces for walking	17	16
Public house/restaurant	14	18
Clubs and societies for adults	9	26
Shop/tea room	8	23
Community seating/benches	7	21
Facilities for teenagers	11	17
Clubs and societies for under 18s	8	23
More space for parking	8	15
Improved play facilities for children	7	20
Community workshops (e.g. crafts, woodwork)	4	22
New or improved community meeting spaces	3	22
New or improved community recreation facilities	5	19
Child care/nursery	3	16
Places of worship	4	11
Allotments	4	9
Secondary schooling	3	10

Figure 41 – Stow

When asked for other ideas for additional or improved facilities, 30 responses were given from Sturton by Stow and three from Stow.

A selection of comments can be seen below from Sturton by Stow. All 30 responses can be seen in **Appendix 8**.

### Sturton by Stow

At present there are no services in the village like a hairdressers/similar.

More parking facilities near school to drop off and pick up times.

A transport service for people unable to use public transport.

Recycle facilities.

A men's Shed club to use retired peoples skills and by inviting youngsters to pass skills and friendship between generations. If it was based in St Hughes the church could be resurrected. Film club.

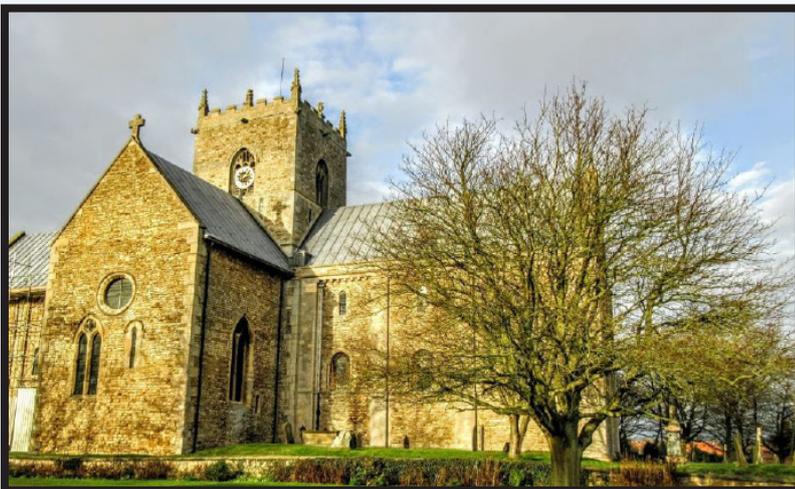
All comments from Stow can be seen below:

### Stow

Where I have said not important I am saying the current facilities are enough.

Post Office, community workshops - knitting/sewing/writing, by supporting clubs and societies I mean community adult classes - languages/Pilates/computers. Already plenty of open green spaces - bookable meeting/treatment/office rooms would be good.

St Mary's Church is a bit of a millstone around the neck of the village. I applaud its use as a Post Office and would like to see it used for more community events.



## Communication

This is about getting information to people at the right time and in the right way.

### Question 20

How do you currently find out about what is happening in your parish?

Sturton by Stow	Stow
192 responses were collected, with two respondents choosing to skip the question.	50 responses were collected, with three respondents choosing to skip the question.

Answer Choices	Responses	
Parish News booklet	78.65%	151
Word of Mouth	76.60%	149
Village notice boards	71.35%	137
Posters and Flyers	56.25%	108
Facebook page	18.75%	26
Village/local organisation websites (e.g. Parish Council, Stow Fun Raisers)	17.71%	34
Neighbourhood Plan Website	9.38%	18
Other (please specify)	7.29%	14
Not interested	0.52%	1

Figure 42 - Sturton by Stow

Answer Choices	Responses	
Word of Mouth	80%	40
Parish News booklet	78%	39
Village notice boards	64%	32
Posters and Flyers	85%	29
Village/local organisation websites (e.g. Parish Council, Stow Fun Raisers)	48%	24
Facebook page	16%	8
Neighbourhood Plan Website	6%	3
Other (please specify)	2%	1
Not interested	0%	0

Figure 43 - Stow

Figures 42 and 43 on the previous page show the most popular ways of receiving local news is either by word of mouth or through the Parish News booklet.

Other sources of communication were listed as follows (14 in Sturton by Stow and one in Stow):

<b>Sturton by Stow</b>
Newsletter.
Village newsletter.
Will check out FB as unaware. Newsletter.
Pub.
Gainsborough Standard.
Accessing internet at Bransby is always slow and unavailable.
Sturton by Stow newsletter which is good.
Sturton Parish Newsletter, Foss Focus, Gainsborough Standard and local plan, Email groups.
Local public house.
Communication is poor between Parish Council meetings and residents. No minutes posted on website or active village facebook page like Upton or Nettleham.
Pub!
Village newsletters.
Occasional parish newsletter.
Local Newsletter.

<b>Stow</b>
Village shop would be handy.

### Question 21

**Do you think there is a need to improve communication?**

<b>Sturton by Stow</b>	<b>Stow</b>
180 responses were collected, with 14 respondents choosing to skip the question.	48 responses were collected, with five respondents choosing to skip the question.

Answer Choices	Responses	
No	52.22%	94
Yes	47.78%	86

**Figure 44 - Sturton by Stow**

Answer Choices	Responses	
No	62.50%	30
Yes	37.50%	18

**Figure 45 - Stow**

In both parishes respondents are generally happy with communication, however between 37.50% and 47.78% of respondents do agree that communication needs to be improved.

When asked "If 'Yes' do you have any ideas?" 54 respondents from the parish of Sturton by Stow commented and six respondents from Stow commented, these can be seen on the tables below.

A selection of comments can be seen below from Sturton by Stow. All 54 responses can be seen in **Appendix 9**.

### Sturton by Stow

If the village were to grow then hopefully the means of communication would naturally grow with it - a larger audience (demand) stimulates improved supply.

More Sturton news in parish magazine.

Facebook page updates more regularly, parish council meetings and minutes available on Facebook. Local newspaper or paper posted online.

More clubs for young mums so word of mouth carries further.

Notice board in village shop. Notice board in Post Office. Notice board in village hall.

All comments from Stow can be seen below:

### Stow

There are plenty of outlets already - folk just have to have the interest and know where to look.

Local information website.

Possibly Facebook.

Would be nice to have a free monthly magazine delivered to all properties, (similar to the Village Venture which the nearby spring line villages enjoy), could be funded by selling advertising spaces?

**Stow continued...**

Make the Parish News more relevant - get all local organizations to advertise their events and what they do, get local businesses to advertise in it, if it becomes more use to people, more people will get it.

Access and Speed of the Internet Needs Improving Vastly. Internet is Far Too Slow in Rural Properties.

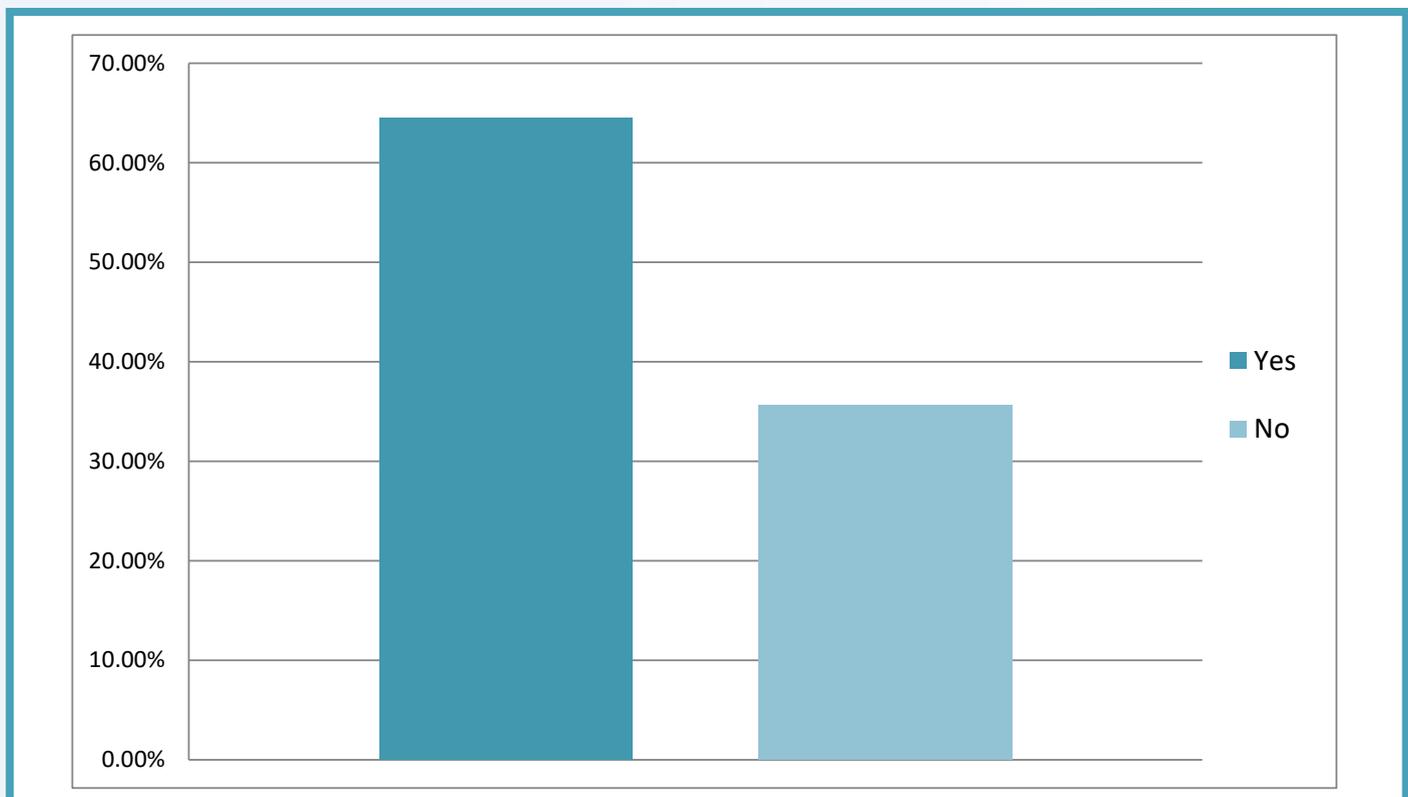
**Employment**

The final theme covered by the household questionnaire was that of the development of employment opportunities within the parishes.

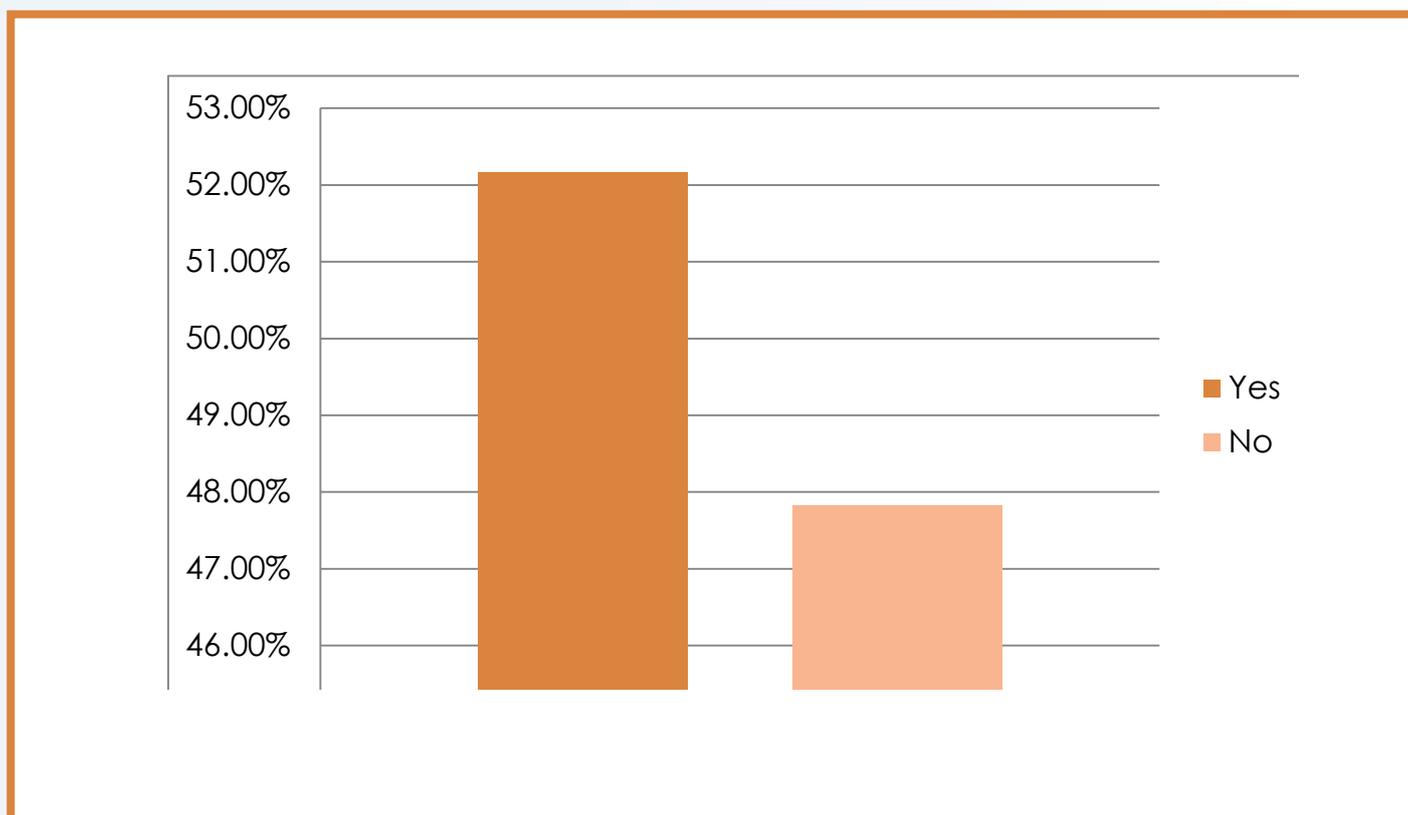
**Question 22**

**Do you consider that your parish needs more employment opportunities?**

Sturton by Stow	Stow
178 responses were collected, with 16 respondents choosing to skip the question.	46 responses were collected, with 7 respondents choosing to skip the question.



**Figure 46 - Sturton by Stow**



**Figure 47 - Stow**

A majority of respondents in both parishes are in favour of more employment opportunities, (Figure 46 and 47).

**Question 23**

**If “Yes” what type of employment opportunities should be encouraged?**

Sturton by Stow	Stow
120 responses were collected, with 74 respondents choosing to skip the question.	26 responses were collected, with 27 respondents choosing to skip the question.

Answer Choices	Responses	
Incubation units (start-up business units)	60.83%	73
Social care sector	57.50%	69
Agriculture	53.33%	64
Retail	51.67%	62
Leisure and recreation	51.67%	62
Light manufacturing/industry	50.83%	61
Storage and distribution	17.50%	21

**Figure 48 - Sturton by Stow**

Answer Choices	Responses	
Leisure and recreation	50.00%	13
Incubation units (start-up business units)	50.00%	13
Light manufacturing/industry	42.31%	11
Agriculture	42.31%	11
Retail	38.46%	10
Social care sector	26.92%	7
Storage and distribution	23.08%	6

**Figure 49 - Stow**

In Sturton by Stow the top choices were 'Incubation units (start-up business units)' and 'Social care sector' opportunities (Figure 48).

In Stow the top choices were 'Leisure and recreation' and 'Incubation units (start-up business units)' (Figure 49).

## Final Comments

### Question 24

**Please make any other comments you have in the space below, remember you will have ample opportunity to share your views at future consultation exercises or by asking to help create the Neighbourhood Plan.**

Sturton by Stow	Stow
33 responses were collected, with 161 respondents choosing to skip the question.	Seven responses were collected, with 44 respondents choosing to skip the question.

A selection of comments can be seen below from both parishes. All responses can be seen in **Appendix 10**.

### Sturton by Stow

Flooding is the number one concern to many people on the high street area. The worry is any development on the west, south and north will produce more run off flood water.

It is important that infrastructure e.g. drainage, sewerage, to be adequate for future development and catch up with current and past development.

Working from home should be encouraged where possible. Industrial land was available but was given permission for residential buildings. Industrial units well catered for in Saxilby.

**Sturton by Stow continued...**

Please don't knock the historical buildings down for more parking. Thank you.

Any future planning consents for residential development in Sturton by Stow should be conditional requiring the developers to pay for upgrading the mains drainage infrastructure within the village. Developers are currently taking their profits and running leaving no benefit for the existing village population.

All responses from Stow can be seen below:

**Stow**

The financial cost on the Precept of any changes decided on should be estimated and made public before approval.

Sturton and Stow are rural villages and need to retain their identity when considering planning in the future. Residents choose to live here because they like this type of neighbourhood and do not expect to have EVERYTHING on their doorstep. We value the existing assets.

Q17 - two reasons for moving but the survey prevents all that apply. Please note: Reason 1 Current accommodation is too large, Reason 2 current accommodation is unsuitable for physical needs.

For development we should look at more properties being built in existing gardens where there is the space to avoid additional building on greenfield sites.

**Collection of Data Trends****Question 25**

As part of gathering data trends we are interested in the age group you belong to (this question is optional).

Sturton by Stow	Stow
189 responses were collected, with five respondents choosing to skip the question.	48 responses were collected, with five respondents choosing to skip the question.

Answer Choices	Responses	
60 - 79 years	44.97%	85
45 - 59 years	31.22%	59
30 - 44 years	11.64%	22
80 years or over	6.88%	13
19 - 29 years	4.76%	9
18 and under	0.53%	1

**Figure 50 - Sturton by Stow**

Answer Choices	Responses	
60 - 79 years	60.87%	29
45 - 59 years	22.92%	11
30 - 44 years	8.33%	4
80 years or over	8.33%	4
18 and under	0.00%	0
19 - 29 years	0.00%	0

**Figure 51 - Stow**

In both parishes, analysis shows that the highest age group to respond was the 60 – 79 age group (Figures 50 and 51).

The age group least represented are the 18 and under in the parish of Sturton by Stow (Figure 50). In Stow the age groups least represented are the 29 and under (Figure 51).



## Business Questionnaire

All businesses in the two parishes were invited to participate in an online questionnaire. A copy of the questionnaire can be seen in **Appendix 11**.

A total of 13 questionnaires were completed.

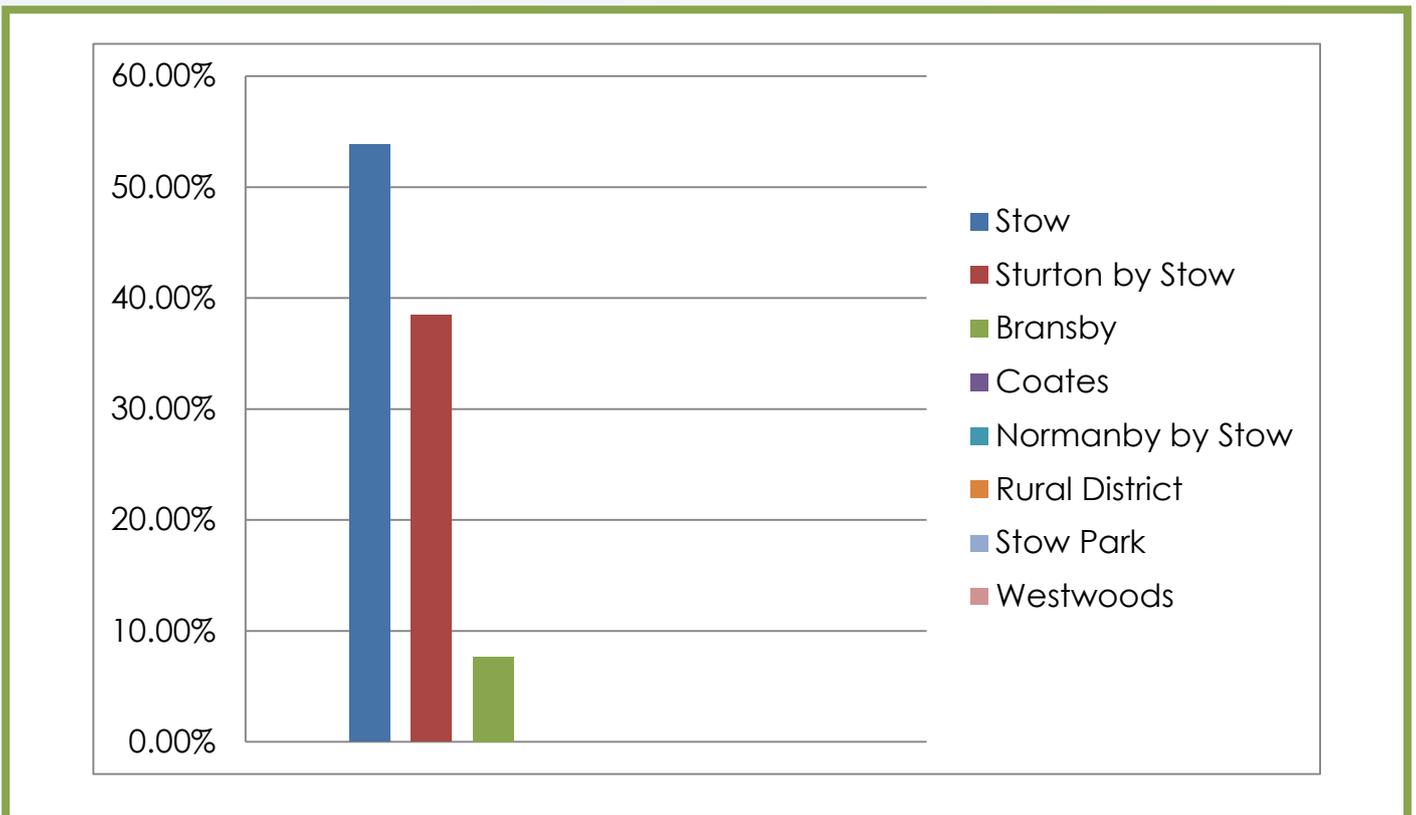
The responses from both parishes have been combined into one graph on each question.

### Your Business Now

#### Question 1

#### Where is your business located?

To help us analyse the responses, we collected data about the location of businesses within the parishes. Figure 1 illustrates a breakdown of these responses.



**Figure 1**

The graphs show that 100% respondents answered this question and that over 50% of respondents are based in Stow. No responses were received from the settlements of Coates, Normanby by Stow, Rural District, Stow Park and Westwoods.

## Question 2

### What sector would best describe your business activity?

13 responses were recorded.

Figure 2 illustrates the business activity of the respondents.

Answer Choices	Responses	
Other (Please specify)	53.85%	7
Business and professional services	15.38%	2
Farming	15.38%	2
Leisure and tourism	15.38%	2
Construction	0.00%	0
Hospitality	0.00%	0
Information technology	0.00%	0
Manufacturing	0.00%	0
Other community, social and personal services/activities	0.00%	0
Property Development	0.00%	0
Social care	0.00%	0
Transport, storage	0.00%	0
Wholesale and retail trade	0.00%	0

### Figure 2

Seven respondents indicated that their business activity related to other sectors not listed in the question. All seven respondents named the following sectors:

Business
Church of England Parish of Stow with Sturton - offering spiritual support and guidance, worship opportunities, prayer for our local communities, and local offices - baptisms, weddings and funerals
Electrical contractor.
Equestrian facilities and training.
Equine rescue and Welfare Charity.
Restaurant and Pub.
Swimming pool, hot tubs, sauna, steam room sales and service.
Tillbridge Tastery Tea and Coffee Shop.

### Question 3

#### What type of premises do you operate from?

13 responses were recorded.

The breakdown of premises is shown in Figure 3.

Answer Choices	Responses	
Farm/horticultural premises	30.77%	4
Home	23.08%	3
Other (Please specify)	23.08%	3
From home but work takes me to customers' premises	7.69%	1
Offices	7.69%	1
Retail	7.69%	1
Warehouse/manufacturing units	0.00%	0

#### Figure 3

30.77% of respondents use farming and horticultural premises as a base.

The other types of premises used by respondents are listed as:

Business
Licensed Premises.
a) Grade 1 listed Stow Minster (aka St Mary's Church, Stow) - Parish Church for the ecclesiastical parish of Stow with Sturton (Parish boundary incorporates the whole of Sturton civil parish boundary, and most of Stow civil parish boundary (excluding Coates). The building is not only as a place of worship, but host for a 3 x half-day per week Post Office, Concert venue, Tourism venue offering guided tours to groups (including coach parties), bell ringing (not only the local band but frequent bands from elsewhere in the county and country).
b) Grade 2 listed St Hugh's Church, High Street, Sturton - unused at present due to the need for repairs.
c) Churchyard extension - Stow Road, Saturation"
Warehouse showroom and office.

### Question 4

#### Do you employ staff?

13 responses were recorded with 8 (61.54%) of respondents employing staff.

**Question 5****If 'Yes' how many staff do you employ?**

There were 8 responses to this question.

Figure 4 illustrates the employment figures:

Answer Choices	Responses	
Under 5	37.50%	3
11 - 20	37.50%	3
6 - 10	12.50%	1
More than 50	12.50%	1
21 - 50	0.00%	0

**Figure 4**

## Operational environment and your future business

**Question 6****What do you consider to be the three biggest benefits of running a business in Sturton by Stow and Stow Parishes?**

There were 11 responses recorded. These have been categorised as follows:

<b>Community</b>
Good local amenities.
Local Community Support.
Providing and serving the local community.
Part of the community.
Local knowledge and community.
Being able to work within my own community.
<b>General Business</b>
Lack of competition.
Employing local people.
Space to expand.
Good supporting local businesses.
Land for the horses.
<b>Location and access</b>
Beautiful countryside within easy travel time to towns and amenities.
Close to Lincoln and Gainsborough.

**Location and access continued...**

Good access.

Ease of access to us.

**Transport**

Good access to main routes and both Lincoln and Gainsborough.

Close to A1500.

No traffic congestion.

**Other**

Reasonable internet access.

Attracting visitors to the village.

**Question 7****What do you consider to be the most detrimental aspects of the location of your business in Sturton by Stow and Stow Parishes?**

11 responses were recorded.

Responses have been categorised as follows:

**Business**

Finding staff in a village situation.

Cannot be seen from main roads.

Lack of opportunity to expand.

Lack of passing trade for Visitor Centre and Cafe.

High rates and nothing in return (a business tax??).

**Community Facilities**

Lack of a local bakers and Co-op.

Lack of village centre. Parking.

Lack of community hubs.

Housing for employees (families).

Local amenities.

**Crime**

Vulnerable to crime.

**Technology**

No fibre optic.

**Transport**

Transport links.

Roads.

No speed reduction schemes on Ingham Road.

Small roads.

Quality of roads.

## Question 8

### What additional business space do you think you will need within the next 10 years?

13 responses were recorded.

38.46% of respondents have indicated that they will not require additional space within the next 10 years.

Of the other eight responses recorded the breakdown is illustrated in Figure 5.

Answer Choices	Responses	
None	38.46%	5
50 - 100 sq metres	23.08%	3
100 - 500 sq metres	15.38%	2
500+ sq metres	15.38%	2
Other (please specify)	7.69%	1

**Figure 5**

The one respondent that indicated 'Other' gave this response:

"None planned in this parish at present".

## Question 9

### Do you hope to continue operating from your current premises?

13 responses were recorded.

12 respondents indicated that they hope to continue operating from their current premises. Two respondents gave the following reasons:

#### Business Premises

Yes to Stow Minster and Churchyard Extension. No to St Hugh's Sturton - our consultation event in early 2018 about the future use of St Hugh's did not produce the enthusiasm and clarity to see a clear way forward. The building requires considerable investment to improve it, resources which the Parochial Church Council does not have available and must be found via grants. The major grant awarding bodies would wish to see a substantial commitment from the community in general to support the building before making any offer of a grant - Catch 22!

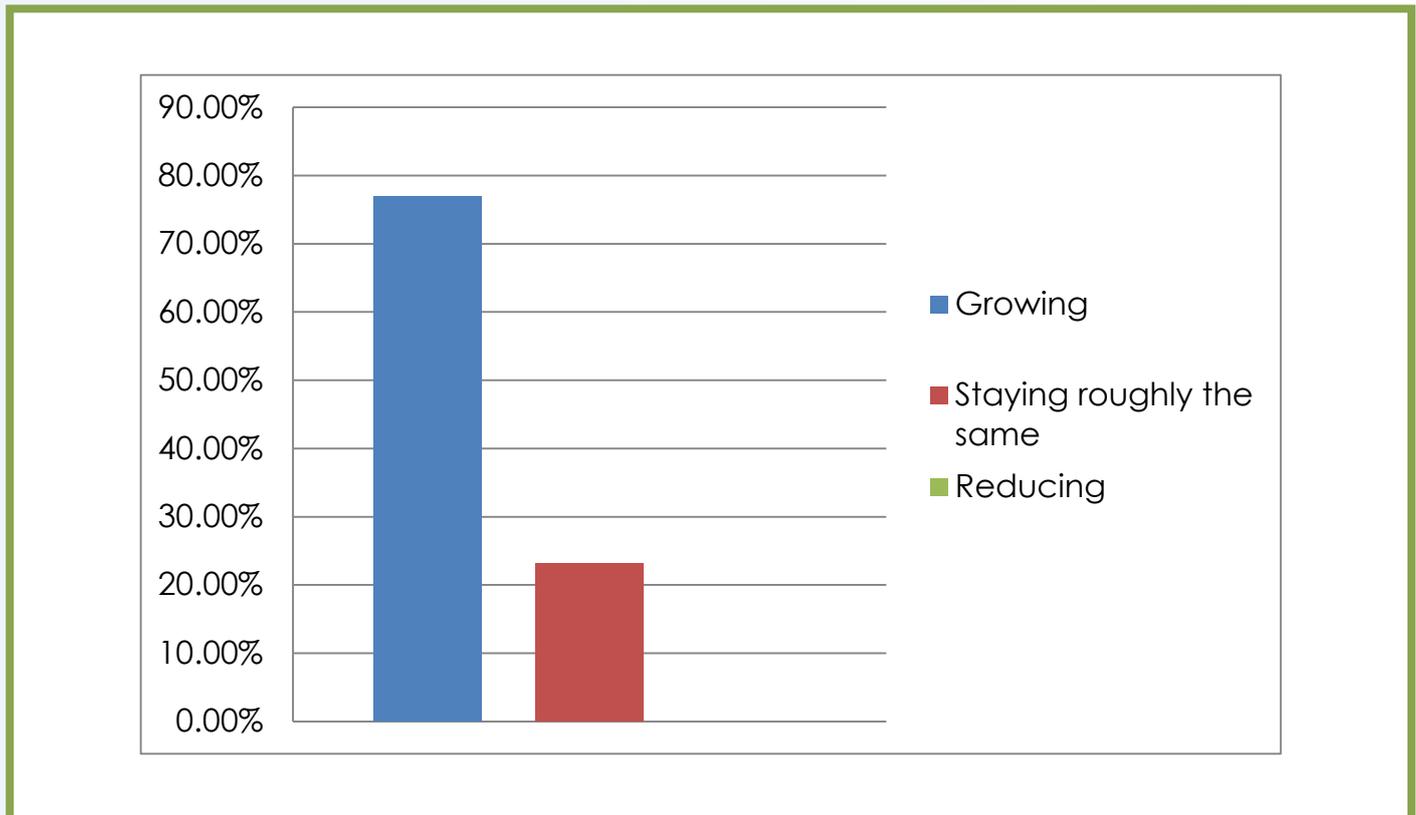
Would like a unit/office that is close to home.

**Question 10**

**How do you see your employment needs in the next 10 to 15 years?**

13 responses were recorded.

The responses in Figure 6 show that 76.92% of businesses expect their employment needs to grow within this time period. No respondents identified that their employment needs would reduce.



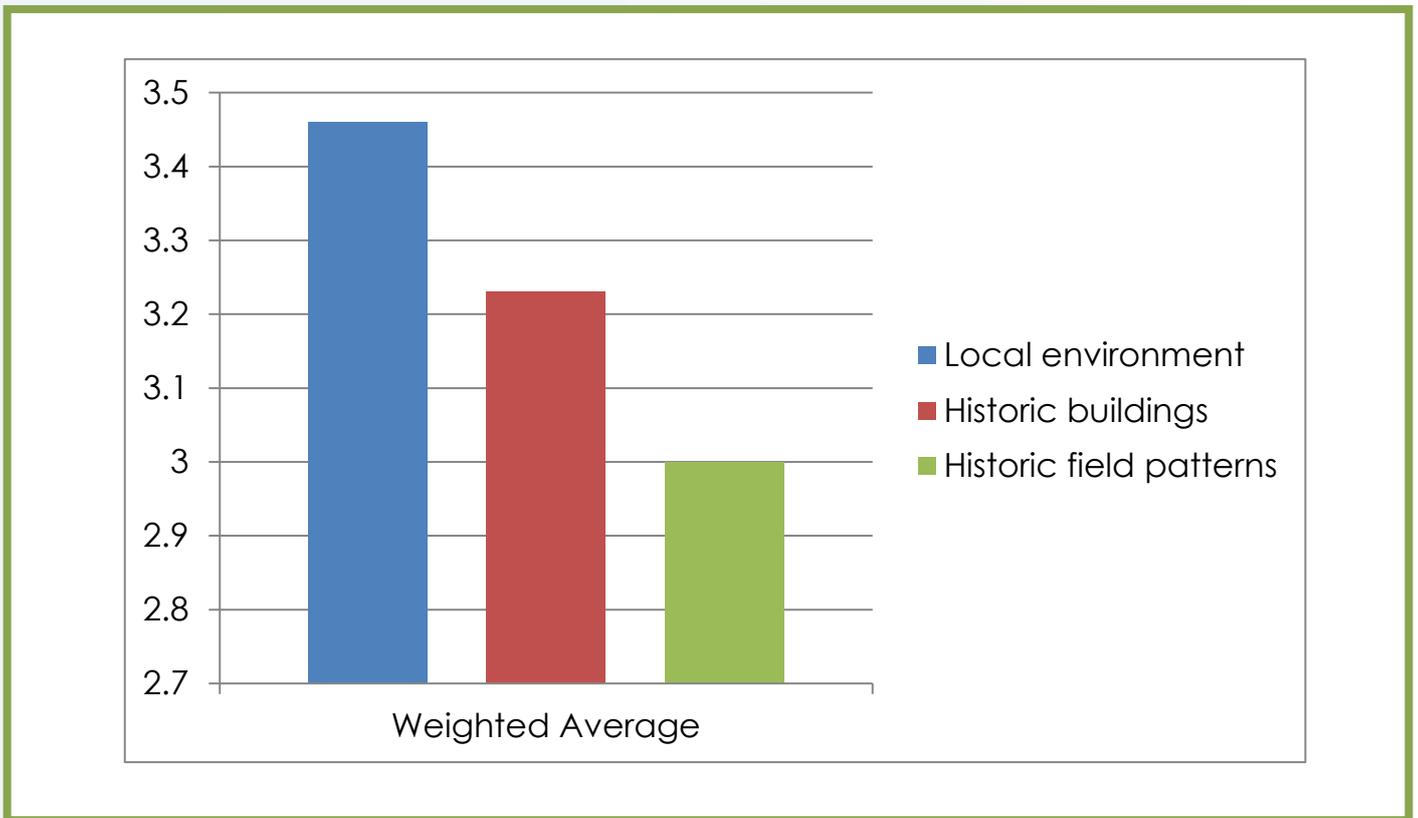
**Figure 6**

**Question 11**

**When considering the current operation of your business and planning its future, how important to you is the impact it has on: [Local environment, historic buildings, historic field patterns].**

13 responses were recorded.

Figure 7 indicates that respondents place more importance on the impact of their business on the environment. Impact on historic field patterns is of least importance.



**Figure 7**

Weighted Average (of those expressing a preference)
Weighting Factors - Very Important = 4, Important = 3, Not Important = 2, No Opinion = 1

**Question 12**

**What local factors currently impede the achievement of your business development plans?**

13 responses were recorded.

79.92% of respondents feel that poor mobile phone signal is a barrier. Poor access to superfast broadband is identified by 61.54%.

Answer Choices	Responses	
Poor mobile phone signal	76.92%	10
Poor access to superfast broadband	61.54%	8
Access to suitable local staff	38.46%	5
Lack of suitable housing for potential staff	38.46%	5
Lack of suitable business premises	38.46%	5
Poor transport infrastructure (e.g. poor roads)	30.77%	4
Flooding or threat thereof	15.38%	2
Insufficient medical infrastructure (GPs, health centres, dentists, chemists, etc.)	15.38%	2
Lack of public transport	15.38%	2
Other (Please specify)	15.38%	2
Inadequate recreational facilities	7.69%	1
Lack of secondary schooling	0.00%	0
None	0.00%	0

**Figure 8**

Two respondents gave other factors impeding the achievement of their business:

#### Local Factors

Being able to raise awareness in local community - better and more prominent notice boards etc.

Constraints imposed by Listed Building legislation requires approval of any repairs, adaptations or other building work. For the Grade 1 Stow Minster, approvals are sought via the Church of England's Faculty system. The Grade 2 listed St Hugh's Church comes under local authority approvals.

Both buildings require some modernisation, upgrading of heating systems, etc.

**Question 13**

**Are there any additional services or infrastructure improvements that are required to support business growth?**

12 responses were recorded.

Seven of the 12 respondents do feel that there are further improvements required to support business growth (Figure 9).



**Figure 9**

Seven respondents provided details for additional services or infrastructure improvements as follows:

Additional Services
A village car park would be very welcome.
Better drainage.
Promotion of the historic features of the parish and surrounding district to attract more visitors and improve the profile of the villages.
There is no off road parking for Stow Minster. Major events at the Minster can lead to substantial roadside parking throughout the village of Stow potentially leading to access issues for local residents. The support for/provision of a substantial off-road car park would help the future development of Stow Minster.

### **Additional Services continued...**

Electricity is woefully under capacity.

The national grid for electric must upgrade soon not to limit my business.

Access road surface requires improvement and road safety issues need addressing as the hamlet is used as a cut through at speed as the cross roads at Sturton is difficult and dangerous to negotiate and could present increased issues with the Co-op traffic.

## **Question 14**

**Please add any additional points that you would like us to consider:**

Two respondents answered this question and gave further points as follows:

### **Additional Points**

To attract the high fliers to work in the area there must be upmarket housing which I feel there is little currently.

Reinstating use of the Bransby to Sturton Footpath on Tillbridge Lane could benefit the local people and the charity as it would enable access to Bransby and the Charity Visitor Centre and Café.

## Conclusions and Recommendations

In the parish of Sturton by Stow, the questionnaire was delivered to a number of settlements within the parish. On analysis of the results, respondents' views showed little difference between all areas.

Respondents have also responded to the questionnaire as a whole (including commenting on local facilities, etc., outside of their own settlement and parish).

The broad conclusions that can be drawn from this consultation are:

### Our Parish

Over 45% of respondents have lived in their parish for over 20 years.

In both parishes, respondents value the rural atmosphere and easy access to surrounding countryside as reasons for living in their parish. Suitable housing was also a top choice for respondents.

When asked to give other reasons, respondents also identified key reasons such as:

- Easy access to larger towns and cities such as Saxilby and Lincoln.
- Village life.
- Family connections.
- Choice of housing.
- Local business.



## Local Environment

Respondents in both parishes view the protection of trees, woodlands, hedges and countryside and flooding as important or the most important issues

When asked for other ideas, of most concern to respondents are littering, sewerage and pollution.

Flooding is seen as an issue in both parishes with respondents in Bransby, Sturton by Stow, Westwoods and Stow being affected the most. Although overall respondents have reported a higher issue in Sturton by Stow rather than Stow.

When asked, respondents gave the following reasons for flooding:

- Drainage.
- Development.
- Dykes and ditches.
- Sewerage.
- General ideas such as heavy rainfall and no barriers.

## Safer Community

In both parishes dog fouling and litter were identified as the main issues.

Respondents gave the following as further issues:

- Volume of traffic.
- Speeding traffic.
- Inconsiderate and inadequate parking.
- Poorly maintained roads and pavements.
- Dangerous junctions.
- Parked cars.
- Safe places to cross the road.



## Housing

Over 54% of respondents across the two parishes agreed that there should be no more than the designated percentage of housing growth recommended in the Central Lincolnshire Plan.

When asked where new development could happen, two thirds of respondents agreed that conversion of existing buildings and brownfield sites were the preferred options.

Homes for sale on the open market and the development of affordable homes were the preferred choice of respondents.

3 bed and 2 bed properties were the most popular choices for style of housing in the parish of Sturton by Stow and 2 bed properties and Period/traditional styles were most popular in Stow.

Over 88% of respondents agreed that any new development should respect the local character, landscape and heritage of the parishes.

The factors highlighted as most important to respondents in considering development are green spaces, and protection and enhancement of the existing natural and historic environmental assets. It is pertinent to point out that the margins between all the considerations listed in the questionnaire were small.

Around a third of respondents across the two parishes identified they may have a housing need in the next five years. A variety of reasons were given.

## Community

In the parish of Sturton by Stow, the most used community facilities are the shop and green spaces, in Stow green spaces and the post office were the most used.

Comments by all respondents also identified the local café as a popular facility.

Additional or improved Health care facilities received the highest rating from Sturton by Stow respondents. With a public house/restaurant a close second.

In Stow the most popular need is for more open spaces for walking.

## **Communication**

In both parishes the parish news booklet and word of mouth were the most popular ways of communicating. Village notice boards, posters and flyers were also valued.

Overall respondents felt that existing sources of communication could be improved.

## **Employment**

Across both parishes respondents felt there was a need to encourage more employment and would welcome opportunities such as incubation units for start-up businesses, the social care sector and leisure and recreation.

## **Business**

Just over two thirds of businesses employ staff, with an equal split employing 5 or less and 11 - 20 staff.

When asked about the benefits of running a business in the parishes, respondents identified the following key areas:

- Good community support.
- Location and access.
- Good transport.

Detrimental aspects for the location of business included:

- Finding staff.
- Lack of passing trade.
- Lack of some community facilities.
- Crime.
- No access to fast broadband.
- Transport links.

Just over 50% of businesses have identified that they will need additional space within the next 10 years with 50 - 100 square meters being the most popular choice. Two businesses have identified they need additional space of over 500 square meters. On further analysis these are farming businesses based in Stow.

Poor mobile signal and poor access to superfast broadband are seen as the highest factors that could impede on the achievement of business development plans.

When asked for ideas on additional services or infrastructure improvements better parking, an upgrade to the local electricity grid and access issues were identified as most important.

## **Recommendations**

The age breakdown of respondents to the household questionnaire should be a factor when considering the responses made throughout the questionnaire.

Feedback to residents, businesses and young people on the main results of the survey should take place as soon as possible using a variety of social media and traditional forms of communication. This should be done alongside the feedback event planned in March.

A summary of the salient points of the Central Lincolnshire Plan should be communicated to the community in particular:

- Excerpts from the vision.
- The level and distribution of growth for each parish and how they have been identified in the Plan.
- What this means for each parish in development of the Neighbourhood Plan including compliance with the legislation.

It will be important to demonstrate how the development of the Sturton and Stow Neighbourhood Plan can influence positive growth that secures the future of the parish through the development of a vision, objectives and policies that have been produced by the community.

The feedback event will be an excellent platform to begin this process.

This consultation recorded some common opinions on what people value about the parishes of Sturton by Stow and Stow, that can assist in the formulation of a vision for the Neighbourhood Plan.

Ensure the whole community continues to have its say on the evolution of the Neighbourhood Plan. At each stage, the community should be consulted and provided with the opportunity to feedback in a meaningful way. It is advised that local businesses be invited to add to the feedback received from those who have responded to the questionnaire.

## Appendix 1 - Neighbourhood Plan Group Consultation 2017

### Sturton by Stow Parish results:

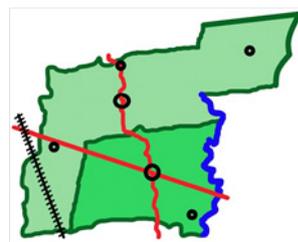
<b>General Comments</b>
Too much mixing of residential and industrial units.
Not enough communications from parish council and not safe to attend meetings.
Sustainable development is keeping up with CLLP not large enough "bolt on" developments.
No large developments. Max 10.
Development proposal far too large for village.
Businesses need to be involved in developing the plan.
Community Communication. The village needs its newsletter back, a decent website and good working relationship with the existing Facebook page which is administered by a resident not the PC.
<b>Roads</b>
New housing in village leading to increased traffic on Fleets Lane - a single track road used extensively by walkers, cyclists and riders, etc.
Difficult to cross road particularly for elderly.
Single track lanes an asset to village for recreation - no more traffic.
Road junction Saxilby Road and Tillbridge Lane is difficult and dangerous and not suitable for any Housing Development.
Surface water collects at the end of School Lane.
<b>Parking</b>
Parking outside the shop makes life difficult for pedestrians and traffic - bring back the layby outside café.
School parking on main road twice a day suggest cross hatch through parking half way along.
Parking - people leave their cars for a day and go to Lincoln on the bus. This makes it difficult for people who wish to spend money in local businesses.
Parking is a major issue on the High Street.
The pub with the best car park and village character is closed and looking an eyesore.
Play parking to the rec where children can be seen.
More parking for school.
Big concern in lack of a village car park. The Chapel would be better made into a place of worship for every faith.
<b>Speeding Traffic</b>
Speeding on this road (Saxilby) is a problem and Tillbridge Road.
Bransby - traffic calming measures required.
Dangerous corner with speeding traffic to and from rec, speed control/speed bumps needed.
Speeding motorists both entering and leaving the village on all four roads.

<b>Footpaths</b>
Footpaths needed linking Sturton and Bransby.
Cycle path from Sturton to Saxilby required.
Where are public footpaths (see previous OS Maps).
Footpaths need to be kept clear, cut the nettles on the footpath to the ridge and furrow field.
Keep footpaths open, create new ones? Promote 'green' visits to help shops, pub, café.
<b>Housing</b>
More affordable housing for first-time buyers.
Need sheltered and affordable housing.
Increased housing for younger people to buy and rent as part of small development.
<b>Community Facilities</b>
Sort the Treadwell Perpetuity Clause.
Great to have a shop.
Great to have a tea room.
Moving playpark to recreation ground - use play park for village parking.
Playing field well used but needs more volunteers.
Recreation field under-utilised.
Site for new village hall, sports and community centre.
Playing field supposed to be "protective area"!! Please help.
Red Lion "lost" on as a result of minimal development.
Bring St Hughs Church back into use - not only as a place of worship but as a community resource.
<b>Services</b>
Better transport links after 6pm and buses on a Sunday. Youngsters are trapped.
Gelders play to be supported, Doctor, dentist etc., all needed.
<b>Environment/ Flooding/ Drains</b>
Sewer backs up and floods in heavy rain.
Speeding and drainage issues.
Drainage backs up - needs sorting.
Sewage pumping station breaks often.
Protect green space here.
We should look at more T.P.O. on mature trees. Housing developers seem to ignore trees if they are in the way.

## Stow Parish Results:

<b>General Comments</b>
Why isn't Stow featured on the map?
Stow is a historic small village.
<b>Roads</b>
Not enough footpaths in this village.
To stop people using Stow as a cut through, close off the end of the road by the green (parallel to main Road). Safeguard the footpaths and green spaces.
<b>Parking</b>
Stow Minster, St Mary's church needs a car park and a place for coach parking.
Lack of car parking for church and Cross Keys pavements become blocked obstructing access for pedestrians.
<b>Speeding Traffic</b>
Consider physical changes to calm traffic, e.g. raise pedestrian crossing on Ingham Road.
<b>Footpaths</b>
More footpaths would be good.
<b>Housing</b>
New housing needs to be sustainable.
<b>Community Facilities</b>
We need more small businesses.
<b>Services</b>
Possibly of a community website for both Stow and Sturton.
<b>Environment/ Flooding/ Drains</b>
Keep green space between Sturton and Stow.
We have our share of solar panel farms no more - thanks.

# Sturton and Stow Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire 2019



This is your opportunity to have your say in the future of our parishes. Please try to find ten minutes to fill in this Neighbourhood Plan residents questionnaire.

Whatever your views and ideas, this is your chance to influence our parishes future development.

**Don't miss out!**

## ABOUT THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

### **What is a Neighbourhood Plan?**

Neighbourhood planning is a new way for communities to decide the future of the places they live and work in. Our parishes will be able to:

- Choose where we would like new houses, shops and offices to be built.
- Have our say in what those buildings should look like and what infrastructure should be provided.

### **What a Neighbourhood Plan CANNOT do?**

Neighbourhood Plans cannot generally advocate less building than has already been decided in the Local Plan, or stop building programmes completely, but can influence where development takes place, how the new buildings will look, how they are laid out and other important features like making sure there are green spaces, play areas and good, safe access.

### **Who should prepare the Neighbourhood Plan?**

In areas where a Parish Council exists, these are the only bodies that can prepare a Neighbourhood Plan. However, these councils will seek to involve all residents, community organisations, businesses and landowners in this process. In our case, the Sturton by Stow and Stow Parish Councils have appointed a "Neighbourhood Plan Group" consisting of Parish Councillors and volunteers, to engage with the communities. We have employed Consultants OpenPlan and Community Lincs, to guide us through the process.

### **Does a Neighbourhood Plan carry any legal weight?**

Once a Neighbourhood Plan is in force following a successful referendum, it carries real legal weight. All decision makers are obliged to consider proposals for developments in our parishes alongside our Neighbourhood Plan.

## **COMPLETING YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE**

If you would prefer to complete your questionnaire online please go to:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SturtonResidents>

Additional paper copies can be downloaded from the Neighbourhood Plan website:

<https://www.sturtonandstowplan.co.uk>

There are drop off boxes for completed hard copy questionnaires available at a number of locations around the villages. These include:

<b>In Sturton:</b>	<b>In Stow:</b>
The Plough	The Cross Keys pub
The Post Office in the Old School Room	St Mary's Church
The Primary School	<b>In Bransby:</b>
The Tillbridge Tastery	In the reception of the Horses' Home
The Village Shop	
The Village Market <b>(on Saturday 2nd February only)</b>	

If you have any problems with either filling in your questionnaire or dropping it off into a collection box, please do not hesitate to get in touch with our **Help Line on 07833 023468** and leave a message stating your name, address, phone number and the assistance required.

### **BUSINESS QUESTIONNAIRE**

We are also asking local businesses to share their views and thoughts on the Neighbourhood Plan. There is a separate online only questionnaire for businesses at:

**<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SturtonBusiness>**

### **SUBMISSION DEADLINES**

The final date for submission of both questionnaires is **Monday 4th February 2019**. Please make sure your completed questionnaire has been returned to a collection box or submitted online before this date.

### **WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?**

Results and findings from the questionnaires will be published on our website and a feedback event will be held on **Wednesday 13th March 2019, from 4.15pm to 6.45pm at Sturton by Stow Village Hall.**

In addition to the questionnaire, there will be further consultation events to enable you to 'have your say'. Look out for our banners announcing events, or email us at: **[sturtonandstowplan@btinternet.com](mailto:sturtonandstowplan@btinternet.com)** for more information.

### **GET INVOLVED!**

The next step after the questionnaire will be to 'Characterise' your parishes. This will be done by means of a 'Walk-about' in which the various features will be recorded. If you are interested in participating, please contact us by email at **[sturtonandstowplan@btinternet.com](mailto:sturtonandstowplan@btinternet.com)** or contact our **Help Line on 07833 023468** leaving your name stating your contact details (e.g. phone number or email address).

Thank you.



Mel Banham  
Chair of the Sturton and Stow Neighbourhood Plan Group

## Introduction

The parishes of Sturton by Stow and Stow have evolved over the years, shaped by the people who live and work here.

We are seeking your views as a resident on your experience of the area. We will use this information to ensure that what we plan to deliver to the area reflects the feelings and needs of the people.

Please take the time to fill in this questionnaire and return it back to us. The more feedback we get the more accurately we will be able to respond to people's needs.

You can find out more information about the Neighbourhood Plan on a dedicated website at:  
<https://www.sturtonandstowplan.co.uk>

**Closing date for completion of this questionnaire is Monday 4th February 2019.**

1. **As this questionnaire covers two parishes including a number of settlements, please indicate where you live:**

	<b>Bransby</b>		<b>Stow</b>
	<b>Coates</b>		<b>Sturton by Stow</b>
	<b>Normanby by Stow</b>		<b>Stow Park</b>
	<b>Rural District</b>		<b>Westwoods</b>

## Your Parish

2. **How long have you lived in your parish?**

	<b>Less than 12 months</b>		<b>11 - 15 years</b>
	<b>1 - 5 years</b>		<b>16 - 20 years</b>
	<b>6 - 10 years</b>		<b>More than 20 years</b>

3. **Which of the following attracted you to living in your parish? (Tick all that apply)**

	<b>A friendly place to live</b>		<b>Historic setting</b>
	<b>A safe place to live</b>		<b>Rural atmosphere</b>
	<b>Easy access to surrounding countryside</b>		<b>Suitable housing</b>
	<b>Good access to employment</b>		<b>Village activities / community groups</b>
	<b>Good local schools</b>		<b>Village facilities (e.g. shop, village hall, pub, etc.)</b>
	<b>Green spaces</b>		<b>Village feel</b>
	<b>Other (please specify)</b>		

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## Local Environment

4. When considering the local environment how important to you are the following?  
(Tick all that apply)

	Very important	Important	Not important	No opinion
Atmospheric pollution				
Flooding				
Noise pollution				
Keeping the character of your parish				
Protecting dykes and ditches				
Protecting green spaces				
Protecting local rural footpaths and views				
Protecting your parish's traditional buildings and other heritage				
Protecting trees, woodlands, hedges and countryside				
Other (please specify)				

5. Have you been affected by localised flooding?

	Yes		No
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If "Yes" state the location:

6. What was the main cause of the flooding?

## Safer Community

7. Do you consider that any of the following are issues within your parish? (Tick all that apply)

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Dog fouling			
Litter			
Noise pollution			
Vandalism/anti-social behaviour			
Other (please specify)			

8. Residents have voiced concerns about the speed of traffic and dangerous junctions. Please identify your 3 main concerns:

1.	
2.	
3.	

9. How important are the following to you?

	Very important	Important	Not important	No opinion
Footpaths and cycle-ways to adjacent parishes				
Good footpath signs				
Keeping footpaths and pavements well maintained				
Keeping roads well maintained				
Less parking on pavements and grass verges				
More cycle paths				
More off road parking				
Traffic calming				

## Housing

10. In the Central Lincolnshire Plan 2016-2036, the advised housing growth in the parish of Sturton by Stow is 15% (97 houses), in Stow this is 10% (17 houses).

Our Plan cannot request less housing growth than this. If you feel more housing could be accommodated, how many would you be happy with?

	No more		7 - 14 units
	1 - 6 units		15+ units

11. Where would you prefer to see future development within your parish? (Tick all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Brownfield (land previously developed)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Greenfield (land previously undeveloped)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Infill developments	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conversion of existing buildings

12. In your opinion what type of housing would you like to see included in any new development?

\*This is housing for local people whose needs cannot be met on the open market. Usually provided by a housing association or local authority, it includes homes for rent or shared ownership.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree strongly	Disagree	Don't know
Affordable homes*	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Homes for rent (for anyone)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Homes for sale on the open market	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Shared ownership (part mortgage/part rent)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Sheltered accommodation	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Other (please specify)					

13. What style of housing would you like to see included in any new housing development?

	High preference	Medium preference	Low preference	No preference
1 bed properties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 bed properties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 bed properties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4+ bed properties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Flats/apartments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Modern style	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Period/traditional style	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Terraced	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Single-storey (bungalow)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Two-storey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Three-storey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

14. Do you think any new development should respect the local character, landscape and heritage of the parish?

	Yes		No
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If Yes, what local features are particularly important to you? (e.g. i.e. the churches, old houses, green gaps between houses and the villages).

15. How important are the following considerations in relation to any development?

	Very Important	Important	Not Important	No Opinion
Green spaces				
Protection and enhancement of the existing natural and historic environmental assets				
The integrity and character of the parishes				
Transport infrastructure improvements				
Increased employment opportunities				
New services				
Please specify new services:				

16. Should you wish to remain in your parish, do you consider that you or a member of your family will have a housing need in the next 5 years?

	Yes		No		Don't know
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17. If 'Yes' what would you consider is the main reason for this need?

	Current accommodation is too expensive		Legal reasons (end of relationship, end of tenancy, etc.)
	Current accommodation is too far from work		Need to live closer to a carer or to provide care
	Current accommodation is too large		Need to live closer to family
	Current accommodation is too small		Want to leave parental home/live independently
	Current accommodation is unsuitable for physical needs		

## Community

18. Which community facilities do you use within your parish and how often?

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Occasionally	Never
Bus service					
Children's centre (i.e. Sure Start)					
Green spaces					
Places of worship					
Play area					
Post Office					
Primary school					
Pub					
Shop					
Village hall					
Youth club					
<b>Other facilities (please specify)</b>					

19. How do you view the need for the following additional or improved community facilities in your parish?

	Very Important	Important	Not Important	No Opinion
Allotments				
Child care/nursery				
Clubs and societies for adults				
Clubs and societies for under 18's				
Community seating/benches				
Community workshops (e.g. crafts, woodwork)				
Facilities for teenagers				
Health care facilities				
Improved play facilities for children				
More open spaces for walking				
More space for parking				
New or improved community meeting spaces				
New or improved community recreation facilities				
Places of worship				
Public house/restaurant				
Secondary schooling				
Shop/tea room				
Other (please specify)				

## Communication

20. How do you currently find out about what is happening in your parish? (Tick all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Facebook page	<input type="checkbox"/>	Village/local organisation websites (e.g. Parish Council, Stow Fun Raisers)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Neighbourhood Plan Website	<input type="checkbox"/>	Village notice boards
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parish News booklet	<input type="checkbox"/>	Word of Mouth
<input type="checkbox"/>	Posters and Flyers	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not interested
Other (please specify)			

21. Do you think there is a need to improve communication?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
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If 'Yes' do you have any ideas?

## Employment

22. Do you consider that your parish needs more employment opportunities?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
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23. If 'Yes' what type of employment opportunities should be encouraged? (Tick all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Retail
<input type="checkbox"/>	Incubation units (start-up business units)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social care sector
<input type="checkbox"/>	Leisure and recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Storage and distribution
<input type="checkbox"/>	Light manufacturing/industry		

Are you a local business owner? If you would like to complete the Parish Neighbourhood Plan Business Questionnaire you can do so at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SturtonBusiness>

24. Please make any other comments you have in the space below, remember you will have ample opportunity to share your views at future consultation exercises or by asking to help create the Neighbourhood Plan.

## About you

25. As part of gathering data trends we are interested in the age group you belong to (this question is optional).

<input type="checkbox"/>	18 and under	<input type="checkbox"/>	45 - 59 years
<input type="checkbox"/>	19 - 29 years	<input type="checkbox"/>	60 - 79 years
<input type="checkbox"/>	30 - 44 years	<input type="checkbox"/>	80 years or over

**Thank you for completing this questionnaire.**

### Appendix 3 – Question 3 individual comments

<b>Sturton by Stow</b>
<b>Accessibility and Transport</b>
Easy to access Lincoln & Saxilby railway station. Easy access to Gainsborough.
Close enough to drive into Lincoln.
Location - midway between Lincoln and Gainsborough.
Access to transport links, e.g. Newark rail, property value.
Bus route - Lincoln/Gainsborough.
Close to Lincoln.
Easy access to quiet lanes and tracks.
Easy commute.
<b>Village Life</b>
Small village feel with slow complementary growth.
Open views.
No near neighbours.
Peaceful, rural village with reasonable facilities. A feeling of wellbeing, safety and delightful setting.
Good green views, no traffic, Horses Home and the Red Arrows.
Surrounding countryside giving access to wildlife, flora and fauna. Moved from Saxilby to Sturton when Saxilby became overdeveloped and lost the village feeling and links to the surrounding countryside.
We like the fact it still feels like a small community where everyone looks out for each other, we say hello as we pass strangers in the street.
Somewhere quiet with few vehicles passing and open sky view up to Scampton. Now all views about gone or have sheds placed very where and an unbelievable number of vehicles passing every day.
<b>Family</b>
Family connections in the village for over 100 years.
Came here as a baby.
Mainly because family lived here.
Husband worked in the area.
To be near/close to family.
Grew up here.
To be near to family living in area.
I have lived in the village most of my life as I was born here and my family (father was born and lived here all his life).
Local to family.
Family connections.
Getting married in 1963.
To be near my daughter.
Parents came to village.
Family are here and been here since birth.
Family.
Born here.
Born here.
Near family members.
Married a lady who lived here, just love the village.

Grew up in the area.
<b>Housing</b>
First offer from Acis of suitable dwelling, i.e. pensioner bungalow adapted for disabled.
Family house.
Affordable housing 30 years ago.
Cheaper housing.
The house.
The right house at the right price and time in a village close to Lincoln.
Local business.
2 Pubs at the time.
Local Livery Yard.
When we moved into Sturton there were two shops, a post office and a butchers, newspaper delivery, milk delivery and Lucas shop delivered the weekly shop, now all gone but for one shop.
Proximity to equine livery facilities at Ingleby.
The Red Lion pub was the heart of the village and this is why we came here. That's now closed and the Co-op has bought it AND got planning for a shop. This is a disgrace as there is a shop opposite and the village does not have the population and the village store will close. West Lindsey planning should resign as they are second rate.

## Appendix 4 – Question 5 individual comments

<b>Sturton by Stow</b>
<b>Mill Lane</b>
Mill Lane.
Mill Lane.
<b>School Lane</b>
The bottom of School Lane always floods and this is the access to my property.
On main road opposite school. Surface water. Drive through water everyday.
<b>High Street, Fleets Road and Tillbridge Lane</b>
High Street/ Fleets Road.
It makes it difficult to get to school when the High Street is flooded.
High Street Sturton and Tillbridge Road. Closed.
High street, Sturton by Stow. Tillbridge Lane - river flooded a few years ago.
High Street.
High Street.
Twitchell and High Street.
Run off from High Street came through garden and back into drain.
High Street, Sturton. Very occasional but sometimes severe.
High Street, Sturton by Stow.
Junction of Fleet road and high street in 2007.
Fleets Road, High street and Fleets Lane / Thorpe Lane.
High Street and Fleets Road.
High street, Sturton by Stow.
Intersection of Fleets Road and High Street, intersection of School Lane and High Street.
Fleets Road.
Fleets Road.
Fleets Road, High street.
Fleets Road. Couldn't get to work as road and driveway was flooded.
Fleets Road.
High Street.
High Street.
High Street / Fleets Road.
High Street and Fleets Road Sturton by Stow.
High Street at the end of /or entrance to school lane.
High Street, Gelders corner.
High Street, Sturton By Stow.
We have had the occasional 'near miss' when flood water was creeping up the high street from the village.
When I was a child we lived on the High Street which flooded.
On the bend High Street / Stow Road. Flood water out into the road so had to venture over the other side towards Stow.
My parents live on Tillbridge Lane and my business is also based there. The road was closed due to the Till flooding.
High street Sturton.
<b>Westwood</b>
Westwood.

<b>St. Hughes Terrace</b>
St. Hughes Terrace/ Sturton by Stow.
<b>Saxilby Road</b>
Saxilby Road.
Saxilby Road.
Saxilby Road dip.
Saxilby Road.
Grounds of our property affected historically - flooding of dyke behind bungalows on Saxilby Road which runs towards Marton Road.
Saxilby Road.
Water stood on Saxilby Road.
<b>Thorpe Lane</b>
Thorpe Lane.
Thorpe Lane.
Thorpe Lane.
Thorpe Lane.
<b>Bransby</b>
Main road Bransby, near visitor centre.
Bransby.
Bransby 2007.
<b>Upper Close</b>
Very top of Upper Close.
<b>Stow Road</b>
Stow Road, exit from village (Sturton) High Street Junction with School Lane/Stow Road. Queensway.
Stow Road, near cape island and the centre of the village.
Stow Road - at the end of the village nearest to Stow.
Stow cemetery corner, road between Stow and Sturton.
<b>Church Road</b>
Church Road, Stow - my house is near the lowest point and flooding occurs regularly during heavy rainfall when the pumping station fails to cope. Also drains silt up easily to aggravate the problem.
Church Road, Stow.
<b>General comments</b>
Not our property but surrounding roads.
Outside Bradshaw.
Middle of the village.
Only on local roads leading to the village.
A while back roads to village flooded and needed to take large detour.
Many years ago when I lived near the haulage firm I remember looking out my bedroom window and the road was flooded. I saw a school teacher in a canoe going to the then old school with determination.
Middle of village floods because drainage in the village is not maintained.
We are at the bottom of the drain before the village, we have been flooded due to the volume of water coming from the fields and developments. Recently a new development has been granted which has set a precedent for backfill in the village which will cause more pressure on the local services. Shame on the planners.

<p>Ground floor of our cottage flooded in 2007, resulting in significant damage &amp; inconvenience for several months following flooding (identified as living in Sturton by Stow in question 1).</p>
<p>Not personally affected but close neighbours have been and generally caused by water run-off from buildings and hard standing at Bransby.</p>
<p>Not at my house but flooding in the high street has had a secondary detrimental impact - insurance costs.</p>
<p>Flooding did occur in some parts of the village.</p>
<p>But only lived here 5 months, flooding is a concern.</p>
<p>Local roads especially opposite School Lane, Sturton by Stow, and Willingham corner before the blockage was cleared. Church Road, Stow, the low point near utility stations.</p>
<p>The term "localised" needs to be better defined. The area at the bottom of Church Lane in Stow floods almost every winter. I have also been affected by flooding in Sturton - just south of the school on the B road.</p>
<p>Not in Stow but previously in Cambridgeshire ground water levels rose to create some flooding after a housing estate was built on higher ground.</p>
<p>Not here, but in our previous village Yes.</p>

## Appendix 5 – Question 6 individual comments

<b>Sturton by Stow</b>
<b>Drainage</b>
At times the drain can't cope with the volume of water and it stands on the road.
Blocked drain on Saxilby Road. Heavy rain flooded garden.
Blocked drains - not cleaned satisfactorily for many years, blocked and poorly maintained dykes in surrounding fields.
Drainage can't cope with large amount of rain water.
Drainage on Horses Home, resulting in surface water running onto road and downhill to various properties, water overwhelms the road drains and accumulates at the lowest points.
Drains not able to cope and River Till overflowed.
Drains not able to cope with excess rainwater.
Drains unable to cope. Council deemed too expensive to rectify.
Drains, insufficient when rainfall is heavy.
Build-up of leaves and rubbish.
Excessive rain fall causing river Till to overflow, drainage gates not opened.
Flooding from the river caused by exceptional rainfall, poor maintenance of the river banks and silting under the Tillbridge Road causing a dam blocking the flow of the river. Silting at that point could cause further problems.
Grid entrance to culvert blocked with vegetation. Culvert partially blocked with roots, etc.
Heavy rain and inability for the drainage system to cope.
Heavy rain, water running off fields. Insufficient infrastructure to dispense water. New developments putting strain on existing infrastructure. Not sufficient maintenance/upgrading of existing council/Anglian Water responsibilities.
I still think something must be done where there is a huge amount of water near school lane on the opposite side. This has got worse. Not only dangerous but ridiculous that nothing has been done. I believe that the problem could be drainage, the village has grown I wonder if there's still the old pipes underground.
Land drains destroyed and water runoff from hard paved areas of adjacent land developed for housing.
Local drainage unable to cope with volume of rain falling within time period.
Lots of rain and opening flood gates. Also drains blocked.
Not too sure - drains on road side blocked?
Not sure, it happens on a regular basis. ? Drainage from the field or drains blocked.
Over flowing open drain.
Poor drainage.
Poor drainage and extra housing.
Poorly maintained drainage system.
Rain off fields west of High Street.
Rain pouring down Twitchell footpath and onto High Street.
Rainfall and inadequate street drainage.
Run off from neighbouring land and insufficient drainage.

Runs off agricultural land and blocked drain.
Street drains hadn't been cleaned for years. Surrounding dykes had not been maintained officially by local farmers as we had been told.
Surface water.
Surface water - heavy rainfall.
Surface water after heavy rainfall.
Surface water due to heavy rain.
The drains are not big enough along Fleet Lane.
Unable to remove surface water and water mains unable to cope with volume of water in 2007.
Unsure, but I think a drain had been cut off by bricks.
Water run-off from farm buildings and hard standing and much straw and hay clogging the drains.
<b>Development</b>
Development in a flood area.
Run off from farm yards within village, ditches overflowing. Little regard to infrastructure by local planning when granting permission for new buildings.
<b>Dykes and Ditches</b>
Dykes being piped & filled in incorrectly restricting the flow of surface water. Size of pipe to parish drain totally inadequate. Dykes not maintained adequately.
Excess rain and unsupervised dykes.
Heavy rain and lack of ditch clearing.
Land and dykes unable to absorb melting snow.
Neglected ditch.
Rain and dykes not cleaned.
Run off rain water finding lowest point. Many dykes and ditches and ponds have been allowed to fill in and building development causes run off water to flood lowest areas. The pump station on Fleets Road can't pump flood water away fast enough. Keeping all drains clear is important.
The pipes and dykes in and around the village are not maintained so water is impeded.
<b>Sewerage</b>
Due to the presence of human excrement in the flood water it was assumed that the Fleets Road sewage transfer pumps were incapable of pumping the combined surface water and sewage under storm conditions from the two villages.
Sewer overflows in heavy rain.
Sewerage.
Sewerage backing up and flooding my garden.
<b>General</b>
Alluvial flooding from river Till together with no flood defence.
Flash flood.
Flooded to save Lincoln.
Heavy rainfall.
High rainfall.
Intense Rainfall over a long period.
N/A

N/a
N/A
N/A
?
Not sure - there was excessive rainfall.
Too much rain!
Too much rain!
Water.

## Appendix 6 – Question 8

### Sturton by Stow

Concern 1	Concern 2	Concern 3
Speed of traffic on High Street particularly where pavement is so narrow around junction with Fleets Road.	Parking outside the village shop in relation to proximity to junction between Saxilby Road and Tillbridge Lane.	Speed of through traffic on Tillbridge Lane.
Saxilby Road to Tillbridge Lane.	Near the school during drop off and pick up times.	Parking on the High Street.
Too many cars park on High Street.	No safe parking for school traffic.	
I consider the junctions around the shop dangerous with the parking there.		
Speed down all roads leading to the village.	Pedestrian crossing needed at the crossing of Tillbridge and Marton Road.	
Junction Saxilby Road onto Tillbridge Lane.	Speed on Tillbridge Lane.	Please slow down farm vehicles on High Street.
Crossing the road from pub to shop increasingly more dangerous.	30mph speed limit being ignored.	
Parking outside village shop.	Getting out of the High Street to Marton Road.	
Junction not adequate for the size of lorries turning into Westwood.	No passing place if meeting a large lorry.	
Parking on highway at night without lights sometimes facing the wrong way.	Parking on footpath.	Some excessive speed through village.
Junction at main crossroads difficult to cross.	High Street too narrow.	Not enough space to park at the village hall.

Concern 1	Concern 2	Concern 3
Junction by shop and pubs Sturton by stow. Dangerous for pedestrians (especially school children) trying to cross due to fast traffic, parking outside shop and tricky junction.	By the school at dropping off and picking up times. Inconsiderate parking. Reducing 2 way traffic on road. Fast traffic.	
Speeding.		
Traffic regularly exceeds speed limit on main A road.		
High Street crossroads - congestion at junction/inappropriate parking.	Speeding along main roads.	Safe crossing place would be preferable.
Pedestrians crossing or close to A1500.	Pedestrians crossing or close to Saxilby Road.	Pedestrians crossing or close to High Street.
Parking outside shop opposite junction of Saxilby Road is not good, particularly when joining Tillbridge Road from Stow Road.		
Within the speed limits of Tillbridge Lane and Marton roads.	Vehicles parked too close to junction.	
Crossroads outside shop and public house.	Marton Road/Saxilby Road/Tillbridge Lane – speeding.	Parking High Street, village hall and Tastery.
Speed of traffic.	Parking on road - need more car parks.	
Fleets Lane - to Recreational Field - blind corner no footpaths.	Sturton to Stow road.	High Street - wide hedges make it very difficult to pass safely with children/pushchairs. I doubt you could get a wheel chair past and traffic rushes.
Excess speed along main road.		
Speeding vehicles on Stow Road - entering the village from Stow.	Unsafe parking on Tillbridge Road near shop!	Parking around school at drop off and pickup times.
Saxilby Road.	Queensway Junction - Drift/ Rally Practice.	Tillbridge.

Concern 1	Concern 2	Concern 3
Congestion at Red Lion crossroads.	Lack of traffic calming.	Bad sight lines from Saxilby Road.
Speed through village.	Poor parking near the shop - narrow roads, especially when turning from Saxilby Road.	Residents parking part on the road and pavements - poor access for disabled residents or prams.
Street lights.		
Coming into Sturton from Stow.		
Night lighting.	Sale of the pub.	More housing.
Speeding through the village (traffic.		
Bad parking at school pick up times.	Parking outside the shop opposite the junction.	Difficulty crossing road at the shop.
Speed only.		
Crossroads.	2 mini roundabouts would solve the problem.	
High Street cross roads.	Tillbridge Road.	Marton Road.
Crossroads, dangerous speeds, parking on corners and poor visibility.	Speed along High Street.	Speed arriving from A1500.
Sometimes cars travel fast down Marton Road late at night.		
Saxilby Road in and out of Sturton.	Marton Road in and out of Sturton.	Village centre is very dangerous, needs traffic lights.
Speed of cars on Tillbridge/ Marton Road.	Lighting at night.	
Village and road.	Tillbridge and Marton Road.	
Speeding cars entering village from Morton.	Cars parking outside village shop opposite Saxilby Road junction.	Long row of cars parked outside school.
Poor road into Bransby from Tillbridge Lane, single tracks and badly potholed.	Junction in Sturton opposite the shop, parked cars and development of the Co-op is making it worse.	

Concern 1	Concern 2	Concern 3
Speed limits not enforced.	Space for cars, commercial vehicles not taken into account in redevelopment i.e. youth centre/ school.	
Saxilby Road junction between the pubs.	Cars parked outside shop.	Cars parking on High Street.
Road parking.	Speeding traffic and using estates as rat runs.	Dangerous junction at Sturton crossroads.
A1500 through village - speed of traffic.		
Traffic does speed into the village (both ends).	Cars parking on road at village shop at peak times.	Congestion at junction - pulling out at peak times.
Speed on High Street.	Narrow pavements.	
Overtaking on Saxilby Road.	Blatant Speeding.	
Junction of Red Lion and Plough.	Speed in the morning rush hour and evening.	Parking on road opposite Plough car park.
We have no pedestrian crossing along Tillbridge Road.	Surely it's only a matter of time before a major accident will happen.	Some drivers don't seem to have any consideration for other road users or pedestrians.
High Street.	Martin Road.	
Speed of traffic through village on A1500.	Speed of traffic past school on Stow Road.	Poor visibility to the right when exiting Saxilby Road.
From Stow to Sturton.		
Speeding traffic through the village.	Using the Close as a rat run.	We have no physical barriers to stop speeding.
Regular offenders well in excess of 30mph.	Parking at the cross roads of the village.	
Traffic speed on Stow Road/High Street, past school, Sturton.	Poor water drainage on Stow Road/High Street. Sturton.	Need for assisted visibility at Marton Road/Saxilby Road junction.
Speeding down High Street.	Junction at Tillbridge Road and Saxilby Road.	
High Street with parked cars both sides.		

Concern 1	Concern 2	Concern 3
A1500 through village - speeding at all times of day and night.	Junctions - Saxilby Road/Stow Road (High Street) - A1500.	
Impact of new Co-op on Junction.	Speeding through village.	Infrastructure of affordable housing enabling older people to continue to reside in village.
On grass verge parking - very dangerous in our situation.	Speeding through the village, especially on Tillbridge Road.	Lack of Parking
Speed of certain motorists at certain times on all 4 roads.	Parking near school and speed on Stow Road.	Parking on cross roads, new Co-op will not help.
Speed of traffic.	Antisocial behaviour particularly on Mon and Fri youth club evenings.	Blocked road drains causing flooding.
Parking around the cross roads.	On the High Street - parked cars from customers at the Tastery.	
Speed on Tillbridge Road.	Speed camera van not there at weekends and early mornings.	More cars in the village if the coop opens.
Saxilby RD increased traffic since 1988 300%.	Tillbridge Lane/Saxilby Road junction.	Speed limit of 30 ignored by most drivers including no.100 bus drivers and Bradshaw's lorries!
Pot holes in the road are dangerous.		
Parking outside the school, could a long lay-by be built? The pavements could be moved nearer to the beech hedge. Cars parked on grass and pavements near the post box and school.	Tillbridge Tastery customers parking thoughtlessly on the High Street, obviously not the company's fault.	Cars parked on pavements and/or facing the wrong way.
Cars parking outside the shop opposite the junction.		
Speeding on Tillbridge Lane.		
Crossroad in Sturton.	New Sturton school.	
Speed.	Traffic.	

Concern 1	Concern 2	Concern 3
Potential for accidents outside the school.	Dangerous parking for school pick-up on Stow Road.	
General speed of vehicles through Bransby.	New passing places at Torksey end of Bransby and poorly placed; i.e. can't see from one to the other, so rarely used.	
Narrowness of the pathways leading to the school.	Parking at the village shop.	Blatant disregard by some of the 30mph limit.
Traffic exceeding speed limits, especially early morning and weekends, evenings/late night.		
Speeding through the village.	Parking at junctions.	Sign for speeding should be outside the village.
Speeding traffic.	Dangerous junctions.	Parking.
Tillbridge Road - Marton is too fast.	Saxilby Road junction.	
Traffic on A1500 through village.	Junction of A1500 and Saxilby Road (excessive parking).	
Speed of traffic.	Increasing size of lorries.	No pedestrian footpaths.
Speed of traffic.	HGV traffic.	Volume of traffic.
Poor road surface.	Speeding.	Grass verges "cut up".
Tillbridge Lane.	High Street.	Marton Road.
Pavements along the High Street in Sturton by Stow are very narrow and are used by small children on their way to school on a daily basis - looks very dangerous.	Traffic through the village often exceeds the speed limit, traffic parked on the main road is sometimes difficult to navigate but certainly slows the through traffic.	Cars are routinely parked on pavements or double parked on the High Street in Sturton. Driveways are sometimes partially blocked.
Marton to Tillbridge Road.		
Excess speed from all directions into the village.		
Village store.		

Concern 1	Concern 2	Concern 3
Speeding on Tillbridge Road.	Staggered junction in the middle of the village.	
Parking associated with Tillbridge Tastery on High Street.	Parking associated with village shop.	Parking on High Street associated with village hall.
Speed of traffic.	Dangerous junctions.	
Difficulty seeing past the Plough when turning right from Saxilby Road, particularly with window boxes filled.	Parking on pavements, obstructing pedestrians.	
Parking outside the school on T-junction with Ashfield.		
Village centre.	Speed on A1500.	Crossing from Martin Road to Village Green.
Junction of Saxilby Road/Tumbridge.		
Cars parked where the Close meets High Street.	Parents parking on High Street picking up school kids.	
Junction between the pubs, footpath damaged.	Junctions on to Tillbridge Lane.	Manor Farm Drive needs resurfacing.
Motor cycles.	Cyclists riding 4 abreast hard to pass in a car.	
Sturton junction (shop).		
Speed of traffic - Tillbridge, High Street, Eastfield.	Dangerous junctions Eastfield/Tillbridge, The Close/High Street. The cause being anti-social parking at these junctions.	Using Eastfield (Bradway), The Close as a 'rat run'.
Speeding traffic on A1500.	Parking at crossroads junction.	
Needs ramps to slow people down.	Will be worse if the Co-op goes ahead.	
Traffic does speed through the village.	Tillbridge Lane is dangerous to cross	There is very little path around the corner by the Plough and the path is broken and uneven.
Parking outside the local shop.	Speeding on Marton Road.	Proper parking needs allocating outside shop.

Concern 1	Concern 2	Concern 3
Vehicles entering and leaving on Marton Road.	Vehicles entering and leaving on Saxilby Road.	Vehicles entering and leaving on Tillbridge Lane/Road.
The speed cars go past our houses on Tillbridge Road.	Cars driving fast past the school when children about.	
Housing supply - desirable location.		
Cars parking outside shop block vision if you want to turn right to go to Marton Way.	Cars parking on Main Road all along the school make driving past difficult as there is a bend ahead and cars coming out of School Lane.	Speed of traffic coming into village generally.
Tillbridge Lane - through SBS.		
Excessive speeding.	Increasing volume of traffic	No suitable speed cameras.
Street lights.		
Coaches/buses cutting through Eastfield/The Close.	Speed when doing the above.	
Outside school, should we have a zebra crossing?		
No street light to show the turnings into Bransby village.		
Speed limit should be 20 mph not 30 mph (no pavement).	'Rat run' between Saxilby Road and Tillbridge Lane.	Children/visitors to Bransby Horses having to walk on road of muddy/eroding verges.
Cars that park outside the shop make the junction very dangerous as visibility is blocked. Should not park at a junction. Very hard to see what is coming when turning right off High Street onto Marton Road.	Speeding through the village the speed camera van should be parked more in the village, not as cars leave.	Speeding near the school.
Speed coming into village from Stow on Stow Road - the 30 warning light is like Blackpool illuminations!	The 40 limit should be changed to 30 at the end of Stow Road.	The speed of traffic entering the village from both directions on Tillbridge Road.

Concern 1	Concern 2	Concern 3
Parking at the shop.	Street lights.	Inadequate Parish Council with too much self interest.
Junction between the pubs, especially when lorries are turning.	Tillbridge Road speeding concerns.	School Lane junction when it's drop off and pick up time.
Junction at Plough Inn/Tillbridge Lane - turning right towards Scampton is hazardous.	Commuter traffic morning and night has increased to unpleasant levels over the past five plus years.	
Street Lights.	Lack of housing supply.	
Street lights - very dangerous once they've gone out.		
Inadequate Parish Council.		
Loss of businesses and facilities due to insufficient housing supply.	Street lights - dangerous and there has been an increase in crime.	
Long road in to the village Tillbridge Lane 30 sign needs moving further out of the village.	T junction cars parking making it difficult to pass.	
Speeding through the village A1500	School Lane/Parking on Stow Road - term time	
Visibility when trying to exit Saxilby Road onto Marton Road.	Speed of traffic along Saxilby Road.	Parking near staggered crossroads, outside village store - danger to pedestrians/other traffic.
Parking outside shop, blocks view when crossing road.	Speeding on Tillbridge Road.	Speeding on Saxilby Road.
New Co-op shop and lorry activity on a very dangerous junction.		
Traffic speeding on Stow Road. Speed limit should be 30mph which would enable us to have street lighting.	Parking on junction outside shop. Very dangerous.	Inadequate parking for school Traffic very bad at start and end of school day.
Speed of traffic along Saxilby Road.	Poor junction at Plough Public House, bad parking outside shop.	

Concern 1	Concern 2	Concern 3
Parked cars outside the village store make the main junction in the village very hazardous. There should be double yellow lines.	Speed limits are not being kept to on any of the main routes through the village.	There is often a speed camera vehicle parked near the junction - it needs to be positioned on Tillbridge Road or Saxilby Road where the real issues with speeding are.
50 speed limit between Stow and Sturton should be reduced.	T junction at Tillbridge Lane/Stow Road hazardous due to cars parked outside local shop.	Parked cars outside the school on Stow Road makes overtaking hazardous.
Parking opposite junctions.	Speeding along High Street.	
Parking outside shop opposite junction of Tillbridge Road and Saxilby Road.		
Crossing to the shop.	Saxilby road. Very fast traffic daily.	From Marton and from the till bridge.
Parking at or near to the staggered junction (High Street, Tillbridge Road, Saxilby Road) causes problems as the roads are too narrow.	Parking for the school causes many near misses and damage to verges.	Speed is an issue on all roads not just Sturton.
The speed of traffic passing through Bransby when there are a lot of people including children looking at horses.	The sort of traffic that uses Bransby as a short cut including a lot of heavy lorries.	The maintenance of the road considering the lorries and farm vehicles that use it.
Speeding.	Bad parking near the shop on the junction.	
Insufficient parking at Sturton crossroads.	Insufficient parking at Sturton school.	
I have none.		
The growth of the village will be too vast and will lose its village feel.	The schools, especially secondary schools will not be able to cope with numbers and we will lose village facilities such as the pub rather than gain.	The junction with pub. Crossing the road from Saxilby Road across Tillbridge Lane needs traffic calming/lights etc. someone will get hurt.
Road noise.	Vehicle noise. (Loud exhausts and engine noise).	Pulling out of drive into fast traffic

Concern 1	Concern 2	Concern 3
Motorists speeding late in the evening with impunity.		
Parking on the main road for village events.	Speed of traffic.	Level of traffic at peak times.
Morton Road & Tillbridge Lane.		
Speeding on Saxilby Road into and out of Sturton by Stow.	Junction at Saxilby Rd/Tillbridge Road. Very dangerous.	Parking outside the local shop causes issues.
Housing, ensuring new housing.	Local amenities, retaining the shop and attracting more amenities.	Traffic speeds on Tillbridge Road in Sturton by Stow.
Speeding.	Inconsiderate parking.	Non compliance with traffic regulations - STOP sign, obstructing footpaths, parking on junctions,
No crossing at the crossroads in the village of Sturton.		
No concerns.		
Accident risk factor.	Noise pollution.	Difficulty accessing property during busy periods.
People parking outside the shop so blocking the junction.	People parking on the Close when going to the village hall.	
Cars parked on pavement on High Street.	Congestion caused by parked cars High Street/Tillbridge Road.	Speeding traffic through village on all main roads.
Speed of traffic through village at night.		
No speed camera on entry to village from Gainsborough as speed past school all day and night.	Parking outside school and main road.	School junction High Street.
Young children.	Icy conditions.	Cars parked on the road.
Tillbridge/Marton Road/Saxilby Road/High Street junction.	Saxilby Road.	Tillbridge Road.
Speeding on through roads of Sturton.	Parking outside local shop at busy times of day in Sturton.	

Concern 1	Concern 2	Concern 3
The staggered crossroads in the centre of the village. Parking should be prohibited on Tillbridge Lane near the shop and the pub. A serious accident is just waiting to happen there.	Speed of traffic on Stow Road, Saxilby Road and Tillbridge Lane.	Many people seem to park partially on footpaths, blocking the way for pedestrians and forcing them to take their chances on the road.
Outside shop.		
Visitor traffic to Bransby Horses has increased significantly over the past few years, perhaps diverting visitor traffic via A1500 would help.	With the new Co-op being built in Sturton perhaps pedestrian crossing required.	
Tillbridge Lane traffic speed.	Traffic at primary school pick up/drop off.	Difficulty of access for emergency vehicles in School Lane when cars parked at end.

## Stow

Concern 1	Concern 2	Concern 3
Junction of the A1500 and B1241 in Sturton and B1241 entering Sturton from Stow direction (Stow Road).		
Stow bends Normanby.	Junction of Church Road and Normanby Road. Hedges on bend too high.	
Ingham Road.	Normanby Road.	Saxilby Road.
Exceeding 30 mph through village.		
Observing/keep to 30 mph speed limit.		
Staggered junction and vehicles parked outside the village shop - poor visibility, etc.	Turning right into Church Road in Stow when approached from Willingham and Stow bends.	Traffic speeding on slow bends, cutting corners, etc.
Ingham Road, Stow.	Main road through the village.	
Stow cross roads in village centre.		
Church Road.	High hedge, corner Church Road and Normanby Road.	Cross Keys junction, Stow Park Road and Church Road.
Traffic speeding through Stow.	Traffic using Stow crossroads - not stopping, approaching too fast and reversing back down roads.	Double parking preventing emergency access to row of houses in Stow, parallel to Sturton Road.
Corner into Stow from Gainsborough facing church/hedging blocks view.	Traffic does not stick to 30 mph.	
Turning right off Normanby Road onto Church Road.	The view of traffic approaching the bend is blocked by a hedge.	
Speed of traffic.	Lack of salting/gritting in the winter.	
General speed of traffic going through Stow.	Too many cars coming off main road from Gainsborough at high speed and entering Church Road.	Too many cars leaving X Keys at night travelling at more than 30 mph around Church Road.
Sturton Cross Roads.	Footpaths crossing roads on corners Stow hedge issue.	Traffic driving up school land, Stow, the wrong way.

Concern 1	Concern 2	Concern 3
Speeding through village.	High hedges obscuring visibility in Broad by church.	If a wheelchair user crosses at the drop curb there is no visibility.
The blind bend on the B1241 opposite Church Road in Stow, caused by a local house hedge.	Speed of traffic entering Stow, especially from the Ingham and Sturton sides.	
Speeding in 30 mph zone.	Parking on pavements.	
Speeding traffic.		
Main junction at Sturton where cars park by the shop.		
All village roads in.	The villages.	
High Street/ Tillbridge Lane/ Saxilby Road Junction - especially cars parking directly within this junction to use the village shop.	Inappropriate parking during school drop-off and collection times near the primary school.	Non-users of Sturton Village Hall using the Village Hall car park.
Speed of traffic (Ingham Road).	Vehicles, cyclists and horses going the wrong way down School Lane.	Main cross road junction.
No footpath on Ingham Road and speed of cars.	Ingham Road used as a rat run instead of Till-bridge Lane.	No active speed reduction scheme on Ingham Road.
Parked vehicles and traffic at the junction in Sturton with the Premier shop since Tillbridge Tastery opened.		
Fast speed through village.	From Sturton 30/40/50/30 within 1.5 miles.	
Between the two pubs.	Outside the shop.	
Excessive speed through Stow on the B1241.	Excessive speed from Ingham into Stow.	Vehicles travelling the wrong way up School Lane, Stow.
The traffic parking/parked/setting off/ opening car doors along the road outside the primary school.	Cars parked outside the shop in Sturton.	The overgrown hedge on the corner of Normandy Road in Stow that affects visibility when turning right onto Church Road.

Concern 1	Concern 2	Concern 3
Visibility at the crossroads exiting from the Cross Keys direction.	Exiting the one way road, traffic comes from the right very quickly entering the village from Willingham.	
Road racing - ignoring speed limits.		
Some traffic not observing speed limit through Stow.		
Traffic speed in general through villages.	Planning being granted on green land.	Planning for very large houses rather than bungalows/more suitable housing.
Traffic going through the village at more than 30mph.	The right angled bend on the B road by the church. Someone has grown a hedge round their garden and this obscures all visibility. One day there will be a fatal accident there because of this. Anyone in a wheelchair using the dropped kerb at that point has no visibility whatsoever.	
Speed on Ingham Road.		
Speed limit should be 30mph Sturton to Willingham.	Instant removal of 50mph limit in Stow.	Speeding past School.
Speed along Ingham Road heading for Stow and on the corner as you go into the village.	Speed through Stow on main road.	50mph between Sturton and Stow does not make sense.
Traffic Speed.	Traffic Noise.	Traffic Running on grass verges.
Speed of Traffic.	Cutting grass verges by machine (complete vandalism).	Mechanical road-sweeping (complete waste of money).
Traffic going dangerously fast through Normanby.		
Speed of traffic through Normanby by Stow.	Parking at the junction of High Street and Tillbridge Lane Sturton.	Speed of traffic through Stow bends.

## Appendix 7 – Question 14 individual comments

<b>Sturton by Stow</b>
To maintain the current general height of any additional housing i.e. no town houses in the centre of the village. Develop facilities (sporting & leisure) in recreation ground.
There are houses in the village that have been empty for years. This should not be allowed if we are short of housing. The Red Lion is a feature on village photographs for many many years but it has been given permission when the original planning was for it to be retained.
Green spaces, woodland, nature conservation, ponds, dykes, off road connection pathways.
All of the above.
Green gaps.
Trees, hedges, dykes. Reasonable space between houses.
Old buildings and churches. Sturton and Stow are very close and would be sad to see developments between them which would join them together. Need green spaces between villages.
Old houses. Churches. Green gaps (not used for parking). Public house. Village hall. Recreation ground. Playpark.
Street view needs to look good but don't mind use of modern materials to meet cost effective targets.
The green gaps.
Old houses, green space, gardens, hedgerows.
Churches, period house, definitely a definition boundary between Sturton and Stow.
All of the above.
Maintain green spaces and the rare ridge and furrow fields for heritage.
Green space.
Yes, but...little of the heritage property in Sturton is of great aesthetic/cultural value, e.g. pubs at crossroads. If development meant their destruction, then so be it.
Traditional features. All of the above.
Develop within natural/existing village boundary. The new housing scheme as you approach the village boundary from Tillbridge Lane is a very good example and transformed impressions. Pity that the "Wivells" garage operation remains major blot on the village landscape.
Trees/water courses, wildlife. Public services.
Green gaps, churches.
Should fit in with local styles. Materials used in existing property.
Maintaining rural impression. No designer houses please!
Keep village atmosphere, properties with character to reflect older properties and green spaces already in the village.
All of above.
Old houses, no garden grabbing.
Old houses, green gaps.
There should be a variety of developing the presence of a few grand designs should be welcomed not discouraged.
Churches, old buildings, grass verges, trees, buildings not squashed together,

visual impact, landscaping, hedges.
Would prefer that all existing local features are kept.
Green areas for children to play, not for dog walkers.
All of the above examples.
Green gaps between the houses and villages.
Heritage and character of village to remain and green areas to remain green.
In respecting character of designated residential development, long term, overnight, weekend. Parking of commercial vehicles should be prohibited. The cause of danger to children and damage to council assets.
All the above.
Green gaps between houses and villages.
Within reason, church and chapels not in use could be converted where possible, older houses to be kept original. Although Red Lion is an older building, best to be demolished and a Co-op store built than falling into decay.
Old houses, green gaps.
Variety of architectural style.
Some of the front of the Red Lion could easily have been incorporated into Co-op. Instead there will be a half-hearted general estate type building.
Green gaps especially make a lot of difference to everyone's lives. Old property lends character and gives the feel of village life better. We won't know the sound of church bells on a Sunday morning as we don't have a church in Sturton now.
Footpaths and parking spaces.
See below item 15.
Make sure all new builds provide adequate off road parking.
Green spaces between the villages, what's left of the very old village buildings, priority given to those born in Lincolnshire.
Green areas maintained.
Dispersed development, not too large. Retention of individual village identities.
Churches, old houses.
Local architectural style. Keep green gaps both between houses and villages.
Much of the 'older' houses are built using locally handmade bricks - some new housing stock could be built using re-claimed bricks.
Green spaces, Ample parking, Seating areas.
All of these and Old School room etc. Play areas.
Vernacular architecture - brick and pantile. Traditional look - brick/timber. Space for car parking/bins at rear away from road frontage.
The older houses. Green spaces - wildlife friendly. Trees. Hedgerows (for wildlife). A Shop. A pub. Bus service.
Green space, wildlife i.e. birds etc.
Another very loaded question. Green gaps between houses. Get Bradshaws depot out of the middle of the village, they should get planning permission for a new depot on edge of village on Tillbridge Lane. Their old depot is ideal for housing. But PLEASE encourage new developers to include swift bricks, bat boxes, owl and bird boxes in new developments to compensate for the loss of this if Bradshaws buildings are pulled down. RSPB can help with advice - and Lincs Wildlife Trust too. New small industry units could be included.
Green gaps with space around properties.
Consideration needs to be given to the spacing of any new housing to allow

adequate car parking within the boundaries of the property.
It's a small village and would like to keep it that way, lots of green space.
All of the above.
Street scene sympathetic.
Good space between house, green space.
Green spaces, rural cottage fee, trees planted, adequate parking so fewer cars on road side.
Architecturally traditional and appealing buildings, green spaces between houses and set back from the roads.
It is important that any new development is small in terms of the number of houses and it's integrated into the village itself. In this way, infill or small groups of houses would encourage integration and a feeling of community for new people coming to live in the village. Any small development of houses need to make reference in some small way to the older buildings in the village, the villages are quite separate with their own identity and the green gaps between the villages are important and need to be preserved.
Old houses and church.
Green gaps must be maintained between villages or it just becomes a township. Old style brickwork and roofing must be maintained for village appeal. The Red Lion pub must not become the eyesore of/or a Co-op..... This will not improve the traffic flow and will harm local businesses.
Green gaps.
Green gaps between housing.
It is essential to maintain green gaps between houses and villages and incorporate landscaping and trees. The architectural features must reflect existing development and incorporate red pantiles to reflect existing housing. Wherever possible old houses should be restored and renovated in the existing style.
Church and old house.
Green spaces.
Traditional buildings and brickwork, Lincoln fencing.
Any historic buildings, any green spaces, keeping within the character of the village.
A definite gap between Sturton and Stow. Keep fields intact. Pub in village to remain.
Areas where children can play safely. Community meeting places.
Old houses, pubs being altered into other uses.
Keeping old church, old houses and buildings, green areas.
Old houses.
Green between houses.
The churches, old houses etc., when I look at the old village photos I can still recognise Tillbridge Lane, the High Street etc. I don't want it all to change and become unrecognisable. We have some lovely old buildings I don't to see them go in favour of modern dwellings.
All heritage, including non-designated. Green spaces between houses, especially where there is heritage; and green spaces between villages. Houses well-spaced, no more cramming as many as possible on a small plot! New development should reflect traditional style of period architecture.
Traditional appearance.
Old houses. Green gaps. Enough parking.

Character houses, views and access to footpaths.
Green space built in to developments.
Should be a traditional appearance and north of Tillbridge Road. (Very difficult to cross). The only facilities south of Tillbridge Road is the pub which tends to be used during quieter times so not so much an issue.
The buildings that have been here longer than anyone in this village should be kept and protected! Unfortunately this is too late as we have allowed one of the oldest buildings to get knocked down! Which will also put in jeopardy one of the oldest businesses in the village.
To a degree... we need to grow the village or we will lose the services we have - Red Lion is a prime example.
Traditional in appearance.
Some reasonable sized developments are required rather than one of single and small developments. Larger developments can be made to contribute to the locale. East of Tillbridge Lane is a prime example near the fishing lakes. The developer has done it piecemeal to avoid the need to contribute to local facilities. We should be encouraging larger developments and making them provide something that benefits the local community.
Maintaining green spaces / historical buildings.
Green spaces, trees, etc.
With any future development it would be nice for the village to retain its 'village feel', with cottage style or wooden/stone effects on new buildings.
Keeping character of original buildings. Churches, pubs. Recreation areas. Meeting places.
Old houses and churches. Parks and communal recreational areas and other green spaces.
The churches, public houses and community facilities.
Although there is no distinctive village character nor unique architectural style in this area.
Similar brickwork to those surrounding.
Yes, attention to the brick style is needed. Look at surrounding window styles etc. to be in keeping with others. Space not crammed in and ensure appropriate parking is factored into development. Most families/couples etc. own at least 2 cars, therefore, need private parking for at least 2 cars, to avoid congestion and parking on footpaths etc.
Privacy and over-crowding. Maintaining views from current dwellings. Maintaining peace and quiet. Respectable behaviour.
Green spaces.
We need plenty of parking , as we build more homes they should have enough to park 2/3 cars on their drive. Solar panels should be on ALL new and reroofed houses, or any development.
Green spaces. Not over developing already congested areas.
Rural atmosphere.
Green spaces and housing around these spaces. Materials that can be seen in the existing buildings.
All the above plus protected areas and frontage identified and marked on previous local plan (2006).
The feel of a traditional village. Stow Minster, green spaces between and in front of houses, adequate parking and services. Solving the flowing problems.
It's rural aspect, had we wanted to live in a town we would have moved to a

<p>town. We have already relocated from one village which lost its village identity through overdevelopment and is now a small town. We enjoy the countryside aspects of Sturton and whilst we appreciate the need for more homes these can be done sympathetically and appropriately located and within scale to keep the village identity.</p>
<p>Churches and the old houses on the main routes through Sturton by Stow. They should be traditional not big flats and apartments.</p>
<p>Old properties suitable for modern times should be kept. Age alone does not count if the building has no use. Old functional property such as churches that are no longer required by community should be maintained by third party not residents if they need to preserve. The 3 villages need to be separated by green fields to retain individual identity. No problem with infill between houses provided off street parking is a planning condition.</p>
<p>Old buildings suitable for conversion. Green spaces, gardens and paddocks still within the village heart.</p>
<p>Green space behind the house.</p>
<p>Green spaces between houses. Using red brick and slate or red pantile roofing. Hedging for boundaries. Traditional one or two storey housing not dormer style which is prevalent in the new builds taking place. Protection for ridge and furrow fields. Keeping green space between the villages.</p>
<p>Spaces between houses. No large developing sites with multiple houses. Single houses have less impact.</p>
<p>Traditional architecture.</p>
<p>Any new houses should be in keeping with the older features of the village.</p>
<p>New developments must not infringe on the privacy of existing properties and must reflect on our rural location. This parish mustn't be turned into a mini Saxilby, with its numerous estates.</p>

Stow
Older houses and traditional churches.
Church, old houses, barn conversions.
Church, old houses, green areas, off road car parking, spacing between houses.
Stow Church, village greens, trees, hedges, older houses/properties.
Stow Church - views of it should not be blocked by 3 storey buildings spoiling views from ground level. The villages should have green gaps so they do not merge - that keeps their identity. Old houses must be sensitively renovated and modernised retaining attractive period features.
Older houses, green gaps.
The Church and the village green (where the whipping post is situated), The Cross Keys. The old farmhouses.
Churches, old houses, barns, green spaces.
Stow Minster, Stow Methodist Chapel (now private house), thatched cottage and cottages close to the Minster.
Local views, views of the church, views of open countryside, green gaps between houses and villages, quiet rural atmosphere, footpaths, space.
The Church, the character of local houses, the green space, views of open countryside.
All of the above.
Old historic buildings and green spaces. The 'traditional' (i.e. not modern) style of houses that predominates.
Green gaps.
3 storey developments are completely out of character within Stow village.
To be in keeping with existing traditional properties.
Appropriate design/brick colour etc.
The churches and old buildings.
Stow Minster. Green where village sign is. The Cross Keys pub. Thatched cottage.
Not build houses too high or that impact on the views from the edges of the village.
Typically new developments favour density over green space so have small/or no gardens and limited/no parking. New houses should be set back from the access roads as existing houses are.
Old houses, spaces between, green spaces, fields, the quiet area feel. Light and space.
Style of buildings should fit in with local environment. Building materials etc. need to be selected to reflect this.
All the above.
Need to maintain green spaces between villages. New developments should be in a traditional style so they 'fit in' with their surroundings.
Low density. No big monstrosities (hence no 3 stories). Varied building styles. Attempts made to reduce the impact on the environment (e.g. permeable surfaces for driveways, water retrieval systems).
Old cottages, green space between Sturton and Stow, St Mary's, traditional public houses, old strip farmed fields/unploughed fields (e.g. at least one on Ingham Road). Shared areas of green in the village centre.
Green Gaps Between Houses and Villages.

Green spaces between houses and villages, old houses.
Green spaces, trees, flower verges, less tarmac, ancient hedges, moats and features.
Churches, old houses and old agricultural buildings.

## Appendix 8 – Question 19 Individual Comments

Sturton by Stow
Post office services more available.
Table tennis club would be good for health and well-being.
Whilst we don't need another "shop", a small supermarket such as the Co-op in Saxilby would be good. I understand that such is contemplated to be installed in the old Red Lion premises and I would certainly use it.
More space for parking for organised village events.
At present there are no services in the village like a hairdressers/similar.
More parking facilities near school to drop off and pick up times.
A transport service for people unable to use public transport.
Recycle facilities.
A Men's Shed club to use retired peoples' skills and by inviting youngsters to pass skills and friendship between generations. If it was based in St Hughes the church could be resurrected. Film club.
Enforcement of covenants or limits stated in deeds of existing properties - these were designed to maintain the requirements of the public but have been allowed to lapse.
A doctors is required for the size of the area to get to Saxilby for the elderly it is either get the bus and have a mile walk to the surgery - too far for the old and infirm. Get someone to give you a lift, which cannot do every time. Get a taxi at £20 round trip, a big lump out of a pension. We always had a surgery in Sturton one or two times a week and delivery of medication. Now since the retirement of the previous doctor we are getting neither and a lot of the older people feel isolated.
Cinema nights in village hall. Sturton and Stow in Bloom Group to create more colour. Health Walks.
A small swimming pool so the children can learn to swim locally. Everyone can enjoy it during the summer, solar heating could be used to help heat it. Some outdoor gym equipment would be welcome - maybe on the recreational groups. General community facilities in Sturton are very good.
Improved post office facilities - it is only one half day per week at the moment.
Banking / ATM service. Post office. Supermarket. Doctors. Chemist. Petrol station.
Please see the attached letter that I have with Lincoln Highways about the footpath going from Tillbridge Road and Bommiwells Lane (Bransby). Can you try and get the path open again, it was open between the wars and it's shown on the ordnance survey maps?
If the Co-op gets planning consent I would be very worried about the asbestos removal from the outbuilding as this is over 48 years old.
We have great facilities with The Cross Keys and Tillbridge Tastery.
Community project spaces e.g. traditional orchard; woodland, meadow, allotments etc.
I have lived here all my life 80 years, and we have lost almost all the things listed above. My wife has also lived here all her life.
We don't need duplicates of what we already have.

More facilities for younger people. More could be done with the Recreation field. A bigger Skate park would be fantastic, something similar to what Welton has. Move the play park to the Recreation field. The play park is very secluded at the back of the hall, a lot of parents don't like to go there. The Recreation field is more open.
Pharmacy/chemist, medical centre.
Improved bus service is most important priority for village.
In regards to the pubs, I am very happy with what is provided in the local area. It would be nice for the Tastery to open more as working full time, I tend to miss the chance to use it as often as I would like.
By secondary school I don't mean the village requires one but access to a variety.
Would prefer extended hours with the existing tearoom - Sundays / Bank Holidays in the summer to cater for locals and tourists and evenings even if only one or two nights a week.
Doctors surgery.
Small units for residents to start up their own business from are required.
Post office.

## Appendix 9 – Question 21 Individual Comments

Sturton by Stow
A massive aeroplane that could fly around the village with a banner telling people what is happening around the village.
Better village websites.
Recommendations of local tradesmen/handy persons. Wanted/For Sale type of advertising booklet.
If the village were to grow then hopefully the means of communication would naturally grow with it - a larger audience (demand) stimulates improved supply.
More Sturton news in parish magazine.
Facebook page updates more regularly, parish council meetings and minutes available on Facebook. Local newspaper or paper posted online.
More clubs for young mums so word of mouth carries further.
Notice board in village shop. Notice board in Post Office. Notice board in village hall.
Better internet service.
Emphasis to be on the involvement of younger people in all aspects of village life.
Could create social media accounts if not already available for the younger generation.
Open forum meetings to discuss residents' issues.
Greater publicity of social media and websites.
No.
First of all, change mind sets to a community way of thinking rather than me, me, me and power, power, power.
Occasionally I have put up small A5 information posters concerning wildlife (i.e. RSPB big garden birdwatch, hedgehog conservation ideas) on the noticeboards at the village hall and at the end of school lane. Unfortunately these are always taken down almost immediately. These are for the interest of fellow villagers - there is plenty of space for them on the boards so I think it rather mean of someone to take them down so quickly. Maybe other villagers would like to share things of interest but know it is not welcome. So please leave out little community minded posters up for a while, there is room for everyone.
Village newsletter.
We don't get intention to build planning information until very late after the planners have been spoken to and advice been given. If the planning is likely to go through or not. In 30 years we have not had 1 planning notice come to our address. In future it would be nice to receive planning notices before the planners have indicated planning requests will be approved.
With whom? Better internet reception and mobile phones.
Larger more eye catching noticeboards.
We have a very poor internet service.
Parish council or general village website, monthly newsletter reinstated.
Parish council Facebook page.
More covered notice displays, large enough to lay out the information without covering up what was previously posted, or having to display unopened booklets. Suggest these be places near school, village hall, village green and old school house.

Yes!! Parish council, Rec committee, pub, shop, WI. All village groups to contribute to a new Facebook page for the village where all groups and locals can read info in one place and all news and info can be posted in one place like Upton does.
Village website. Better placement of notices (new Co-op?).
Monthly magazine to include village society info, church activities and local work people to advertise.
Parish councillors need to use facts rather than hearsay and communicate effectively.
Facebook page updates on events in the village i.e. turning on Christmas lights - I missed it this year!
Consider Bransby's needs more often (i.e. verge cutting, etc.).
Deliver the newsletter to all those who live just outside the village.
More web based communication/dedicated web site.
Parish council is very insular and full of people with too much self-interest.
Internet.
Not sure if I'm honest. Easy to say it needs to be better. Maybe a parish council run Facebook page.
A parish council backed and controlled Facebook page.
Electronic newsletter that could be subscribed to.
Parish council website / Facebook page.
If the Sturton by Stow Community on Facebook wasn't a 'closed group' villagers could find out more about village activities. More regular issues of Sturton News.
Didn't know where to find information, when we first moved to the village - would have appreciated a list of what was available (and more being accessible online).
Talk to us is a start!
Email newsletter and text emergency notifications.
Parish councils should make better use of social media to communicate with residents. Notice boards are only suitable for those who can get around. They need to modernise.
More information online.
No, however, we need to develop more of interest from younger residents to influence the future plan.
More effective use of social media – Facebook.
Better promotion of where information is available, is there a Facebook page?
Yes, about time the Parish Council produced a Parish Council Website.
Active on social media.
2 bed 2 storey affordable or rental housing.
Use all the notice boards in the villages.
Facebook page.
Is it possible to bring all the digital communications under one site, and ditto for paper....i.e. Village Hall notice board. Supplement these with flyers & emails when necessary.

## Appendix 10 – Question 22 Individual Comments

<b>Sturton by Stow</b>
Flooding is the number one concern to many people on the high street area. The worry is any development on the west, south and north will produce more run off flood water.
It is important that infrastructure e.g. drainage, sewerage, to be adequate for future development and catch up with current and past development.
Working from home should be encouraged where possible. Industrial land was available but was given permission for residential buildings. Industrial units well catered for in Saxilby.
Please don't knock the historical buildings down for more parking. Thank you.
Any future planning consents for residential development in Sturton by Stow should be conditional requiring the developers to pay for upgrading the mains drainage infrastructure within the village. Developers are currently taking their profits and running leaving no benefit for the existing village population.
Ensure feedback from the questionnaire is fully published. I took part in the ideas for the church usage last year and not heard a thing! Even if nothing has been decided, telling the village that is better than no news whatsoever.
Currently STREET LIGHTING is switched off between midnight and 6am. This suits me. I have no reason to wander around at that time and would not welcome having to pay for restoration of lights in the period. What could be an idea is to install cheap running lamps such as I have all around my own bungalow; they could be left on without controversy (LEDs). But again I would not be willing to contribute to the initial cost - obviously the beneficiaries would be night workers.
We feel at the present time the community is well balanced.
Possibly get BBC Radio Lincs to do a monthly village round up with parish council updates and any village news aired or on some other media
Would appreciate it if some leniency could be given to tree preservation orders to take into account of residents' needs within their own gardens when such trees are situated there. Some of the trees cause considerable amount of leaves to fall which can be costly if having to employ someone to clear them away.
The Horses' Home is now a major visitor attraction, the roads into the village is totally inadequate for the amount of traffic it carries.
The Parish Council should always state that drainage & sewage is a problem on all relies to WLDC planning applications.
More policing in the village would help especially with the way some people park their cars and where they park them.
Solar panels required on all new buildings.
Not everyone uses a sat nav, perhaps a map of Sturton by Stow with all new areas named would be of use.
Annual Sturton and Stow Agricultural Show combines many elements of social cohesion. Deserves recognition and support. Monthly History Society and weekly bowls club/line dancing, etc. also help. More interest groups needed.

<p>The field at the other side of the road to the school would be a good place for housing, probably most of the 97 needed, if Bradshaws depot site was not available. The frequent flooding problem by the bust stop there could be sorted out once and for all at the same time as the development did the groundworks. P.S. please make sure that Community Lincs give the steering group all the feedback from the public. I was in another steering group elsewhere in West Lindsey and unfortunately Community Lincs failed to feedback all the comments from the public. That is what they are paid a substantial amount to do (how much?). I hope you didn't mind me mentioning this but i feel it is very important that Community Lincs do their job properly, I will check that the NP group gets these comments.</p>
<p>Personally I wouldn't want the village to grow anymore as too many villages have grown far too much like Saxilby, which is now growing out towards us.</p>
<p>In general, Bransby has reached and surpassed its development requirements. From my front window I can easily see 14 sheds (horse shelters), a new built toilet block and various ancillary buildings - when will it end! The villages do not want any more structure buildings sheds. Within the area of the residential house these should be placed on the outskirts of each end of the lane not in the residential area.</p>
<p>Overall good village atmosphere but not the same as 20 years age when we arrived. Less community feel, same people taking on all the voluntary jobs in the village.</p>
<p>Don't want Sturton by Stow, Stow/Bransby to "merge" like Welton and Dunholme is appearing to do.</p>
<p>The local sewage woks that serves Sturton and Stow is old and is at the limit of its capabilities. This MUST be addressed before any more houses are added to the village.</p>
<p>Convert the existing grass verges on Tillbridge (east and west) into lay-by's - a road safety feature and prevents the verges looking shabby post anti-social parking of vehicles both private and commercial.</p>
<p>Not at this time.</p>
<p>I am now retired. Needs keeping as a village. Building will make it too big. Need to keep our fields or there won't be any.</p>
<p>Question 10. 15+ units but in the right place!</p>
<p>Question 12. Affordable homes for young couples to buy.</p>
<p>Housing 10. 15+ low cost rentals.</p>
<p>We need more housing but also more infrastructure to support this. Services such as Doctors and better transport and more school access as the village grows and everywhere else does, we need a secondary school for our area. William Farr was always our feeder school but as more people move into the area their catchment area has got smaller, cutting us off unless we have siblings or Statements to get children in and the children then get split up in to different schools. More footpaths around the hamlets i.e. linking Sturton to Westwoods along Marton Rd as this is a busy road a lot of people walk down.</p>
<p>N/A.</p>
<p>Solar panels on ALL new developments.</p>

As a resident of Normanby by Stow I mainly use community facilities and groups in Willingham by Stow and Sturton as the facilities in Stow are poor i.e. no village hall.
Traffic calming of some sort needs introducing particularly on Tillbridge Road, perhaps an island protruding into the road at either entrance to the village to slow the traffic down, at present it is a long straight road.
Sturton by Stow is almost a very nice place to live, let's make it so everyone can say that it is indeed a very nice place to live!
I hope that people's views are listened to this time, the last time a survey along these lines took place decisions on some of the questions had already been decided, i.e. the removal of much of the lay by on high street, not good for local business.

Stow
The financial cost on the Precept of any changes decided on should be estimated and made public before approval.
Sturton and Stow are rural villages and need to retain their identity when considering planning in the future. Residents choose to live here because they like this type of neighbourhood and do not expect to have EVERYTHING on their doorstep. We value the existing assets.
I think some of the questions have been poorly written.
Q17 - two reasons for moving but the survey prevents all that apply. Please note: Reason 1 Current accommodation is too large, Reason 2 current accommodation is unsuitable for physical needs.
Light manufacturing/industry is difficult to control. Over time manufacturing can expand, outgrow the site but not move or change products being fabricated causing higher heavy traffic volumes and noise. Once this happens there is no recourse as grandfather rights get cited and councils don't deal with 'mission creep' very well. Storage causes high increases in traffic volume and generally need large buildings which would be out of keeping with the village.
Please, please do not build industrial units here - our previous village housed light industry and storage and despite concerns and objections, the factory owners transformed usage to heavy manufacturing with attendant noise pollution at night and actual house fabric damages! Keeping the village as a village is paramount. Yes to social care services - there will be need for care for those living in outlying villages like Stow.
For development we should look at more properties being built in existing gardens where there is the space to avoid additional building on greenfield sites.



## Sturton and Stow Neighbourhood Plan Business Questionnaire

The Sturton and Stow Neighbourhood Plan process is at the community consultation stage. Community Lincs has been commissioned by Sturton by Stow and Stow Parish Councils to conduct this process and we are now seeking the views of local businesses, with the intention of discovering your perspectives on the future needs of our parishes.

### What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

Neighbourhood planning is a new way for communities to decide the future of the places they live and work in. Our parishes will be able to:

- Choose where we would like new houses, shops and offices to be built.
- Have our say in what those buildings should look like and what infrastructure should be provided.

We specifically wish to ask for your views as a local business in the community.

Closing date for completion of this questionnaire is Monday 4th February 2019.

If you would like to keep up to date with how the Neighbourhood Plan is developing, please visit <https://www.sturtonandstowplan.co.uk>

### Your business now

To help us analyse the responses, we need to collect some data about your business, as follows:

#### 1. Where is your business located?

- |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Bransby          | <input type="radio"/> Stow            |
| <input type="radio"/> Coates           | <input type="radio"/> Sturton by Stow |
| <input type="radio"/> Normanby by Stow | <input type="radio"/> Stow Park       |
| <input type="radio"/> Rural District   | <input type="radio"/> Westwoods       |

2. What sector would best describe your business activity?

- Business and professional services
- Construction
- Farming
- Hospitality
- Information technology
- Leisure and tourism
- Other (Please specify)
- Manufacturing
- Other community, social and personal services/activities
- Property Development
- Social care
- Transport, storage
- Wholesale and retail trade

3. What type of premises do you operate from?

- Farm/horticultural premises
- From home but work takes me to customers' premises
- Home
- Other (Please specify)
- Offices
- Retail
- Warehouse/manufacturing unit

4. Do you employ staff?

- Yes  No

5. If 'Yes' how many staff do you employ?

- Under 5
- 6 - 10
- 11 - 20
- 21 - 50
- More than 50

**Operational environment and your future business needs**

When considering the current operation of your business and planning its future, how important is the the impact it has on:

6. What do you consider to be the three biggest benefits of running a business in Sturton by Stow and Stow Parishes?

- 1
- 2
- 3

7. What do you consider to be the most detrimental aspects of the location of your business in Sturton by Stow and Stow Parishes?

1

2

3

8. What additional business space do you think you will need within the next 10 years?

- None  100 - 500 sq metres  
 50 - 100 sq metres  500+ sq metres  
 Other (please specify)

9. Do you hope to continue operating from your current premises?

- Yes  
 No

If 'No' please specify

10. How do you see your employment needs in the next 10 to 15 years?

- Reducing  
 Staying roughly the same  
 Growing

11. When considering the current operation of your business, and planning its future, how important to you is the impact it has on:

	Very important	Important	Not Important	No opinion
Historic buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Historic field patterns	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Local environment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

12. What local factors currently impede the achievement of your business development plans? (Please tick all that apply)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Access to suitable local staff  | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of public transport                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flooding or threat thereof  | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of suitable business premises              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate recreational facilities  | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor access to superfast broadband              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient medical infrastructure (GPs, health centres, dentists, chemists, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor mobile phone signal                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of secondary schooling   | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor transport infrastructure (e.g. poor roads) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of suitable housing for potential staff  | <input type="checkbox"/> None  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please specify)  |  |

13. Are there any additional services or infrastructure improvements that are required to support business growth?

- Yes
- No

Please provide details

14. Please add any additional points that you would like us to consider: