

Brantham Neighbourhood Plan

Residents Survey Results

May 2026

SECTION A – About you

1. What is your Postcode? (optional)

276 responses provided a postcode out of 335 responses

2. How long have you lived in Brantham?

Please tick one box

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	0-2 years		14.94%	49
2	3-5 years		17.99%	59
3	6-10 years		10.98%	36
4	11-20 years		13.41%	44
5	20+ years		42.68%	140
			answered	328
			skipped	7

3. Where do you mainly work / study?

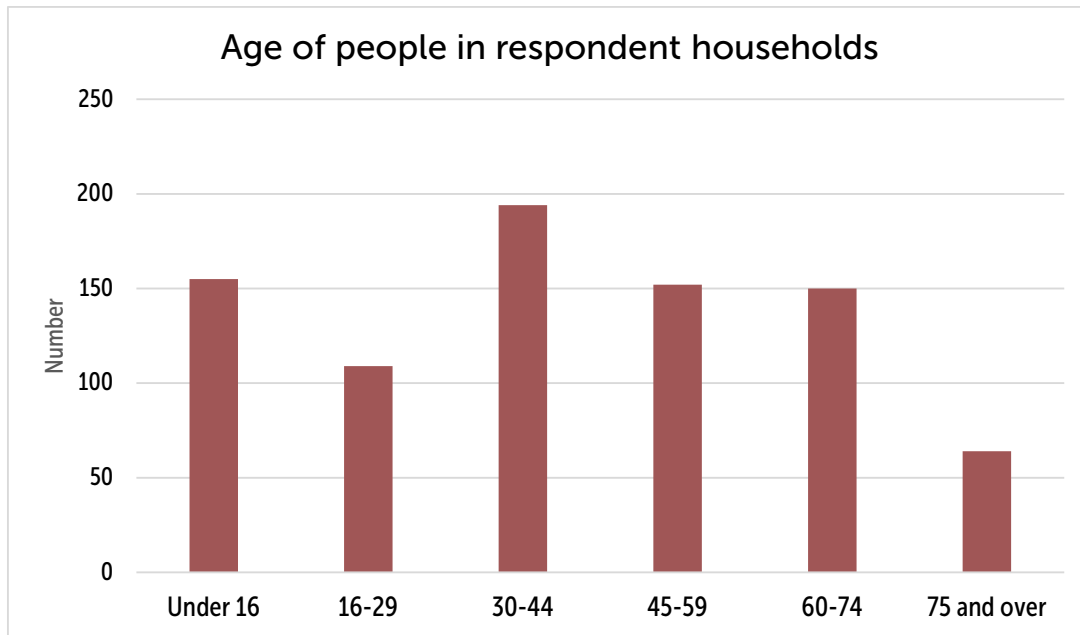
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Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Brantham		15.38%	50
2	Wider area		14.77%	48
3	Not in work / education		23.69%	77
4	Manningtree / Mistley		3.69%	12
5	Work from home		16.62%	54
6	Ipswich / Colchester		22.46%	73
7	Commute to London		3.38%	11
			answered	325
			skipped	10

SECTION B – About your household

4. What are the ages of those that normally live in your household?

Please tick only one box per row as applicable to the number of people in your household:



5. How would you describe your household?

Please tick only one box

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Single adult	☐	13.08%	42
2	Retired household	☐	15.58%	50
3	Couple	☒	26.48%	85
4	Multi-generational	☐	6.54%	21
5	Family with children	☒	35.83%	115
6	Other	☐	2.49%	8
			answered	321
			skipped	14

6. What is the tenure of your home?

Please tick only one box

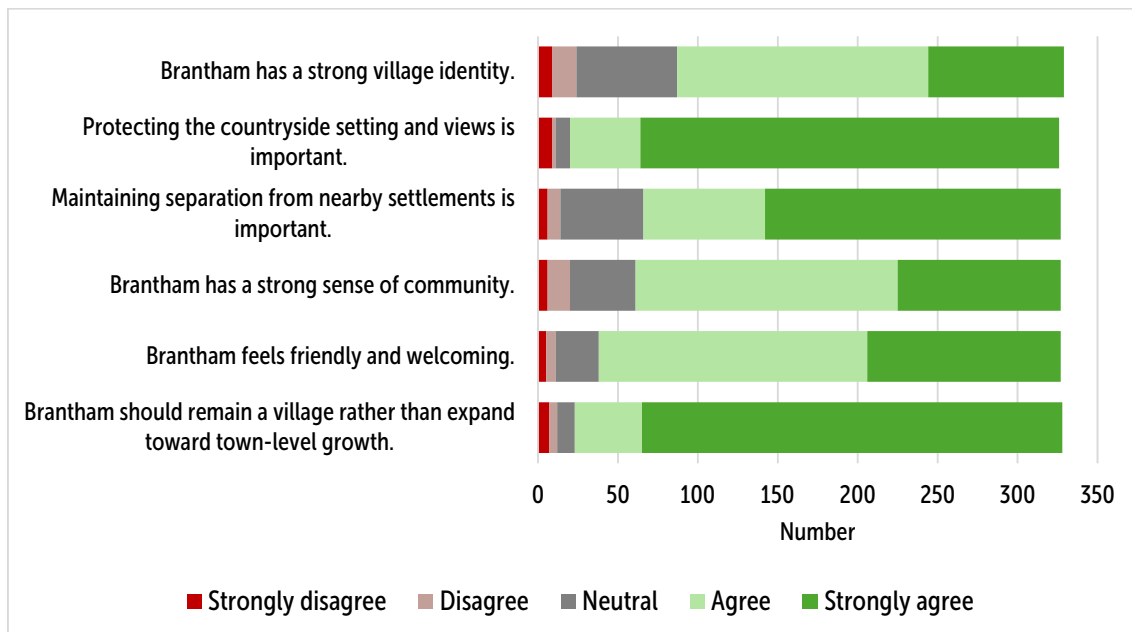
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Owner-occupier		92.19%	295
2	Living with family		0.94%	3
3	Private rent		2.50%	8
4	Prefer not to say		1.56%	5
5	Social/affordable rent		2.19%	7
6	Other		0.63%	2
			answered	320
			skipped	15

SECTION C – Brantham’s character, identity & community

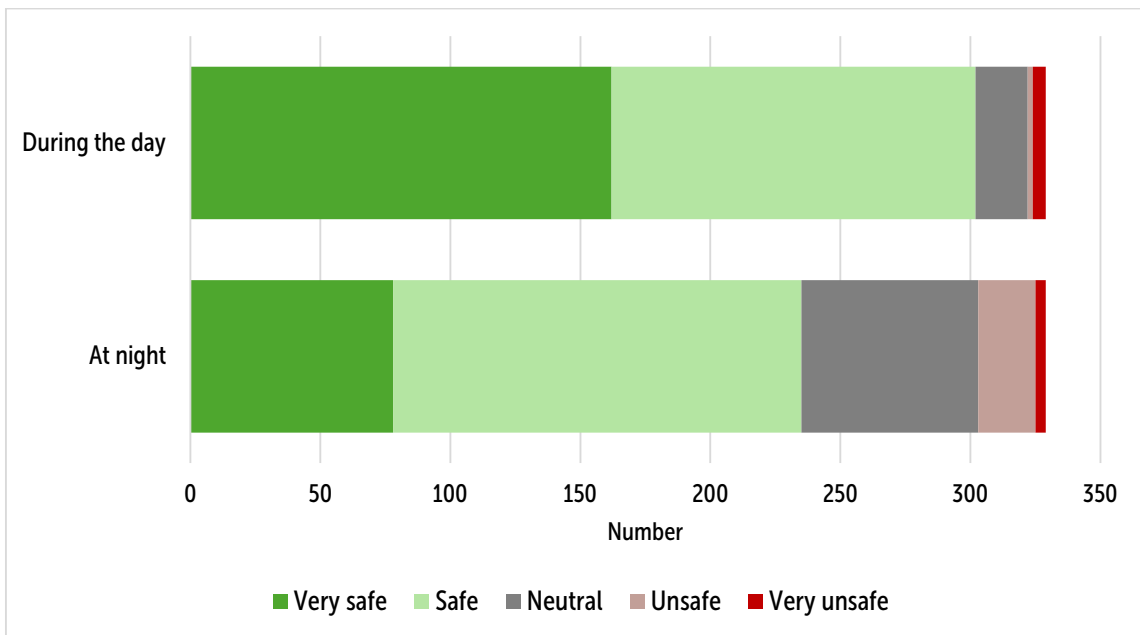
7. Please indicate how strongly you agree with the following statements

Please tick one box per row

Answer Choices	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Response Total
Brantham has a strong village identity.	2.74% 9	4.56% 15	19.15% 63	47.72% 157	25.84% 85	329
Protecting the countryside setting and views is important.	2.76% 9	0.61% 2	2.76% 9	13.50% 44	80.37% 262	326
Maintaining separation from nearby settlements is important.	1.83% 6	2.45% 8	15.90% 52	23.24% 76	56.57% 185	327
Brantham has a strong sense of community.	1.83% 6	4.28% 14	12.54% 41	50.15% 164	31.19% 102	327
Brantham feels friendly and welcoming.	1.53% 5	1.83% 6	8.26% 27	51.38% 168	37.00% 121	327
Brantham should remain a village rather than expand toward town-level growth.	2.13% 7	1.52% 5	3.35% 11	12.80% 42	80.18% 263	328
					answered	329
					skipped	6



8. How safe do you feel in Brantham? Please tick one box per row						
Answer Choices	Very safe	Safe	Neutral	Unsafe	Very unsafe	Response Total
During the day	49.24% 162	42.55% 140	6.08% 20	0.61% 2	1.52% 5	329
At night	23.71% 78	47.72% 157	20.67% 68	6.69% 22	1.22% 4	329
					answered	329
					skipped	6



9. Are you concerned about anti-social behaviour in Brantham? Please tick one box per row					Response Percent	Response Total
Answer Choices						
1	Yes	☐			12.20%	40
2	Sometimes	☐			50.00%	164
3	No	☐			37.80%	124
					answered	328
					skipped	7

10. What measures could be taken to make you feel safer?

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question	100.00%	214
1	More police patrol		
2	Publishing/displaying neighbourhood watch signs		
3	More street lighting		
4	More lighting throughout the night. A local police presence. Beat bobbies. More for children to do (Youth Clubs, Skate Park, etc).		
5	Non		
6	Keeing street lights on longer at night, due to how dark it is		
7	Leave the street lights on all night		
8	Parents be more considerate with their children & where they park etc.....especially around the school. Young adults (still at school) need to be more considerate with their surroundings - when waiting for a bus, they scream and shout early in the morning....they act deranged		
9	N/A		
10	Police to use an infra red drone, at night, when most law a abiding residents are in bed, to survey the non accessible areas to them on foot or by Police vehicle, ie Factory Lane, the waste ground on the river/Manningtree side of the railway in the old Wardle Storey site, Decoy pond and surrounding green areas, recently adopted by Babergh, for the dubious movements of people at night.		
11	Young people gather outside the co-op which can be intimidating. Better lighting at night.		
12	More Police patrols visible in the village.		
13	More lighting		
14	Occasional police presence		
15	I feel safe at all times.		
16	Better street lights CCTV in public areas		
17	Improved public lighting and CCTV subsidies		
18	Greater Police visibility		
19	Speed camera on Brantham hill		
20	Recently we discovered that part of Pattles Fen had been vandalised for bike riding which was a great shame		
21	Lighting between Birch Drive and Slough Rd should be improved. Particularly around Pattles Fen. Bushes should be cut back from paths. Safe crossing places on A137		
22	Can't think of any measures		
23	Occasional Police presence		
24	I'm happy with my safety.		
25	Better street lighting and occasional presence to deter irresponsible e bike and motorbike riders		
26	CCTV and signs to aid deterring bad behaviour around the Decoy pond of the ever increasing bad behaviour from young people there. Fires, motorbikes, vandalism.		
27	Better lighting at night		

10. What measures could be taken to make you feel safer?

28	Reduce the amount of new developments with large influxes of people. Properly enforce the speed limit along the A137.
29	Slowing speed down on A137 and having fewer A12 divers as they bring antisocial behaviour.
30	Although I have no antisocial concerns, there is sometimes a bike that travels on the roads that is not road worthy (no number plate or light on the back) often seen at night time or dusk wearing all black and concerned for safety of the rider and others
31	Better street lighting provision along parts of A137 (stretch between Church Lane junction of A137 and Birch Drive). Safer places to cross road on A137.
32	A local bobby
33	Street lighting CCTV
34	None
35	Something done about people riding e-motorbikes at high speed in the village and on factory lane
36	Better street lights
37	More street lighting and more visible police presence
38	Actually see a police presence in the village
39	I don't know. I lost my sense of safety after the poor lady was murdered. I used to walk the fields alone with my dog. Now I stick to roads.
40	Special constable presence. Active Youth Centre.
41	Ensuring teens are not hanging around with village in groups causing a nuisance.
42	More police especially speed cameras
43	A pedestrian crossing on Brantham Hill
44	Understanding where and how to report disruptive behaviour in the village.
45	Well lit or managed open spaces that can be closed or inaccessible to motorised vehicles after dark. Our open spaces are lovely in the day but a breeding ground for substance abuse, antisocial behaviour and reckless endangerment through motorbikes and large groups of young adults at night.
46	Better lighting
47	Nothing really, I believe the problems stem from societal change and parenting choices
48	Street lights on for longer and more of them
49	Cameras on the park
50	More police presence
51	CCTV in remote areas and more lighting Zebra crossing/island in brantham hill. More street lights.
52	Stop the absolute degenerate youths on their ebikes/ Motorcross bikes tearing round on public footpaths and along factory. As a keen distance runner and someone that walks a lot round the village, their have been far too many times where a motorised vehicle as driven past in excess of 20mph within half a metre of me around the pond and the surrounding footpaths. I have previously tried reporting this to the police with no success after multiple phone calls on different occurrences. These unintelligent individuals have been irrational when approached and kindly asked to move elsewhere. Police are stretched, resources are low, this is a low priority for them but one that causes a great deal of concern for many people in the village.

10. What measures could be taken to make you feel safer?

53	Visible police presence.
54	There needs to be more for children to do, especially older children (teenagers). The proposed Skatepark will be a great start, but more needs to be done. Hopefully, more engagement with the age groups in question will give a greater understanding of their wants and needs.
55	Having something nearby for the teenagers to get involved with.
56	Street lights on for longer. More police presence in evening where kids hang out
57	When local infrastructure is well maintained it encourages people to look after what they have and dissuades antisocial behaviour. I'd like to see areas under development and brownfield industrial areas well maintained.
58	More CCTV in areas where groups of youths gather.
59	Dealing with reports of teenagers gathering on factory lane. Addressing youths of mopeds on bridle ways.
60	We are concerned that the Skatepark is likely to greatly increase anti-social behaviour, especially littering and graffiti. Local residents have not been consulted on this.
61	PCSO
62	See more local police presence Children to know road safety More street lights Better pavements and roads (visually impaired and walking on the uneven pavements makes this feel unsafe to go out on own)
63	Keeping the street lights on later into the night
64	Slowing speed on A137 county lines drugs and sorting out underpass that joins with manningtree station
65	More street lights left on at night.
66	People drive like maniacs, like a game of chicken sometimes with people on the wrong side of the road. (Sometimes due to potholes) Parking along new village/brooklands and palfrey heights is ridiculous, people parking near corners and junctions.
67	Banning of fast electric bikes on public footpaths
68	None
69	Local community officer walk about meeting point now and then More low level lighting along side roads after 1130pm
70	More safe road crossings
71	Better street lighting and more patrols of known anti social areas such as the park behind the scout hut.
72	Assuming the skate park goes ahead then it needs to be maintained in a well lit unobscured way as every other skate park i am aware of attracts negative behaviour. As the park is already in a dark corner of the village with a very quiet road running by it, it already attracts some drug activity.
73	Stop people causing issues around decoy pond and play areas
74	1. Stricter Road Safety measures on A137, eg., variable speed cameras. 2. Extra police patrols to deter anti social behaviour. 3. More educational Police visits to schools may save limited budgets in placing extra patrols in the area.
75	Would like to see local police more often on patrol in the village .
76	More lights, police presence
77	I feel lighting is an issue and also anti social behaviour from some younger People
78	Lighting. Speed cameras. Community police
79	Kids around Brantham Coop

10. What measures could be taken to make you feel safer?

80	Na
81	A pedestrian crossing on the A137. Better enforcement of the speed limit.
82	I feel safe
83	A zebra crossing, lollipop crossing or mini roundabout on the main road to slow traffic down - especially on the walk to and from school.
84	Encouraging local lads not to wear balaclavas whilst using there electric motor bikes as it comes across as intimidating. Slowing vehicles down within the village. The new village road has become very busy with vehicles constantly above 30mph!
85	Feel safe
86	More street lights and safe footpaths to get from different places, there is multiple dangerous walks to other villages and within our village with no footpaths, no zebra crossings and no traffic control.
87	More active neighbourhood watch schemes
88	Don't turn it into a Town with more people.
89	A police presence would help with certain areas in the village
90	Would like to see more police presence at night.
91	Reduce persistent speeding through the village
92	Greater sense of community. More community events like flower show. A central 'green' or space that felt like village centre. Some kind of friendly local police presence- not just when something bad happens.
93	Bring back neighbourhood watch and community based initiatives
94	Nil
95	N/A
96	Streetlights on in out of the way places
97	Walk road paths, hedges to be cut back and not obstruct walking. Property occupiers should be made aware of their responsibility to keep their hedgerows cut and not allow them to overhang to path.
98	We never see a local bobby on our estate
99	Better lighting. A police presence. Crime and antisocial behaviour actually being punished and dealt with.
100	More street lights
101	Regular Police presence.
102	Na
103	Police response times better Police seen to be occasionally present in the village
104	Stop teenagers hanging about in lay-bys on hill
105	More police presence
106	Police presence
107	Not building skate park that will encourage antisocial behaviour
108	More streetlights
109	The feeling that Community Police Officer would actually have the time to investigate problems properly. CCTV to monitor nighttime vehicle access to Pippins estate.

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110	Public nuisance on electric bikes and scooters up and down factory lane needs to be addressed
111	Greater police presence.
112	Increase in overt Police patrols.
113	Better Education on ASB at schools and within the community. more for young people to do
114	More visual community policing
115	More involvement in Neighbourhood watch
116	The odd policeman walking around might be good idea now and then
117	Lack of visual policing is a concern, community policing could help fill this gap
118	Better lighting and more police presence.
119	Police presence occasionally
120	More cctv cameras Street lights left on all night
121	N/A
122	More lighting/CCTV especially around the Decoy Pond area.
123	Stop the illegal motorbikes in the village. Full time PCSO Keep streetlights on later at night and on earlier in the morning, depending on the time of year.
124	E-bikes overtaking with not helmets or lights on
125	Better lighting in dark street areas and keeping street lights on past 11 pm
126	A PCSO who gets to know locals and identify outsiders
127	I've never felt unsafe in the area. The only thing that could be improved safety wise is probably a wider area issue, and that is better links to Manningtree (buses / safer route through the level crossing!), as it can be quite chaotic at the level crossing.
128	Cameras
129	Keeping some street lights on over night. Even low power or low power with PIR to bring up brighter when needed
130	More street lights on & more police in the village/area
131	Zebra crossing on bratham hill
132	More police presence.
133	For me it has to be a clamp down on the speeds from Brantham hill rail bridge by The Bull all the way through to the Cattawade roundabout.
134	Night time street lighting.
135	Lighting and more police around
136	Street lights kept on
137	Stop the crazy ebike rider thats going to kill someone !
138	Not have more houses being built so there are more people here
139	Greater police presence.
140	Unsure, since the murder it does not feel so safe to be walking around on your own anymore.
141	Suitable lighting overnight. More street patrols due to antisocial behaviour
142	None

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143	Aside from the increased activity around the 2004 incident, police presence in the village has generally been very limited. Occasional patrols through the estate would be welcome.
144	To see police more
145	n/a
146	More lighting. Unfortunately my confidence has been shaken since Anita was killed so I can no longer enjoy the footpaths around the river and other remote locations alone.
147	I don't often experience anti-social behaviour where I live (on the Cattawade roundabout). Although sometimes cars will do donuts around the roundabout in the late evenings, and occasionally there are drunk people coming out of the pub late at night. I'm not sure what could be done about this, it doesn't bother me too much, it's just a bit annoying when it happens.
148	N/A
149	Keep it a village, the more people the more issues
150	A local officer
151	Personally, I feel safe, however I do think there are some that can intimidate others. I'd like to see a stronger village community, which I think would help solve these issues. The continued building will destroy this further.
152	It's the sign of the times, we have limited access to police presence, but it is necessary to be pro-active.
153	Street lights on all night
154	* Improve street lighting across the area. Current lighting levels and switch-off times feel inadequate and raise concerns around safety and visibility in the evenings. * Review and upgrade dropped kerbs around Brantham. Many areas are not easily accessible for wheelchair users, prams, or those with mobility issues, which impacts inclusivity and everyday safety. * Improve street lighting across the area. Current lighting levels and switch-off times feel inadequate and raise concerns around safety and visibility in the evenings. * Review and upgrade dropped kerbs around Brantham. Many areas are not easily accessible for wheelchair users, prams, or those with mobility issues, which impacts inclusivity and everyday safety.
155	More Police presence/ vehicle visits especially at night time.
156	Quicker pothole repairs - I cycle and have been thrown in front of a car by the potholes before. A crossing at the railway bridge for cyclists and pedestrians
157	Extended streetlight hours
158	MORE VISIBLE POLICING
159	Keeping Brantham a village, not creating huge population increase. Definitely NOT becoming a town.
160	Don't know.
161	We need more police because we rarely ever see police
162	I don't think I have any ideas. It is pretty safe
163	Improve: * Unsafe roads and pavements * Street lighting * Active police presence, within the community
164	Visibility of community police officer
165	Don't know
166	None
167	A PCSO would be worth exploring at reasonable cost.
168	occasional police patrols by car to deter late night speeding and as a visible presence

10. What measures could be taken to make you feel safer?

169	streetlights increased especially around Poppyfield area and around Brantham Hill near Birch Drive
170	Neighbourhood Watch
171	Areas of Natural Beauty being better patrolled during evenings/school holidays
172	neighbourhood watch CCTV, village communication channels such as Whatsapp group or email list,
173	To occasionally see a police presence
174	More street lights
175	Street lights at night The skatepark is going to attract a lot of people, some won't be attending just for skating, friends who have sons have said that the parks they attended had to leave beach of bullying and alcohol.
176	Local police presence
177	Lights remain on during the night
178	Policing should be visible via a officer/PSCO making a presence in and round the village on a regular basis so villagers can approach if necessary.
179	More police presence
180	Making sure all areas are well lit and cutting back overgrown hedges and verges along paths
181	Street lights on longer. Occasional light on the route to Manningtree. More solid pathing on the new green area paths - muddy and slippery. Reduction in dangerous parking, particularly bus routes.
182	Address the use of modified electric bikes/motorbikes
183	Lights on until midnight (specially weekends)
184	Parents discipline their children and not let them intimidate lovely people.
185	N/A
186	I have had a c/c camera fitted as I have had my front door almost kicked in.
187	Street lights on all n night even if only every other one. More police patrols.
188	I think the more houses and homes bring more people. At the moment it ie ok but with the new build in brantham, we just don't know what sort of characters are coming to the village.
189	More community police presence (on occasion) as a visual reminder. It sets a tone to prevent anti-social.
190	More street lighting Actual speed cameras More police patrols
191	More street lights! To see a policeman actually walking around the streets rather than seeing a police car driving through!
192	Fix the roads and potholes
193	More police around.
194	Cameras, Community officers, Police station
195	Increased police patrols Neighbourhood watch CCTV present in more areas
196	It would be nice to see a community police officer now and again around the village
197	N/A
198	Occasional police, friendly gathering spots after school
199	More street lights, especially around shops

10. What measures could be taken to make you feel safer?

200	I don't believe any measures are required		
201	Races in car and bikes down factory lane - not every night but need to be spoken to Teenagers on bikes - police spoken to but still, doing it. Need to be penalised. Don't need/want a skatepark that will encourage antisocial behaviour and damage to our lovely park		
202	Brantham has the same problems as everywhere else. More housing would increase antisocial behaviour so less new housing. Neighbourhood watch.		
203	More police on foot throughout the length of the village		
204	Not sure		
205	More visitation from rural police		
206	Neighbourhood watch		
207	Not enough street lights, most areas are pitch black		
208	Police presence		
209	A places for children to socialise. Better transport with buses and cabs available		
210	Some continuity police presence in the areas where young people spend time and ride motorcycles.		
211	Street lighting more footways (pavements) on both sides of the A137		
212	More police officers visible		
213	Do something about speeding on main road like speeding motorbikes, evenings cars 20mph zone		
214	I feel very safe in the village and walking on local football pitches so I personally do not feel the need extra rewires.		
		answered	214
		skipped	121

AI Summary of the responses

The strongest themes in the responses are a call for better street lighting and a more visible police presence. Many residents suggest keeping street lights on later—or all night—especially in darker or more isolated areas, and want more regular patrols, community police officers, PCSOs, or “local bobbies” to provide reassurance and deter antisocial behaviour.

A second major concern is antisocial behaviour involving young people, e-bikes, motorbikes, and gathering spots such as Factory Lane, Decoy Pond, the Co-op area, parks, and footpaths. Respondents mention speeding, dangerous riding on paths, intimidation, vandalism, littering, fires, and drug-related concerns, and many suggest CCTV, enforcement, and targeted patrols in these locations.

Road safety also appears frequently, particularly around the A137 and Brantham Hill, with requests for speed cameras, stricter speed enforcement, safer crossings, better pavements, and improved footpaths. Some respondents also stress the need for more activities and safe spaces for teenagers, arguing that better youth provision could help reduce nuisance and antisocial behaviour.

Overall, the feedback suggests that people want a combination of improved lighting, stronger community policing, safer roads, and better youth engagement, while some also emphasise maintaining a stronger sense of community and avoiding further development that could increase pressure on the village.

11. What do you value most about Brantham as a place to live?			
Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question	100.00%	289
1	Countryside and environment		
2	Small		
3	Beautiful surroundings Excellent transport links Very safe		
4	ease of access to local shops		
5	Easy access to Colchester/Ipswich, A12/A14, Direct train service to London/Norwich. London Stansted and London Southend just an hour away. All this but a quiet rural village surrounded by fields. Brantham Leisure Centre a great hub for activities, entertainment, food and drink. Brantham Bowls Club a wonderful facility for all ages, welcoming and friendly		
6	Peace, quiet and safety.		
7	Country Side, green spaces, train station, proximity to A12, access to flatford, etc		
8	The countryside and how quiet it is and friendly		
9	Good school great for kids.		
10	Near to things but off the beaten track. If only the crossing at Manningtree wasn't so ridiculous, it would be idyllic		
11	Peaceful and still relatively rural		
12	Feels safe Quiet		
13	The beautiful farmland and river location, which in my opinion is priceless.		
14	Peace & Tranquility combined with low crime		
15	Countryside location. Small(ish!) village.		
16	Friendly and peaceful.		
17	The people. Transport accessibility -rail not buses		
18	The countryside		
19	Countryside & location		
20	The countryside and walks around the village		
21	The countryside and the footpaths		
22	Easy access to the countryside and river. Close at hand to open spaces and country walks.		
23	The local area		
24	Most my family live here and it is a good community, close to country walks but also links for the train etc		
25	Community and access to coast and London		
26	Nature within walking distance from home		

11. What do you value most about Brantham as a place to live?

27	Friendly people
28	I love the community feel. I think the community events are absolutely wonderful. I love that we take care of the natural environment. Volunteer groups to do so are massively appreciated.
29	The countryside around the village. Walks and open spaces
30	The countryside and sense of community. We value being part of a Rural Village (regardless of what other people say about Brantham being an extension of Manningtree or a sprawling almost-town). We wouldn't choose to live in a town and Brantham is a great village with amenities such as the shop, village hall and sports centre.
31	Countryside and open spaces
32	Access to the countryside, access to transport and safe family spaces
33	Community setting with lots of opportunities to help the wider village.
34	The sense of community and family life is enjoyable with the lovely walks and local parks to use
35	The views, the countryside and the quiet. I also love walking down the road and saying hello or being greeted, it can really turn a bad day around-delightful!
36	Open spaces
37	The community feel - clubs, pubs etc. Access to countryside and riverside, while also within easy access to larger towns via train, bus or car. Why live elsewhere?
38	Brantham is a local safe village in Essex and Suffolk border and the countryside is the main reason to live here!
39	Country side Lovely walks Quiet area Not far from train with links to Colchester and London
40	The access to open spaces and footpaths across fields, whilst still being within easy reach of main towns and beyond through Manningtree station. Brantham is semi rural in nature.
41	It's quiet. It's has beautiful countryside.
42	Good access to train network and road network
43	The nearby open fields for dog walking
44	The setting near the river, the views, the walks, the green spaces, the quietness and village feel.
45	Quiet atmosphere and close to countryside. Not a built up area and has a close knit community
46	Good community spirit and not too far from shops
47	The village community
48	Quiet friendly location
49	picturesque local area, train links, lots of local clubs and friendly pub
50	Countryside walks and views, village events like theatre
51	I've always loved the countryside.
52	Peace, friendliness of people, in the countryside.
53	The peace and quiet
54	The green space toward the estuary, the church and it surroundings
55	Community- opportunity to get involved in clubs and societies, close to Ipswich/Colchester, Train station, green spaces

11. What do you value most about Brantham as a place to live?

56	The friendly community and local events.
57	Its beautiful, lots of lovely places to walk, people are very friendly
58	Open countryside surrounding the village.
59	The quiet and village feel. I came from a town and the difference between that and Brantham is amazing. Brantham is a very friendly and welcoming village. I have had a very welcoming and friendly reception since moving here in July 2025
60	Easy access to Manningtree Station, Manningtree Town and East Bergholt as Brantham has little to no services.
61	Convenient for a few shops in case of emergencies and a cafe.
62	The closeness to the estuary and the wider peninsula whilst being a stones throw from a goose railway station
63	Village
64	The country side Open spaces Lovey walking routes
65	How friendly the community is
66	Green spaces Views and countryside walks
67	Plenty of green areas surrounding it, a friendly village, the community centre
68	It's peace and quiet with beautiful places to walk with amazing views and countryside.
69	Being a village
70	Beautiful country side and walks
71	The various footpaths in nature.
72	It's not Ipswich or Colchester.
73	There are lovely countryside and river views, there is a handy parade of shops, with larger stores not far away in Manningtree. Manningtree Station provides a good service to towards London and Norwich. There are good pubs at both ends of the village, a well used and Village Hall and Leisure Centre. The large playing field and three separate playgrounds are great for kids, while walkers are spoilt for choice, with many well maintained footpaths around and through the village.
74	Remaining a village with village ethos. Quiet and semi-rural.
75	The countryside and the peace and tranquility
76	Having just moved to Brantham, I really enjoy the proximity to local countryside and coast as well as the lower levels of local traffic on the roads.
77	Green space countryside , reasonably safe.
78	The countryside views, the distance to Manningtree Ipswich and Colchester and the location to the train station. The village events that are put on.
79	People, access to unspoilt country walks, views.
80	The quietness, every body is friendly, sense of community
81	Peaceful countryside setting
82	Access to countryside
83	Lots for the community
84	Friendly, quiet, beautiful river walks and paddling, lovely I dependant small businesses

11. What do you value most about Brantham as a place to live?

85	Countyside
86	Quiet and peaceful with not too much traffic.
87	Friendly neighbours. Good community. Beautiful countryside
88	Community spirit and it being a quiet village.
89	I enjoy taking the dogs for a walk and local amenities.
90	Safety, quiet
91	How quick and easy it is to access countryside walks
92	I have lived here most of my life. I love living in a village with countryside walks on my doorstep.
93	Quiet and friendly. Although a A12 support road. It's not too busy that's about the correct level now. More would block road and damage more
94	We have the convenience of having Manningtree so close by (town facilities just 5mins by car, but more importantly walkable or cycleable even with young children) BUT, CRUCIALLY, still have countryside surrounding and within our little village. Our fields and open spaces are the hub of village life, with children walking the fields as part of school runs to avoid busy roads, people walking/running/cycling/dog walking around at all hours of the day and into the night!
95	Brantham is such a beautiful village with beautiful walks. There have already been hundreds of homes added to brantham. It's important we preserve some of these beautiful views and walks. I love that I can take my children for beautiful countryside walks as I'm trying to encourage nature play instead of screen time. We as a community don't need our beautiful space spoilt by more housing.
96	A strong, friendly community. Not overcrowded or too densely populated. Nice family friendly village
97	The open fields and rural walks
98	Busy village community but also quiet can be found. As a location it perfect for reaching major roads easily (aside from issues with the a137 when traffic is diverted from major roads & when the railway station bridge is struck by vehicles not adhering to road rules !)
99	The fact it's not a large town.
100	Community, village environment and sense of cohesion
101	It's a lovely village and needs to keep that way.
102	Albeit a 'fast' road cutting through it, there are great nature trails on both sides of the main road.
103	Seeing local people and also the views over the valley and also the wildlife
104	The fact Brantham is a village, quiet, friendly, relatively crime free, safe and has a wonderful countryside feel, we moved to Brantham for these reasons, we did not want to bring up our family in a town
105	The walks and country side
106	The tranquility however this is slowly being eroded I thank goodness I don't live down by the proposed skate park !!!! Seems this has been pushed through by the parish council Nepotism at its worst
107	I can walk out of my house in be in the middle of nowhere within minutes, or on the river wall in 10 minutes, this is the whole point of living in a village like brantham, to appreciate the countryside around us!
108	Our countryside
109	Open spaces
110	The beautiful countryside and peaceful village life
111	Country side, being in an AOB. Easy access to local towns. Community feeling and traditions like fireworks, santa float, summer events. Low crime, safe for the children.
112	Semi rural setting with good sense of community.

11. What do you value most about Brantham as a place to live?

113	Village atmosphere
114	Community spirit
115	Country side, local activities, strong community
116	Access to local clubs, activities and open spaces. Accessible footpaths and cycle routes.
117	Countryside walks, views and nature
118	Community and countryside. Two reasons we chose to move from a similar setting in Sussex when I got a job this way. I'd hate for Brantham to lose its identity
119	Everything
120	It's a quiet village with various amenities for different ages
121	I've lived here my whole life the community is amazing and the green spaces in Brantham are extremely important.
122	Community & space
123	It's a Village.
124	Brantham has already grown so much over the last few years but it has until now retained its identity - that said more development in my opinion would have a negative effect given the the limited green areas left after so much development. its location to local services are good, the worry is transport and roads could not cope with any more traffic that would be increased if this level of development continues.
125	Community feel.
126	The views, the closeness to nature and the countryside
127	Proximity to countryside and river.
128	The quiet village life
129	Location
130	Feeling part of a community
131	Brantham has lovely views and walking areas. It is a safe and welcoming area
132	4 generations of my family have lived in the village and my grandfather was involved with the church
133	quiet and good walking
134	being able to walk to an area of natural beauty in minutes, peaceful area
135	Geographic location
136	The countryside and wildlife
137	It's village atmosphere and countryside around it. Dog walks in nature are a lot of the reason we moved here from a town
138	Green spaces lovely walks
139	Surrounding countryside, great variety of country walks and the close proximity of Manningtree Station.
140	Close to the countryside and river
141	Village community Green spaces Safe area
142	The countryside Its peaceful
143	Riverside views, open countryside. Near the coast and easy access to London

11. What do you value most about Brantham as a place to live?

144	The river
145	Safe, well connected, quiet and calm, the wildlife
146	Rural setting
147	Areas to walk
148	It is the centre of countryside activity but close to town facilities
149	Countryside
150	It's village feel
151	Proximity to train station, nice surrounding countryside.
152	Surrounding countryside
153	Village community.
154	Closeness to AONB's by foot.
155	Quiet. No major supermarket. No street lighting where I live so less light pollution Friendly lots to do Great walks and access to the river, foot paths and open spaces
156	Good location and pleasant area to live
157	The views of the countryside and the associated wildlife, from our home we have regular sightings of foxes, pheasants, bats and owls. We have views across the fields to the church and river, and we are lucky enough not to over look anyone. The natural setting of areas such as the decoy pond is beautiful, and yet Brantham is close to Ipswich and/or Colchester and good links to the national road and rail networks.
158	Easy access to countryside. Good transport links. Local rural area and it's history
159	Community feel
160	The quiet nature of the village is great, vehicles speeding through village (Brooklands Road) has increased and needs looking at
161	Community, facilities and location
162	Peaceful near near to everything
163	The Countryside walks Growing old in the place I was born
164	The green open spaces.
165	Countryside and wildlife
166	Access to open space for walking.
167	It's location being in a village but not too far from a town but close to the countryside.
168	Walking
169	It's quiet but has access to good rail links and the lovely town of Manningtree
170	Village feel, small primary school, countryside proximity and views, close enough to station.
171	Access to country side
172	Its a quiet, enjoyable place to live with everything on your doorstep.
173	Nice rural walks
174	Views and friendliness

11. What do you value most about Brantham as a place to live?

175	The people & families that have been here years & seeing them grow up. Keeping Brantham as a village
176	Countryside walks and friendly people
177	Being in the countryside
178	The countryside and clean air.
179	The access to the multitude of stunning public footpaths. These need to be protected at all costs.
180	It's surrounding countryside.
181	The river near by
182	The green spaces and walls
183	Thats its a village
184	Green space
185	That it's quiet and safe
186	Its nice and quiet
187	Friendly people.
188	The countryside views and the wildlife. These are important for yhe mental health of the community.
189	I love the sense of community and the scenery when out walking.
190	There are excellent walks in all directions - along the river to Flatford, Dedham, Stutton, Manningtree and woodland walks. Also, there is a vibrant Leisure Centre offering lots of different activities - sports and social
191	The village strikes a balance - set in lively countryside, bus and train connections are good and a close knit community and a peaceful feel.
192	It's a rural area with fantastic views and is just far enough away from other settlements to be it's own individual place, rather than an extension of Manningtree or East Bergholt, for example.
193	The greatest value of Brantham is its rural setting: the open landscapes, well-used footpaths, and accessible green spaces that give the village its identity. These features create a peaceful environment and a strong connection to the countryside, which is central to its appeal as a place to live.
194	Country walks
195	Not too large
196	Kind friendly people, enough amenities close by for day to day life and not far to travel to big town. Good train Ans bus link and a great environment ffor having a young family. Amazing school selection too.
197	The beautiful countryside we have around us - we moved here because of it into an existing house (not new build) we are concerned about further expansion of the village especially when the local amenities are not keeping pace - no doctor, chemist, discernible centre of the village, not enough school places
198	Peacefulness
199	Sense of community
200	It is quiet but has a shop and is close to Manningtree for other amenities
201	I like that it's in the countryside. I like going for long walks, I like the river. It's peaceful, apart from the traffic. I like the location between Ipswich, Colchester, Hadleigh, Felixstowe, and Harwich.
202	Its proximity to the countryside, particularly walks within and outside village
203	The open green spaces. And community feel
204	Community feel and green spaces
205	The country setting, lack of rubbish and the peaceful nature.

11. What do you value most about Brantham as a place to live?

206	Brantham is situated near the railway station and is central to Colchester and Ipswich. We are close to the river, fresh water and salt water so the variety of wildlife is a joy. A variety of interesting walks are available.
207	Countryside setting, calm and quiet
208	Its not to big and got some nice facilities, got a good community. Just need to bring people together more
209	Strong community Peaceful and quiet place to live Lovely landscape and rural areas
210	The community feel of living in a village. Being a part of a friendly community. Countryside walks. Close proximity to the coast.
211	It's setting in the countryside and the village feel that is lost all to regularly in other places these days.
212	The easy and quick access to countryside.
213	Surrounding countryside
214	The countryside - primarily around Decoy and surrounding farmers fields. It's the MAIN reason we want to settle here. Plus the community/small village way of life.
215	The lovely friendly community and low crime level.
216	Brantham is a peaceful village in which to live but it is rapidly becoming a town with little care and foresight and few thoughts on keeping Brantham a lovely village
217	It is a big village so there are people and atmosphere but it isn't too big (yet) so that you get trouble. Neighbours look out for each other. I also love BLC for chef neil and the toddler club.
218	Community spirit, friendly people, compact and east to get about without a car.
219	Quiet friendly village. Doesn't require no more housing developments
220	Quiet and friendly
221	1. Our good neighbours 2. The open countryside 3. Green spaces and nature.
222	Rurality Safety Welcoming Countryside
223	Its proximity to nature
224	It is not too big a village and is well placed to access other places such as ipswich.
225	The Community Spirit The History The beautiful countryside and lots of walks right on our doorstep
226	Friendly community
227	The village strikes a balance - set in lovely countryside, bus and train connections are good, maintains a friendly close knit community and a peaceful not over-populated feel
228	everything is here cafe Hairdressers Co op shop. Wednesday Brantham Chat and post office
229	Love the place and community. Wonderful country and environment.
230	Able to walk to amenities and local businesses and station, shop with long opening hours, preschool and school bus stops, cafes, pubs, church, village hall and club great walks from the village, Good Neighbour scheme outreach groups in Bull Village Hall, etc. I love the seasonal notice board by the village sign
231	the views. space countryside walks the Co-op decoy pond, village hall and sports centre

11. What do you value most about Brantham as a place to live?

232	Quiet and friendly
233	That it is a village with surrounding countryside
234	quiet, nice countryside walks close to train station
235	Safe quiet and peaceful. Community.
236	Quiet village location surrounded by open countryside
237	Wide open spaces to walk
238	Keeping a friendly village, green fields and walls on nature.
239	The views, space to walk and breathe. Good church and neighbourhood communities - caring for residents
240	Good neighbours, Good parish council and local church. Good access to station, buses and shops.
241	Location Bus services and easy access to Manningtree/Lawford. Rail services Family connections
242	The village lifestyle, being able to walk out of the house and be in a field within 1 mile.
243	A good central location for train, bus to travel and A12/A14 access.
244	Strong christian community Rural aspects
245	Its semi-rural, quiet, welcoming setting
246	Community spirit, countryside walks Calm and quiet place to live
247	Location while still remaining a village. Mature of opening spaces, footpaths and different size homes. Suitable 30mph speed limit that allows those with mobility uses to cross the road.
248	Good bus service (Mon to Sat) Manningtree Market
249	Scenery
250	The low volume of traffic, easy transport times to main towns/cities/ Quant of countryside and natural settings. Lovely neighbours and community.
251	Close to the station, Manningtree, local hops and countryside. Also close to the estuary, wildlife and views.
252	People are very friendly.
253	When I moved here it was great, but the young people seem to take over.
254	Friendly quiet village
255	A friendly, quiet place with good neighbours
256	The clubs that we can join and the good neighbour scheme so even when we can't drive we can get to places. Doctors, dentists, hospital etc.
257	The village title and community feel, (Brantham fun run), local businesses (Chloe's, coop, guys n dolls). The friendliness of the community.
258	How you can disconnect from the hustle and bustle.
259	Friendly village with good amenities
260	Brantham is no longer a village and has lost its identity and at the top of Brantham (Brantham Bull end), We feel neglected and after 40 years are considering leaving Brantham
261	To maintain Brantham as a village. Friendliness without being invasive.

11. What do you value most about Brantham as a place to live?

262	It's quiet and friendly		
263	My parents have lived in Brantham for over 50 years, And I have lived here almost as long, love the location and being a bit rural.		
264	Rural and friendly		
265	Quiet at times Green spaces for children to enjoy		
266	The community centre and village hall, our walking paths and shop and cafe		
267	Quiet village lifestyle and historical background, strong community groups, local shops, lots of local walks/routes to explore, play park, local primary school		
268	Friendly sense of community. People say hello and help you.		
269	Good commuter village		
270	Friendly/nice scenery and walks/close to train station		
271	Community watching out for one another Quiet village feel with town and city links Amenities close by Good school for our child		
272	Open countryside where you can walk Being near to Manningtree		
273	Nice walks Friendly people		
274	The peacefulness The green spaces		
275	Rural community		
276	The quiet and green spaces		
277	Less traffic at the moment Peaceful, calm and pleasant place to live with open, not build on fields. Lovely scenery		
278	Green space, river walks. Quiet and peaceful areas to enjoy		
279	Nice walks but nothing to do and no supermarket.		
280	The countryside setting and so close to the beautiful places plus Colchester and Ipswich. 20 mins away.		
281	Village identity, open spaces		
282	Beautiful countryside, good road connections, nice people		
283	Country walks, river views & walks. Open fields and productive farmland		
284	The co-op (east of England) shop		
285	Quiet relaxed place to live big enough for privacy		
286	Tranquility and beauty		
287	Its position Its countryside and beauty The people and community values		
288	The countryside and good walks in all directions		
289	Access to the countryside and the local football network, also the village is very friendly		
		answered	289
		skipped	46

AI Summary of responses

The responses show very strong appreciation for **Brantham's countryside setting, green spaces, and village character**. The most commonly valued aspects are the **peace, quiet, safety, open views, river and estuary access, wildlife, and extensive footpaths and walks**. Many people describe these rural qualities as the **main reason they chose to live in Brantham** and emphasise the importance of protecting them.

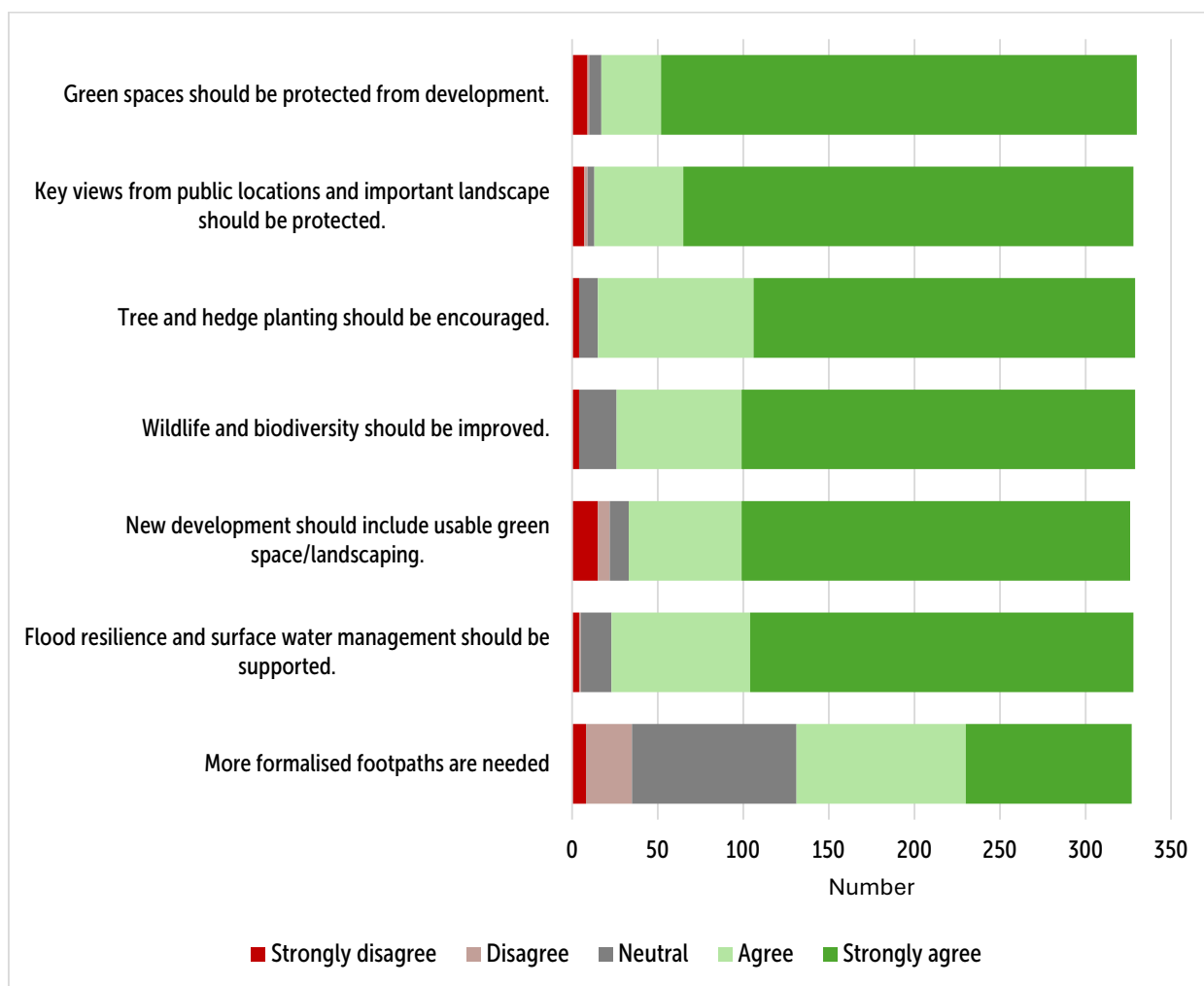
Another major theme is the village's **strong sense of community**. Respondents frequently mention that Brantham is **friendly, welcoming, and close-knit**, with good neighbours, community events, clubs, volunteer groups, the village hall, leisure centre, churches, pubs, and local businesses all contributing to a positive community spirit and family-friendly atmosphere.

People also value Brantham's **location and connectivity**. Many highlight the convenience of being **close to Manningtree station**, with easy access to **Ipswich, Colchester, London, the A12/A14, the coast, and surrounding countryside**, while still enjoying a rural village lifestyle. This combination of **good transport links and a peaceful setting** is seen as one of Brantham's greatest strengths.

Overall, the feedback presents Brantham as a place valued for its **countryside, community, peace, and accessibility**, with many respondents stressing the need to **preserve its village identity and natural environment**.

SECTION D – Environment, green space, nature & paths

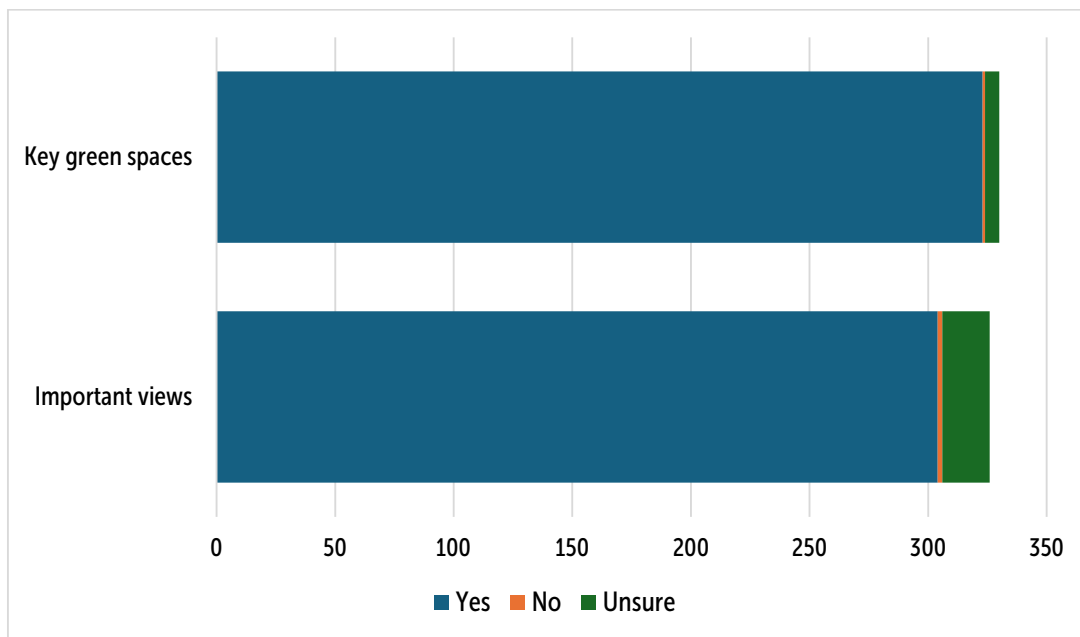
12. Please indicate how strongly you agree with the following statements Please tick one box per row						
Answer Choices	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Response Total
Green spaces should be protected from development.	2.73% 9	0.30% 1	2.12% 7	10.61% 35	84.24% 278	330
Key views from public locations and important landscape should be protected.	2.13% 7	0.61% 2	1.22% 4	15.85% 52	80.18% 263	328
Tree and hedge planting should be encouraged.	1.22% 4	0.00% 0	3.34% 11	27.66% 91	67.78% 223	329
Wildlife and biodiversity should be improved.	1.22% 4	0.00% 0	6.69% 22	22.19% 73	69.91% 230	329
New development should include usable green space/landscaping.	4.60% 15	2.15% 7	3.37% 11	20.25% 66	69.63% 227	326
Flood resilience and surface water management should be supported.	1.22% 4	0.30% 1	5.49% 18	24.70% 81	68.29% 224	328
More formalised footpaths are needed	2.45% 8	8.26% 27	29.36% 96	30.28% 99	29.66% 97	327
					answered	330
					skipped	5



13. Should the Neighbourhood Plan identify and protect the following?

Please tick one box per row

Answer Choices	Yes	No	Unsure	Response Total
Key green spaces	97.88% 323	0.30% 1	1.82% 6	330
Important views	93.25% 304	0.61% 2	6.13% 20	326
			answered	330
			skipped	5



14. Which green spaces or views should be protected or improved?

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question	100.00%	263
1	Decoy pond and surrounding		
2	Decoy Pond and surrounding area		
3	Views across the Stour from local footpaths		
4	The area around Decoy Pond and Pattles Fen.		

14. Which green spaces or views should be protected or improved?

5	Fields behind Grove Road and Merriam Close
6	All green spaces and the views of the residence should be top priority, keep taking away green spaces is not good for the environment and the wildlife
7	Decoy pond and the grass area near by.
8	The entire area around the decoy down to the stour. Regrettably, far too many houses have already been built.
9	Keebles farmland, east of the A137, and farmland to the west of the A137 plus all river views/areas, which make Brantham so special, IMHO.
10	Views over the river. I'd like to see the "new" open space by Decoy Pond improved. It's overgrown and full of weeds.
11	Decoy pond. Adjoining farm land. River views.
12	Views down to the river and green spaces around the village
13	Forest around decoy. Rural/farmland on the opposite side of the road to palfrey/ Taylor Wimpey development
14	Views of the river
15	The area from school lane down to the stour. The area from the top of Brantham towards Dodnash Wood
16	All green spaces and views. Plant more trees within the village, anything that encourages wildlife and nature. We still have muntjac deer and hedgehogs!! What a privilege to see them within the village.
17	Decoy pond
18	Play areas/Sports Ground and Lower Playing Field/Country Park/Fields to rear of church and views to the estuary
19	Decoy pond and the surrounding fields by sycamore Road
20	As many as possible. Prioritising those key to biodiversity and vulnerable species.
21	From church to Manningtree Between Slough rd and Gravel pit lane All views to Manningtree and across the river
22	The AONB borders the village so the fields from Brantham Hill across to East End should be preserved so that there are views from the village across to the AONB. Views from these footpaths and bridleways are important to wellbeing and give the village an identity and a reason for people to visit/move here. Also the views from the church across the Stour to Manningtree - this is a great view. The walk from the Methodist Church out towards Bentley is another valuable green space with views across to the woods. We feel that Brantham's current green spaces are important - recent developments have reduced agricultural land in the village and we wouldn't want to see any more of this lost in the future.
23	Decoy pond and surrounding area
24	Views over Decoy pond which is overshadowed by the new estate, some is screened with winter foliage. Any thing obstructing views over the estuary and also nothing to spoil the line of sight of our church..
25	The marshland where the proposed houses were to be built on Brooklands Road as this leaves areas for wildlife far enough away from the main roads
26	The decoy pond and surrounding area - stunning views, lovely walks and used by runners, walkers, dog walkers, old, young and well the amount of incredible wildlife that inhabits that area is incredible! That part of the village is what makes me stay!
27	Views from the village towards the river. Views towards the church, including the field facing it. The area around the Brantham Bull. The area at the south of the village as visitors approach from Manningtree or East Bergholt.

14. Which green spaces or views should be protected or improved?

28	Brantham has seen significant increases in housing over last decade nearly doubling its size all green spaces should be protected no more development for at least 10 years!
29	Decoy pond has been a mess for a while now and needs improving. Even a new line of trees between the industrial sites and the pond would make it feel less polluted.
30	Green space area behind Brantham leisure centre
31	Cattawade nature reserve walk, this is often overgrown and a shame because the views are beautiful with connections to flatford, would benefit from improvement and regular maintenance.
32	areas of natural diversity such as Pattles Fen, open fields such as between Slough Road and Gravel Pit Lane, fields between Brantham and East End (leading down Sandy lane to Cattawade). Views from pathway behind Cedars Close across the estuary towards Mistley.
33	Decoy pond and area around it along the railway and down to the river. Fields behind Poppy Field between Brantham and Bergholt
34	All remaining areas especially around decoy, slough road and south of church
35	Areas around decoy pond. The path and landscape
36	The fields and views behind Grove Road/Sycamore Way and surrounding St Michaels Church
37	Views towards the estuary. Every green space is vital, so area around Decoy pond, past Rectory, Gravel Pit are all key examples. The current location is perfect as is so protect it all!
38	Green spaces along the end of school lane looking across the river towards Essex
39	No more new buildings in our beautiful village
40	Stour
41	nature area around decoy pond and estuary views
42	The green space in Cattawade. The parks. Sandy lane. The walks around east end. Millennium wood. Decoy pond area. The footpaths to the biull and the marshes. As many as possible really. The view over Dinah the views across the stour
43	Views across the fields. The river and estuary. The farmland. The disused factory/industrial area by factory lane needs to be returned to wild/conservation area.
44	The green space toward the estuary, the 360 views of the church, the glebe field (known as church field by some)
45	Decoy pond area, Playing fields, AONB.
46	View of the river and view of Brantham church.
47	As much as possible
48	All of them, we have had sufficient development in the village... the amount of housing has doubled in the 30 years we have lived here.
49	All that are available at the moment.
50	new development master plans should include green spaces for the residents. This question is ambiguous as Brantham's future growth and sustainability cannot survive if we aim to retain a small village and stop development just because you can see the Stour or a Church.
51	Views relating to AONB
52	Any green space close to the estuary and / any woodland sites
53	Decoy and surrounding fields
54	Fields behind Merriam close and grove road The view to the church and the river The best view and walking route in Brantham
55	Views from Grove Road top of Brooklands Road and Merriam close across the fields and the river

14. Which green spaces or views should be protected or improved?

56	Area around decoy pond and surrounding fields, views of the river from the green spaces
57	Around the church in church lane and the views towards the river and the open countryside spaces
58	Brantham Church & riverviews
59	Fields around slough road, areas near decoy pond
60	Decoy pond, footpaths in the field near st Michael's church Footpaths around 'The Chase/ The rectory' and river stour. Some footpath signs around farmers fields could be improved.
61	All.
62	Brantham has a lovely old Church, with great views of it from several angles. There are particularly good views of it from the A137 and these should be respected and protected. The views towards the River Stour are wonderful and should also be protected. Any development on the redundant brownfield site, off Factory Lane, should be low rise to protect the view towards Manningtree and Mistley.
63	The greens on various housing developments should be kept safe and protected. The views across the river flood plains and up towards Flatford should be protected as should the views across the estuary.
64	Catrawade pond and decoy pond
65	The Decoy pond , access to the river, Pattles Fen.
66	All existing green spaces and views should be protected. New homes shouldn't be built so close together or restricting existing residents views or light.
67	Fields near the church should be protected. Stop allowing building on Green space. The country park near the new build Taylor Wimpey site near decoy pond could be improved for use by children.
68	Area around the old A137 Bridge (adjacent to Bridge Garage), areas around Decoy pond, open ground between Church lane and School lane, stand of mature trees on Brooklands Rd adjacent to No23 Brooklands Rd.
69	All of them. Land between Factory lane and Temple Pattle is rich in diverse wildlife and should now be considered a greenfield rather than brownfield site. Land between Brooklands Road and Pioneer Way is also important green space for wildlife.
70	We should protect:- the Leisure centre grounds, the country park and area around Decoy pond, play areas. Protect views:- views of the Stour, from Sandy Lane over Stour Valley, from country park and church path and church lane over the Stour to Manningtree
71	All throughout the village and the land down factory lane utilised to stop anti social behaviour and Improve the appearance and area for wildlife
72	Green spaces all over, developments are going up everywhere
73	Area behind sycamore way and area between church A137 also the land towards East end as villages should not be allowed to join!
74	The fields around decoy bond are the beating heart of the village and should be protected at all costs from development
75	The fields around decoy pond
76	All of them !
77	The view over the estuary up concrete hill
78	All of them. We have enough houses here, didn't want the extra ones we already have and certainly don't want anymore.
79	We are at a boarder line now. No more buildings on green open spacing
80	1) the fields opposite the front row (main road side) of New Village, adjacent to Sandy Lane footpath. (HE23458) These should be protected as Sandy Lane is SUCH a heavily used footpath for walkers/runners/dog walkers from Brantham and further afield, building here (even if the footpath was

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	maintained) would spoil the feel of the footpath we all use and know and love, not to mention giving the village a big town feel were there to be a big development one side of the main road and existing houses/the main village the other. Also the main road is very busy, especially when the A12 is (regularly) diverted through the village bringing all the HGVs as well. It wouldn't be safe to have a big development the other side of the road, and the houses wouldn't be pleasant either as the road noise is already so bad during diversions! Plus we see deer, hares etc in these fields often when walking past! 2) the field south of Brooklands Road (HE22977) - this is something of a wildlife corridor, and again used and loved by Brantham children! 3) HE23967!!! Absolutely do not build here! This area, from Decoy Pond, to the railway line, to the church, and up to the houses near the school, is the beating heart of Brantham! I don't know a soul locally who doesn't regularly use this area for walking/running/going the more scenic route to the shop/school/church/nursery, dog walking - even the local running club uses it for hill sessions!! The nursery and preschool take the toddlers/preschoolers out for nature walks - which wouldn't be possible if this field was built on as it would be too far to get down to decoy pond area for little legs!
81	The view by brantham church and the view of the river
82	All woodlands, fields, nature reserves
83	All the fields around decoy pond
84	The fields around the village as they are now .. do not need more new build developments eating up more of these. River views as they are now , not to be blocked by more new housing developments.
85	All the space around the decoy pond, sadly too much has been built on already. The green spaces around the cattawade roundabout should remain. The fields out back of slough road, already ruined by the recent Matthew homes development, should be protected from further development. There is so much wildlife there.
86	Decoy pond, access to walks by the estuary that have been cut off by recent works and the closure of the industeial estate.
87	All existing green spaces
88	Field between A137 an church lane, fields behind Merriam close, field down brooklands Road by green open reach cabinets. Fields to left of plough Road
89	1. The views of Brantham Church from the A137. 2. Views of East Bergholt/ East End from Brantham. 3. Views across open fields.
90	Views over the Stour Valley and St. Michael's church
91	All green spaces within and around Brantham should be taken into account, Brantham is a wonderful village and a great place to raise a family, this should not be lost to housing developments
92	Protect the view at back of fields at Merriam Close looking towards Grantham Church and Brantham Hall.
93	The decoy and fields being it towards the church and further and across the rail bridge
94	View over fields to the Stroud from all areas of the village is slowly being eroded
95	Everything should be left as it now is in Brantham, no green spaces should be built on at all. The fields behind ashground Close, grove road and sycamore way should never be considered for development, it's absolutely disgusting this is even thought about.
96	All of our remaining countryside and fields.
97	All spaces should be protected for people and residents
98	The field behind Poppy Field and Decoy pond
99	All views towards to river, especially along walking routes and open spaces.
100	The play parks The views towards the river from all footpaths especially the higher level areas.

14. Which green spaces or views should be protected or improved?

101	All green spaces, no more housing !
102	All
103	Decoy pond/river area
104	All existing footpaths including the railway foot crossing. The decoy pond. The 'wild flower' meadow next to the decoy is a shambles! An area that has been left a mess. The leisure centre. A floodlit court for netball would be an inclusive addition.
105	All of them
106	All of them! Brantham does not need more houses!
107	All
108	The fields around the village that have public footpaths around/through them... the area around the decoy pond (which unfortunately has already been partially ruined by the latest development)
109	The whole field near decoy and behind brooklands rise, since a child this has been a space we use daily to go on walks, walk the dog and as kids we would play around this area.
110	The square piece of land behind Brooklands Road, Temple Pattie & Taylor Wimpey estate. It's a green buffer zone used by so many species of wildlife, visually & physically it gives breathing space between three different aged developments, the land & trees are needed!
111	All green space and Farmers fields.
112	views are the most important. i would say ALL existing views need to be protected from further development especially along the river.
113	Public footpaths walks in the village and in particular areas round decoy pond
114	No more houses should be built on the fields around Brantham
115	The view to the church and gate is crucial and should be protected. The views through the fields to the river should also be protected
116	Land to the east, down to river. Area around Anglican church. Area around Cattawade/river. Pattles Fen.
117	The pond
118	All of them
119	The fishing pond area, the fields around brantham
120	All remaining green spaces in the village should be protected. Wildlife are being driven out and without them humans cannot survive
121	The open field space near Decoy pond on railway line.
122	The fishing lake and attached area
123	The field which is on the photo on the front page of the hard-copy survey. This is the heart of the village - the views are stunning and, if built on, it would devastate the essence of Brantham. The Meadow Decoy Pond and the woodland next to it (between pond and Merriam Close)
124	Green spaces surrounding the village and separating Brantham from neighbouring villages. Space for children to play and people to access the rest of the village
125	The fields behind the church down to the river (behind Merriam Close and Grove Road)
126	All green spaces.
127	Decoy pond and surrounding woodland

14. Which green spaces or views should be protected or improved?

128	West of A137
129	Looking over the river and fields towards the church
130	Long distance, river views protected Constable Country landscape views protected Once covered in bricks always will be covered in bricks for future generations
131	View from Brantham church over the fields towards the river. Field between pipping and river to remain agricultural
132	Views across the estuary and views of the church.
133	Estuary wildflower meadow fields near Broomknoll
134	Country Park Views of the river Views of church of St Michael
135	Decoy and surrounding fields
136	From the church across the estuary
137	Views towards the estuary and 'Constable Country'
138	All
139	Around decoy pond Bergholt road across river protected Brantham church views
140	Views across to estuary from path that runs from Church to Primary School, also from concrete track that extends from Rectory to rail cutting. Fields to west of A137 & south of East End
141	River views Meadow opposite the church
142	Stour valley and all green belt
143	The Views from both the East and West of the Village are important to us. Where our home is situated we are also able to see down to the river and beyond especially during the winter and spring months and across to the Village Church.
144	Views out to countryside and over fields
145	What green spaces we have should stay green , no more buildings houses
146	The Nature Trail and fields around the pond to Church should not be used.
147	Area around Decoy pond, Pattles Fen, views near St Michaels Church, views over estuary from Rectory Lane and The Chase. views from Brantham Hill
148	The lake and views from the houses across the water should be protected
149	All of them
150	The duck pond. The view of the estuary. The view of Manningtree. The meadow by the water works and the fields around it.
151	Decoy Pond Area.
152	Decoy area up to the church.
153	The country park near Decoy pond. The playing fields in the village.
154	Protect north of village towards east end and east Bergholt so they don't merge
155	The decoy pond should be retained and surrounding woodland improved, with the sewage treatment facility relocated if possible to a less prominent position.
156	All current green spaces should be protected.

14. Which green spaces or views should be protected or improved?

157	Views over the Stour
158	The fields surrounding decoy pond.
159	Decoy pond
160	Ones we have left now should be left. Using more land would damage the wife of the area and wellbeing of all
161	The decoy & fields around it, along the train track & water works etc. Improved should be the buildings along factory lane. The Ark outside. All hedges & greens/verges need more up keep.
162	All of them
163	The green space near the new development on Brooklands Road
164	There have been multiple spaces submitted for further development and many of them refused following considerable research and tax payer expense. The land north of St. Michael's church is only one such location and yet again it has been put forward for consideration. No means no.
165	All of them.
166	All the fields that are left
167	The fields and landscape behind the church to the river, should not build behind Merriam Close and Grove Road it's our favourite area down to the river and the nicest walk and why we wanted to move here
168	All Brantham has supported enough development
169	Farm land at the bottom of Brantham Hill is not suitable for development and would ruin the feel of the VILLAGE
170	All
171	Those with status of outstanding natural beauty. River views. Views of the church.
172	The decoy pond and surrounding area. The views over the estuary.
173	The river views and the green spaces of the Leisure Centre sports fields
174	Pattles Fen, the river corridor, meadows, Dedham Clee landscape, Decoy Pond area, surrounding farmland including land behind Poppy Field and at the bottom on the Pippins estate.
175	The fields around Decoy Pond in particular. They are heavily used and enjoyed by many in Brantham and form a fantastic area from which to enjoy the countryside, within easy walking distance of the village centre.
176	The green spaces and views around Decoy Pond, along with the fields between Brooklands Road, Merriam Close, and the church, should be protected. These areas are well-used walking routes, important habitats, and key parts of the village's rural landscape.
177	From bottom of Pippins estate towards the Stour
178	The church and view down to the river
179	The river walk ways and the views across to Manningtree
180	Do not build on fields around gravel pit lane or land Near East End. This is such an important area for Biodiversity. The Brantham Heights development is enough and frankly ugly.
181	Pattles Fen & Decoy Pond
182	The river and views of Constable country.
183	The area around the Decoy Pond and Brantham Church. The bridleway/footpath leading to Fields Farm shop (and surrounding area).

14. Which green spaces or views should be protected or improved?

184	Views to the river and church Green spaces within village - these are vital to retain the landscape character of the village and how it links visually with its countryside setting Access to land along river that was part of factory site (Factory Lane) initially proposed as being made accessible as walking paths through a 'wild' landscape when the housing development along Factory Lane was originally discussed - including access to the factory war memorial
185	The farm lands and green spaces should be protected and kept weed free for easy walking for our dogs and children
186	All green spaces should be protected
187	All of them!
188	Land surrounding the rivers. The area around the decoy pond.
189	The bumpy field behind sycamore way/brooklands road
190	* Prioritise redevelopment of existing brownfield and industrial sites before considering development on greenfield land. This would make better use of existing infrastructure and help protect valuable open spaces for the community. * New developments should take inspiration from well-designed estates such as The Mallards, Temple Pattle, which offer thoughtful layouts, character, and a strong sense of place. Recent developments often feel overly uniform and lack individuality, and future schemes should place greater emphasis on design quality and community integration.
191	Views of the river AONB preserved
192	The view towards the vale from Brantham Hill (between A137 and sandy lane) The fields overlooking decoy pond and towards Manningtree The fields between the back of Merriam Close and the church
193	Views of the River Stour and the green spaces around the Decoy Pond, Pattles Fen and the routes around St Michael's church.
194	The area near the decoy pond and surrounding farm fields should be protected, and the view of the estuary from there
195	The farmers field next to the pond. The field next to Brantham hill and the field on the land south of brooklands road.
196	The areas surrounding Decoy including all farmers fields. I feel locals would be disgusted if "HE239671" is ever built on. Probably the worst site to call that's been suggested. That area is wildlifes haven inc. Bats and dormice. And it's part of the beauty and soul of Brantham.
197	As much green spaces as possible
198	The housing off Brooklands Road should be stopped including the swamp, which is not suitable for housing.
199	Protect as much green spaces as possible. I grew up in brantham and it is expanded enough now.
200	Fields around the church and Rectory lane, Decoy Pond and surrounding fields. Sandy Lane up to East End.
201	Hedges and verges need to be cut regularly especially Slough Road slip road.
202	View from Church Path over estuary
203	Brantham Sports and Social Club, Millenium Wood, Land surrounding Decoy Pond, footpaths, childrens play areas and farmland.
204	Woodland Farmland
205	Views to the river
206	Views of the river

14. Which green spaces or views should be protected or improved?

207	Decoy Pond The riverside Sandy Lane The Church and fields The walk to Manningtree
208	As much green space as possible
209	The River Stour corridor and its floodplain meadows, Pattles Fen woodland and wetland, Dedham Vale Landscape, Decoy Pond area, surrounding farmland including land behind Poppy Field to preserve rural setting, prevent coalescence, maintain footpath network biodiversity and landscape.
210	looking over the stour. To Manningtree and Mistley
211	The AONBs and River Stour
212	fields. Behind poppyfield. Fields by the railway line, Decoy pond, fields coming up Brantham hill
213	The view from the church in all directions The view across the water from the footpath near the rectory
214	all of them
215	Views towards the river/church area
216	Decoy Pond and country park. The "Kestrel" field between Brooklands Road and Factory Lane
217	Views across fields to the river
218	All green spaces should be protected. No greens space built on - protect, infill only.
219	the farm land to the west of A137 at Brantham Hill.
220	Palfrey heights green, the area between decoy pond and rectory lane All green areas with present views to the stour estuary
221	In and around decoy pond, river stour/bridge area at Cattawade. The factory area in desperate need of improvement.
222	All of them
223	The views that are left towards the river. Big views such as open fields. Views either side of Sandy Lane.
224	Decoy pond and surround area
225	Sandy Lane Decoy Pond and surrounding areas
226	Views from (top brantham) across the river to Manningtree and Mistley. Both sides of the river on A137 at Cattawade.
227	Decoy Pond
228	Green space with untouched grassland, hedges, trees and good footpath. View towards stour/mistley/manningtree/felixstow
229	Millennium wood, and area around the decoy pond, sandy lane, playing field and sports field.
230	I do not know where the green spaces are to protect.
231	All aspects around the village
232	The views towards and river
233	Around the freshwater river and out to sea around the decoy pond and parkland needs to be tidied up - we were promised wildflower meadow.
234	The fields near decoy and - the fields over looking the estuary and the church. We don't need anymore houses - the views should be protected.
235	All of them.

14. Which green spaces or views should be protected or improved?

236	Space near decoy pond needs improvement, field is neglected and overgrown and no maintained. Temple Pattle woods needs considerable attention.
237	fields and view of the river
238	the stour
239	All the green spaces that are left in Brantham.
240	country park, decoy pond
241	View of river stour Don't take view away from houses already built to give to new homes. Area of outstanding natural beauty
242	Views of the river
243	Current green spaces managed for public use. Effective green space, planning ensures that these areas are located close to residential areas.
244	Areas down by the river. Some public footpaths are overgrown and unusable (Cattawade to Flatford)
245	Areas around the river and decoy pond
246	Protect - land between Brooklands school and st Michaels church, Brantham park, no skatepark and improve current play area, decoy pond and surrounding fields, Cattawade - east end open fields
247	Access and views along and cross the river
248	River views Views from country park
249	All of them
250	The views / green spaces at decoy pond, at the back of brantham hill and around slough road.
251	All the estuary - the old ICI site is an eyesore
252	All should be protected
253	All farming land should be protected for growing food and future generations. Stop farmers selling to builders, they must sell land to other farmers.
254	Decoy pond to be protected and battles fen to be protected
255	It depends - if houses are just going to be put on green land or benefitting the village. I.e. shops/swimming, pool/gym.
256	All
257	Riverviews
258	Church views, river views and open fields
259	Down by the old factory and Cattawade
260	Areas overlooking fields and the river
261	Views of the river stour, field views
262	River, Sunset , Fields, nesting sites
263	The nature reserve by depo must be protected and the river views, this would be protected by ensuring River footpath offered full protection.

answered263

skipped72

AI Summary of suggestions

The responses overwhelmingly emphasise the importance of **protecting Brantham's green spaces, countryside views, and natural setting**, with **Decoy Pond and its surrounding fields** mentioned more than any other location. Residents describe this area as central to the village's identity and highly valued for **walking, wildlife, recreation, estuary views, and access to nature**.

Other frequently mentioned priorities include **views of the River Stour and estuary**, the **setting of St Michael's Church**, **fields behind Merriam Close, Grove Road, and Sycamore Way**, **Pattles Fen, Sandy Lane**, and land around **Brooklands Road, Church Lane, Slough Road, Cattawade**, and the **village playing fields/leisure centre**. Many comments also stress the importance of protecting **public footpaths, farmland, woodland, floodplain meadows, and biodiversity corridors**, especially where these help preserve separation from neighbouring settlements and maintain the rural feel of the village.

A strong overall message is that **all remaining green spaces should be protected**, with many residents opposing further building on open land and calling instead for **brownfield redevelopment first**. Some also note that certain valued areas—particularly around Decoy Pond, the country park, and some footpaths—would benefit from **better maintenance, habitat improvement, and tidier management**.

Main themes

- **Top priority:** Decoy Pond and surrounding fields
- Protect **river/estuary views, church views, and open countryside**
- Preserve **footpaths, wildlife habitats, farmland, woodland, and play/recreation spaces**
- Prevent loss of village character and coalescence with nearby settlements
- Preference for **brownfield redevelopment** over building on green spaces
- Calls to **improve maintenance** of some green areas already in use

15. Walking routes and countryside access are important to my household				
Please tick one				
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree		77.51%	255
2	Agree		16.72%	55
3	Neutral		3.95%	13
4	Disagree		0.00%	0
5	Strongly disagree		1.82%	6
			answered	329
			skipped	6

16. Public rights of way are well signposted and easy to follow

Please tick one box per row

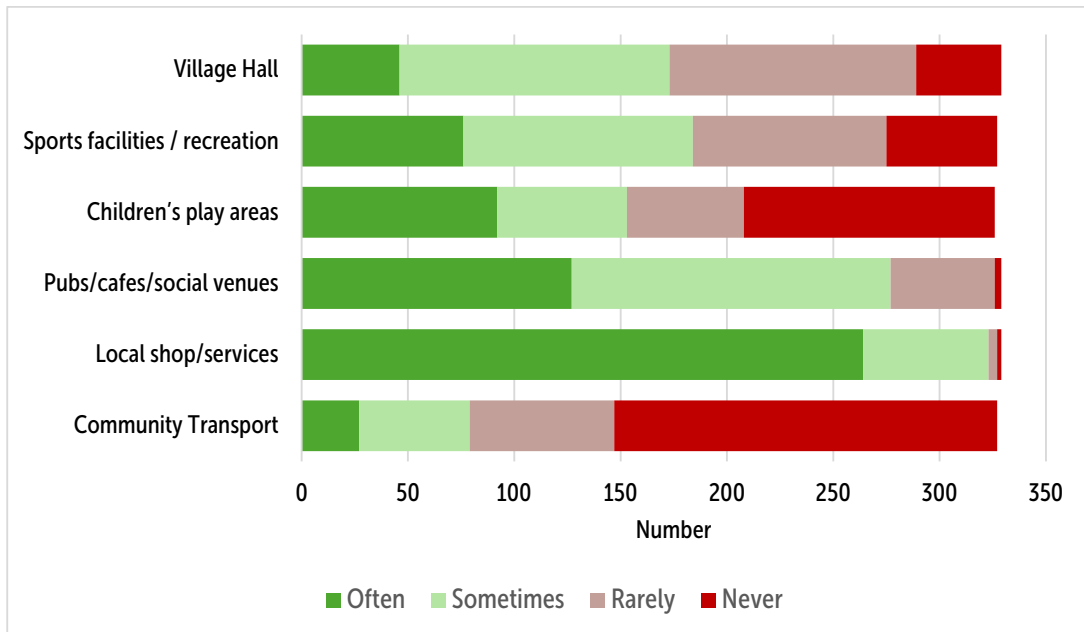
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree		14.24%	47
2	Agree		42.73%	141
3	Neutral		30.30%	100
4	Disagree		10.91%	36
5	Strongly disagree		1.82%	6
			answered	330
			skipped	5

SECTION E – Facilities, services & community life

17. How often do you use the following?

Please tick one box per row

Answer Choices	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Response Total
Village Hall	13.98% 46	38.60% 127	35.26% 116	12.16% 40	329
Sports facilities / recreation	23.24% 76	33.03% 108	27.83% 91	15.90% 52	327
Children's play areas	28.22% 92	18.71% 61	16.87% 55	36.20% 118	326
Pubs/cafes/social venues	38.60% 127	45.59% 150	14.89% 49	0.91% 3	329
Local shop/services	80.24% 264	17.93% 59	1.22% 4	0.61% 2	329
Community Transport	8.26% 27	15.90% 52	20.80% 68	55.05% 180	327
				answered	329
				skipped	6



18. How do you feel about the following statement "Overall, community facilities meet residents' needs"?

Please tick one box

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree		6.73%	22
2	Agree		47.09%	154
3	Neutral		28.44%	93
4	Disagree		14.07%	46
5	Strongly disagree		3.67%	12
			answered	327
			skipped	8

19. What improvements or additional facilities would you support?

Please tick up to 3 boxes

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	More events / activities		28.16%	89
2	Youth Provision		39.87%	126
3	Sports/Recreation		29.75%	94
4	None of these		4.11%	13
5	Health / Wellbeing provision		58.86%	186
6	Facilities for older residents		27.53%	87
7	Public toilets		15.51%	49
8	Additional Community / Social Space		18.67%	59
9	Parking management near key facilities		43.04%	136
10	Indoor meeting space		4.75%	15
			answered	316
			skipped	19

Other, please specify: (81)

1	Most elements of community in Brantham are geared to young people or retirement age and above.
2	Better fishery management over decoy pond
3	Parking around Brantham Leisure Centre essential to avoid distressing local residents and impeding bus route Need sign posting to Brantham Leisure Centre and Bowls Club to encourage new members
4	Skate park!

19. What improvements or additional facilities would you support?

Please tick up to 3 boxes

5	A SKATE PARK or PUMP TRACK
6	Better play equipment Kids' activities Activities for Millennial-age people
7	Additional shops other than the Coop could do with a larger supermarket, for the area.
8	Insufficient retail, employment opportunities & school places for growing community
9	Fix pot holes, Brantham is always full of them!! Cars are always on the wrong side of the road avoiding them, increasing risks of accidents I think Brantham could do with some cafes or farm shops.. near access to walks in the country Parking for the Club.. there is always cars parked on roads, junctions and corners causing risk of accidents
10	Post Office more than once per week but we appreciate that this might not be possible! Cycle parking at the shop. Speed cameras/speeding restriction provisions.
11	Doctors A more regular post office A chemist
12	The tennis courts at brantham sports centre have been out of action for a while. This is a shame and would definitely be used often if the sport club had funding towards it. There are only one or two running clubs and exercise boot camps that are local, if there were more this would encourage health and fitness, socialisation and good use of the lovely facilities. It's lovely to see events often supported by chamberlain Phillips I.e the Easter egg trial etc. to encourage children to get out and about
13	Doctors and school development
14	When a large event is on at the village hall, traffic parks along Brooklands Road which makes regular traffic difficult and dangerous for pedestrians
15	Brantham needs its own Doctor's and Dentist's surgeries
16	A food shop in the cattawade area of Brantham
17	Exercise facility with weights machines, exercise bikes etc
18	Retail, Food, social hubs such as central shopping. The old factory grounds if permissable, could be redeveloped as a retail hub to support locals, new offices, new developments and the new town status. This would require the parish to think about growth as a positive that supports a growing community, and not retaining a largely poor and/aging sociodemographic population.
19	Leisure facilities like swimming pool and also an upgrade of the children's parks, more for under 5s
20	An outdoor running track. As a member of BLC On The Run Our winter sessions involve running on factory lane. When Taylor Wimpey second entrance opens at the end of the development we will not have any open safe space. The club has 400 members and Wednesday evening sessions routinely have 50 members.
21	Stop the Coop monopoly and allow a shop that doesn't rip you off as they do.
22	The increase in events at the Leisure centre can cause severe parking issues.
23	More bus services so that people that do not drive can still get about
24	I am keen to see quiet indoor spaces where home workers can meet, work etc without feeling they need to spend.
25	Some where for teenagers to go rather than wondering the streets getting into trouble.

19. What improvements or additional facilities would you support?

Please tick up to 3 boxes

	Managing the car parking issues on new village from the social club and village hall at time this is dangerous. And an accident waiting to happen.
26	Allotment
27	Gp & pharmacy
28	Places to go in the evening that aren't pubs. An evening social place that doesn't revolve around alcohol
29	more should be done to encourage the kids going into teen years to do sport and other more wholesome activities. There's a lack of public transport in Brantham and kids get bored! Better parking management at the leisure centre I'm sure would be very welcome!
30	More shops and another pub
31	Parking at the school is becoming dangerous, parents race down brooklands rise, park on corners and yellow lines get no one deals with this including the police despite being report several times ! No more development should be made until key facilities are improved
32	Tennis court
33	None
34	While the parking issues have been addressed on New Village Lower Row (outside the Football Club) all it has done is push the issue onto New Village Middle Row causing constant issues when games are on
35	The Brantham leisure centre is a key community centre for our village it's the most crucial thing which needs to be supported and made more known to new residents in the village and more help from the village to keep it thriving.
36	I would support anything that made Brantham feel more like a thriving community.
37	Small business areas
38	A decent bakery / green grocer / deli. Maybe as a mobile unit?
39	A park area to be invested in would be amazing. There are two very owl and used parks in brantham which is very disappointing having one four year old and one baby on the way.
40	Social Club parking can overspill into Catterwade Street causing congestion and making it difficult to pass badly parked cars
41	Improves to parks and indoor leisure facilities
42	I would use the village hall if they had an evening fitness class like clubsize, Zumba or Bounce.
43	Make sure the all weather area with basketball ring is reinstated on the Lower Playing Field. Outdoor gym is needed in the village.
44	I'm a keen paddler and Cattawade is unique in having a paddle launch point which allows access to the tidal estuary on one side and the non-tidal Stour on the other side, yet little thought has been given to making the slipways user-friendly. There isn't even proper parking: the roadside verge on which paddlers and walkers all converge is a small area full of craters. I suspect many of us would welcome a tarmac car park.
45	Regarding parking. I know the Leisure Centre was bad mouthed about parking & I believe this has been dealt with but the parking around the village hall when events are on is dangerous & absolutely ridiculous. Surely it can't be one rule for one?
46	Better, more frequent bus service. I would use it more if I could get in and out of Ipswich later in the evening.
47	Speeding stopping Lorry's
48	Better holiday clubs for children
49	A Swimming pool would be marvellous!
50	Doctors and dentists need to expand services in Manningtree and/or East Bergholt.

19. What improvements or additional facilities would you support?

Please tick up to 3 boxes

51	Parking near the leisure centre has been an issue on the surrounding roads in the past, although I haven't noticed a problem with this in the past 6 months or so.
52	More community groups - gardens, allotments etc. improved bus services to Manningtree station/Ipswich - absurd that nothing runs on a Sunday
53	New scout and guide hut - this was initially promised as part of the recent housing development near Factory Lane but never materialised We badly need our own GP surgery and more than just the Coop We lost our post office a few years ago - it would be good to reinstate that
54	Needs. A doctors surgery
55	* Provide a safe, dedicated cycle and pedestrian route connecting Brantham to Manningtree and the railway station. The current route—particularly the tunnel at the Manningtree rail crossing—feels unsafe and is a significant barrier to active travel. A properly designed, segregated route would greatly improve safety and accessibility for residents.
56	Local shops / cafes / coffee shops
57	Buses could be better but all facilities are good. Would not be the case with more development. Overall pleased with what we have.
58	We need our own GP in the village, also could do with larger shop such as sainsburys or tescos as lots more people in the village now with all the new houses
59	We need more staff, and NHS, surgery we need a better bridge at manningtree railway station
60	Healthcare services, GPs and Dentist. Pharmacy and bus services for school children particularly on the busy A137 road
61	NO SKATE PARK! Outside gym that all ages can use
62	Maybe a GP surgery
63	Doctors and dentists need to expand facilities in Manningtree and East Bergholt
64	Poo bins for dog should be increased Streetlights increased
65	more community events to help people new to the area meet their neighbours, etc.
66	Need a car park at St Michael's Church
67	Church car park
68	NHS Dentist More frequent buses Grocery shop on lower village
69	More parking for village hall and football club
70	Library
71	A more welcoming pub - The Crown us very much for the 'locals'
72	Events should look to involve nature walks and renewing/enhancing the wildlife areas.
73	Move bins along walk routes Dog toilet bins to reduce the amount on walking routes
74	Seats near shops
75	Road resurfacing - properly
76	Small swimming pool
77	A pool, gym and shops are needed. Its leading young people her to cause trouble as they've bored.

19. What improvements or additional facilities would you support?

Please tick up to 3 boxes

78	Doctors surgery, post office, full day and night bus service
79	better bus service
80	The scout hot bar needs investment. It is surprising with the hundreds of new houses built that money has not been made available for this.
81	Thornton Street just obtained dark sky status could you please mailshot residence about light pollution caused by unused door front lights?

AI generated summary

The responses highlight a need for broader services and activities for all age groups, especially teenagers, younger adults, and home workers, who are seen as less well served than children and older residents. Popular suggestions include a skate park or pump track, better play equipment, more sports and fitness options (such as a gym, swimming pool, tennis courts, running track, outdoor gym, exercise classes), and social spaces that do not revolve around pubs or alcohol.

A second major theme is the need for better local services and facilities. Residents repeatedly mention a desire for a GP surgery, pharmacy/chemist, dentist, post office, larger supermarket, cafés, local shops, bakery/deli, and more employment or small business space. There is also strong support for improving public transport, especially more frequent buses and better connections to Manningtree, Ipswich, and the railway station.

Parking, roads, and access are another key concern. Many respondents describe problems with parking around the leisure centre, village hall, football club, school, and church, which can create congestion and safety risks. Others call for repairs to potholes, better speed controls, safer walking and cycling links, and improved facilities such as cycle parking, car parks, and pedestrian routes.

Overall, the feedback suggests that Brantham would benefit from improved healthcare, transport, retail, and leisure provision, alongside better parking and infrastructure management, with a strong emphasis on creating a more active, connected, and balanced community for residents of all ages.

Main themes

- More activities and spaces for teenagers, younger adults, and home workers
- Strong demand for GP, dentist, pharmacy, post office, and better shops
- Calls for more sports, fitness, and leisure facilities
- Repeated concerns about parking, potholes, congestion, and road safety
- Better bus services, walking/cycling links, and local access
- Desire for a more thriving and inclusive community hub

20. Do we need more business space, for example office space, workshops, meeting rooms?

Please tick one box

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		9.17%	30
2	No		52.29%	171
3	Not sure		38.53%	126
			answered	327
			skipped	8

If Yes, what would you like to see? (36)

1	Redevelopment of the old Wardle Storey site, to encourage use/occupancy, to prevent it falling into disrepair. I believe this disused site is off the beaten track, and is overlooked by the Police, due to this fact, but is a hub for crime and homelessness because of its seclusion.
2	More office and business in catawade area
3	Makes more sense for industry to be down the road in Manningtree, closer to the wider facilities.
4	Something akin to the shared workspace in manningtree
5	Before any further development in Brantham the site in factory lane should be redesigned and redeveloped as current and previous developers didn't live up to their commitments with Brantham pcc on this. It's a total mess!
6	Development on the existing brownfield site on Factory Lane to add more units for all sorts of businesses.
7	Yes, but in the absence of retail and supporting services such as a town, businesses would not utilise spaces and they would remain empty.
8	A co-working space would be good
9	We work spaces or coffee shop or areas that can promote and assist working from home
10	A larger supermarket other than co op
11	I think local employment should be encouraged.
12	Office hub with cafe for people who wfh to meet and interact
13	The factory lane site should have been developed already as a brown field site I believe no further planning to green belt should happen until this obligation is honoured!
14	There are no large accommodation venues Between Ipswich and Colchester. Having a quality hotel with character, providing event facilities, restaurant, 50 plus bedrooms, would attract business into the area, more jobs and place Brantham firmly on the map. Such a venue with decent surroundings would be ideal for ALL occasions. It would be ideal for those staying over on business, families visiting relatives, visiting Jimmy's Farm, AONB walks, mini conferences, RSPB members, overseas visitors coming from or going back to Harwich and many more activities and events
15	More shops throughout town. More spaces to drop parcels such as inpost
16	All
17	A shop that is not a coop
18	Area for small businesses to use
19	Maybe we should utilise the space we have
20	facilities for home workers to meet and work without having to pay
21	If it's going to bring value to Brantham/the local economy, I'm open to suggestions.

20. Do we need more business space, for example office space, workshops, meeting rooms?

Please tick one box

22	We need better shops/ cafe /bars
23	If they used the industrial land down Factory Lane - that would be a good reuse
24	But only in the industrial area
25	More office space
26	Factory lane become a business hub
27	My office is in east bergholt and it suits me well and isn't for to travel.
28	The above - perhaps a community hub that can be hired?
29	Factory Lane
30	Places of employment
31	Office space More employment in the village
32	We have industrial space that is not being used as much and becoming an eyesore and collection area for rubbish. Groups pf people meeting in these areas and drumming.
33	Anything that would provide work opportunities (even part time) for young residents - now factories are closed there are not opportunities for them.
34	More businesses to encourage employment opportunities on a local level.
35	more office space and workshops to attract employers to the village
36	Small units

AI Generated summary of Q20 responses

The comments mainly support **redeveloping existing brownfield and industrial sites**, especially **Factory Lane** and the **old Wardle Storey site**, rather than allowing further development on green belt land. Respondents feel these neglected sites have become **eyesores** and in some cases contribute to **crime, homelessness, and antisocial activity**, so they should be brought back into productive use.

A strong theme is the need for **more local employment opportunities**, with suggestions including **office space, small business units, workshops, and a business hub**. Many respondents also want **co-working or shared workspaces**, **cafés**, and community-style hubs to support **home workers** and encourage local economic activity.

There is also demand for **better local services and amenities**, such as **more shops, cafés, bars, parcel drop-off points, and a supermarket other than the Co-op**. Some responses also suggest a **hotel or larger accommodation venue with event facilities**, which could attract visitors, create jobs, and boost Brantham's profile.

Overall, the feedback calls for **better use of existing industrial land to create jobs, services, and community facilities**, while improving neglected areas and avoiding unnecessary greenfield development.

21. What one facility / service / business would most improve life in Brantham?

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question	100.00%	243
1	A better shop		
2	A train station		
3	Tennis/Basketball court that can be used for other sports too.		
4	More frequent bus service		
5	Better equipped parks and spaces for young people		
6	Skate Park		
7	Improving the road and potholes		
8	Bigger, cheaper food shop		
9	Larger supermarket.		
10	Competition for coop		
11	A good pub!		
12	A new Doctors surgery funded by the current developers in the village, as the East Bergholt surgery in not fit for purpose.... However, Lawford surgery provides excellent service IMHO.		
13	Larger Supermarket		
14	Post office		
15	Doctors surgery.		
16	Not sure		
17	A GP		
18	A supermarket on one of the vacant lots on factory lane		
19	Swimming pool		
20	Local doctors surgery		
21	Corner store, food delivery		
22	I believe the single most impactful addition to Brantham would be a Trailside Community Hub, specifically a cafe and small-scale farm shop located near our local wildlife walks (e.g., the Stour Estuary or Decoy Pond area) A space to boost the community, and provide support for local produce		
23	Parking Control - Will a potential PCSO have ability to issue tickets/fines for parking offences?		
24	The village hall		
25	Dr's surgery		
26	Can't think of anything		
27	Maintaining of open spaces		
28	Sorting the infamous under pass.		

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29	A permanent post office
30	A doctors
31	Dentist
32	GP surgery
33	Doctors, schools, road crossings on A137 as we have none!
34	Small supermarket like Aldi or Lidl
35	Sports courts - e.g. badminton/ tennis
36	A gym on factory lane for example
37	It has become apparent that through expansion in the area, the Doctors surgeries in the area are now effectively over subscribed/overloaded. It would be beneficial if some form of healthcare provision within Brantham was available for residents in order to ease the load on surrounding facilities.
38	Enhanced public transport
39	A gym or swimming pool
40	Doctors surgery
41	Better enforcement of speed on A137 and pedestrian crossings on the road. Crazy that kids have to take a chance every day.
42	GP Practice more accessible although to date the Constable practice has improved
43	Doctors surgery
44	Not sure
45	A 7-day a week gym
46	Indoor swimming pool
47	Not sure
48	Average speed cameras
49	Post Office/ banking hub
50	Safe spaces for young people
51	Dog park for soul use (pay to book)
52	Access to banking facilities
53	Bank/Building Society. Also improved bus service
54	Medical Practice, drop in clinic. East Bergholt is at capacity so is Manningtree.
55	Intergenerational groups taking part in shared activities.
56	Doctor or dentist
57	An improved leisure facility like swimming pool, cafe, community space, soft play and tennis courts etc
58	Doctors Supermarket that isn't the co op to be built down factory lane
59	Maybe it's own GP surgery
60	Doctors surgery
61	Running track in disused area on factory lane.
62	A decent supermarket or Local shop other than the tired and dated, over-priced Coop. Fine if you are 93.
63	Health Centre or GP Surgery.

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64	A more active community group working out of the village hall, for crafting of all kinds, interest groups such as art or photography etc.
65	Supermarket
66	GP surgery
67	Development of factory lane, community or private gym. Secondly a row of shops, independent rather than major chains, akin to the ethos of Manningtree.
68	Dr Surgery
69	Bus facilities
70	A doctors surgery
71	Cafe open more hours
72	Drs surgery
73	Doctors
74	Gym/swimming pool
75	Maximise use of the sports and leisure facilities
76	Somewhere safe for kids to play to reduce antisocial behaviour
77	I'm quite happy with what we have.
78	A skatepark and/or something for older kids!
79	Restaurant
80	indoor sports hall and squash courts - an indoor space for sports would be a great addition.
81	Encourage businesses into the contaminated land that isn't fit for housing or parks space. Or use the money from the new housing to decontaminate the land.
82	A supermarket
83	A quality Hotel.
84	Doctors surgery
85	I personally do not feel the need for improving facilities, services or businesses in Brantham, Brantham is wonderful as it is
86	Better and more regular public transport
87	Shop at bottom of town
88	Drs surgery it's is no near impossible to get GP appointment at any of the local GPs
89	A good doctors surgery
90	Doctors surgery
91	Community room that is not expensive to hire
92	A public swimming pool near by, in Brantham or one of the surrounding villages.
93	Swimming pool
94	3G sports pitch
95	Doctors/dentist/general healthcare. Factory lane is a prime position for this type of facility.
96	Gym
97	Doctors surgery
98	N/a

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99	Parking for the Football Club
100	I believe that the leisure centre if it had more facilities maybe if they had tennis courts to hire, it really is something which if given the money and support it could be even more of a community hub than it is already.
101	More frequent buses
102	Suffolk wildlife trust
103	GP surgery
104	Better bus service
105	A safe place to cross the road.
106	A state of the art village hall (we've already got one but it's not warm, comfortable or well-equipped) well-heated, with better parking, perhaps office/workshop/work spaces, some kind of cafe.
107	Play area at Slough Road development which hasn't been built!
108	Doctor with pharmacy
109	A slightly bigger shop !
110	A second shop/pharmacy
111	A more regular bus service
112	??
113	Bakery, general goods
114	A bypass - the A137 is by far the biggest weakness to life in Brantham. It ruins the village.
115	A decent bakery / green grocer / deli. Maybe as a mobile unit, or at the Village Hall, even just on a Wednesday when the Post Office and Community Cafe are running? An outreach pharmacy - especially with an older and very young demographic. Is there an opportunity to use the services that people have to use - such as collecting medicine - to draw awareness and engagement to other community offerings.
116	I think an affordable cafe - fields farm is great but pathways are a struggle to get through.
117	It would be lovely to have more events for families
118	Supermarket that isnt the co op
119	Doctor's surgery.
120	Direct bus service to Colchester
121	Dr's surgery
122	Na
123	Pharmacy
124	No Lorrie's coming through
125	Swimming pool
126	GP Surgery or Chemist
127	Bigger food shop
128	Doctors
129	New leisure facilities
130	A doctors surgery
131	Regular bus services to Manningtree High School

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132	Doctors practice
133	Filling in all the pot hole maintained
134	GP Surgery
135	Medical facilities (GP & Dentist)
136	More control over planning
137	Not sure
138	Better public transport into Ipswich or Colchester.
139	A bakers
140	Brantham is a nice friendly village that is just fine
141	Health centre
142	Nothing springs to mind we have a good provision of facilities
143	Cafe open weekends
144	Doctor and Dentist
145	A swimming pool
146	Transport links
147	Doctor's surgery
148	Gp surgery
149	Zebra crossings on a137. Average speed cameras
150	A decent leisure centre with swimming pool and an award-winning restaurant next to it, near the water, where the industrial site currently sits.
151	Better transport links to surrounding areas
152	Bakery
153	Parking at the key locations, sports club, village hall area.
154	Doctors
155	Safe crossing on brantham hill
156	Families engagement through various village initiatives
157	Buses, see above.
158	Stopping lorry's and speeding on the hill, the walk way to palfrey heights from the hill tidied by council
159	Doctors supermarket that isn't the co op
160	Coop to be better stocked
161	Bigger shop
162	Doctor / dentist
163	Not sure.
164	More outdoor activities for the children
165	Health care provision
166	Zebra crossings for A137 - top and bottom of Brantham Hill
167	Facilities for indoor sports such as badminton/pickleball/tennis
168	Post office

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169	3G pitch
170	Doctor + chemist
171	Enclosed dog park.
172	A doctor's surgery.
173	Not sure. Maybe a dry cleaners, there's no local dry cleaners for some reason, I have to go all the way to Ipswich for that.
174	GP practice
175	Doctors and pharmacists
176	A doctors surgery
177	A doctor's/dentist
178	Litter picking. Cleaning up road signs and removing the redundant ones plus the advertising boards (The Ark public house)
179	A pub or cafe (that is open at weekends) near the co op would be good, and a crossing on Brantham Hill nr Birch drive for the kids getting off the school bus
180	A gym would be nice with good facilities
181	A restaurant that is within a suitable distance of the village hall as a majority of residents in this area need to travel either into Manningtree to access this type of facility.
182	A budget friendly gym with flexible membership
183	A designated sit in restaurant like the Fontana or rental cuisine
184	Post Office
185	A local GP in Brantham
186	Let's get the leisure center busier
187	Public toilets
188	More benches/places to sit for older people
189	Doctors surgery
190	Post office
191	GP Surgery
192	Small local health hub Zebra crossing for A137 top and bottom of Brantham Hill
193	Benches to sit on at Cattawade.
194	Usable leisure facilities for the young
195	car Park for St Michael's Church
196	doctors surgery
197	Doctors surgery
198	more things to do,
199	Doctors surgery/Pharmacy
200	More regular bus services
201	Dr surgery
202	Weekend bus services

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203	Improvement of the station bottleneck.
204	Doctors
205	Police presence and traffic management
206	NHS walk in centre
207	Gym Facilities
208	Small industrial units on factory site (after clearing of ground by the present owner, which was agreed before house building started)
209	Pub
210	Bird hides and fully funded nature events i.e. engage wildlife improvements
211	Doctors surgery
212	A doctors surgery
213	More modern village hall, perhaps a share between scouts/guides and public use with more parking.
214	Return of the post office
215	Doctors surgery
216	A local chippy - like the old fish and chip shop
217	Expanded parking for the village hall to avoid congestion and promote use.
218	More emphasis on clearing poo up after your dog. There are many paths that are littered with dog poo.
219	Chemist
220	Chemist and GP
221	Doctors surgery
222	Doctors surgery
223	Police station
224	A doctors surgery
225	Regular bus service to Manningtree
226	More frequent bus service
227	Takeaway food
228	Closer convenience for Cattawade,.
229	Swimming pool
230	Brantham Leisure Centre offers most entertainment/sport - being able to continue and offer more
231	Small swimming pool
232	More things to do for young-teens and teenagers
233	Attempt to reduce the chemical smell from the businesses by the decoy pond.
234	A reliable taxi service, that operates 7 days a week.
235	Not sure - doctors surgery
236	Leisure / sports centre
237	The area of factory land needs a lot of improvement
238	More shops (try reducing the business rates)
239	Doctor surgery

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240	a better bus service		
241	Separate dedicated cycle routes/lanes GP surgery		
242	GP for Brantham		
243	A new doctor surgery in place of new homes		
		answered	243
		skipped	92

AI generated summary of most popular responses:

The strongest theme is a clear demand for **better local healthcare access**, especially a **dedicated doctors' surgery in Brantham**. Many responses mention that surrounding surgeries are **oversubscribed, difficult to access, or too far away**.

Other commonly mentioned, but less frequent, responses include:

- A larger supermarket / better food shop / competition for the Co-op
- Improved bus services / better public transport
- Swimming pool / gym / leisure facilities
- Post office / pharmacy
- Safer crossings and road improvements

SECTION F – Housing & development

22. How many new homes would you support in Brantham over the next 20 years?

Please tick one box

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Under 50		64.07%	189
2	Between 50 and 99		17.63%	52
3	Between 100 and 139		10.85%	32
4	Between 150 and 199		5.42%	16
5	Over 200		2.03%	6
			answered	295
			skipped	40

If you do not support any further housing, please state why (163)

1	I don't support further development in the Brantham area, I feel enough has been built and the green spaces and wildlife are being affected and ruined
2	Class sizes, traffic
3	There is not enough infrastructure for more housing, including the crossing to manningtree
4	To restrict expansion of the village footprint re use of existing sites is paramount.
5	Our infrastructure cannot support more. The railway bridge is always very busy. The dr surgeries are over subscribed and the local school cannot accommodate many more children.
6	Brantham does not have adequate infrastructure to support more housing. The schools are at full capacity. Public transport is inadequate. No Doctors surgery. Brantham is a village not a town and should remain so.
7	I support more if more housing comes with more facilities and green spaces and village status is protected.
8	10 to 15 houses every 2 years would be manageable and keep the village feel, rather than 150 new homes next year
9	Have you tried getting into Brantham during the rush hour. Coming down Coxs Hill to go under the railway bridge or over the top of the bridge is a nightmare already. More housing would just make matters worse. Too much traffic on the road already.
10	This is hard to quantify without knowing other factors such as road usage, support from local facilities, available green space etc My view is people need housing but also to be sympathetic of the wildlife spaces when planning developments
11	I think it is inevitable that we will have to have more houses built but we need more social housing and affordable homes not 5 bed commuter homes!
12	There are not enough facilities to support more houses. No post office, bank, Dr's surgery. Shops are inadequate
13	Brantham has already had huge housing developments added to the village with little or no improvement to the infrastructure. This means that existing residents have had their quality of life diminished by the

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	reduction of green spaces with no positive outcomes. The railway crossing at Manningtree is at capacity to adding any additional homes would cause further chaos at commuting times. The road is used when the A12 is closed which adds further pressure to an already stretched piece of road. Traffic is an increasing problem through the village and more housing would exacerbate this issue.
14	We moved here for a village environment and more housing would diminish this. It would also impact the wildlife, create more traffic and potentially increase crime rate and ASB. Brantham is already a large village any further development it would become more like a town. Enough is enough now.
15	I think Brantham is losing its character after all the new builds. These should have addressed the affordable housing and starter homes for the village.
16	The area is already getting very busy with traffic and with a lot of families in the area getting placements in nurseries are difficult enough already without adding more homes. The minimal Greenland areas around should be left to support wildlife and to encourage walks
17	Present facilities and infrastructure are already overwhelmed ty
18	The village has seen large developments in recent years. Any further expansion in the near future while the current ones are not filled, would lead to continuous, unsettling, changes to the 'feel' of the village.
19	Brantham has had too much already not enough key infrastructure. Developers have fallen short on current commitments to (factory lane etc) A137 too busy crossing at manningtree to congested doctors over subscribed can't get access easily to appointments.
20	If there is much more houses than this - schools and GP surgery's will not be able to cope and small village shops will have to become larger shops loosing the 'village' feel and at risk of becoming overcrowded. It would have to fit in with the other houses i.e no flats
21	People need to stop having children if they don't want to give them homes where they grew up. But with development we need facilities especially doctors and a shop that doesn't rip you off.
22	I do not support any further housing because the recent developments are more than enough already. To add more would put too much strain on the road network/traffic management, and would additionally overload key local services: Doctors, Schools, Dentist etc. More housing would be disastrous for our wildlife and would also spoil the beautiful green spaces that all villagers enjoy.
23	Not sufficient infrastructure, roads are not capable. Lack of medical support i.e doctor surgery; added traffic to the Manningtree station bottleneck, loss of village identity, schools not able to cope, and generally the fact that Brantham is a village with different identity to a town. I mean that you have little areas that all come together, and a town would eradicate this identity.
24	I do beleive the village is up to capacity now for new developements.
25	We are going to loose our green spaces
26	Brantham has had significant growth with Stour View and Brantham Heights increasing the number of houses in the village by 50% ... the village services need to catch up ...
27	The infrastructure is not here to support further housing. There is traffic congestion at peak times (Brantham Hill) and limited public transport (buses).
28	Protecting the green spaces in the village
29	The number of houses in the village has doubled over the last 30 years, but there is no additional infrastructure to support these developments. Access to schools, doctors, dentists are already stretched. The sewage system can barely cope and our green spa es have already been taken up.
30	There is roughly 800-1,000 acres of undeveloped agricultural land between Brantham and East Bergholt, yet per the Parish 2034 strategic plan this is a "vital" buffer to prevent connectivity as a larger town. The problem of stunted growth in Brantham is not options, it's an outdated rear view mirror council.
31	Keep Brantham a village, had enough new homes

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Please tick one box

32	The are struggling to sell the Taylor Wimpy houses There is no infrastructure here eg supermarket and doctors We live here for a village life but it's getting bigger and bigger
33	There are all ready too many new houses being built. Manningtree / Brantham will become too over populated and too busy
34	No more houses are needed We have had a number of new developments over the last few years which has increased the size of Brantham considerably We will lose too much of th charm of Brantham by building on green spaces There is also not the infrastructure in place the bridge to Manningtree cannot cope at peak times and there is no super market or doctors
35	I feel like we have had plenty of developments recently and we have done our part in supporting new housing across the UK. Anymore developments would ensure long time residents (like me) to consider moving outside of Brantham and into a different village.
36	No further housing as this is a village which has already seen a vast amount of new housing estates being built over the last few years.
37	There has been far too much building in this village already
38	As someone that recently got onto the property ladder and moved to Brantham, I fully support that areas should embrace new housing to support the next generation. The main areas of focus would be 1) improved traffic flow at Manningtree station with a safe pedestrian and cycle lane. 2)
39	This is a quiet village and new developments are anti-car, leading to parking issues. Developers break up the roads, cover them in mud and rarely take responsibility. Often whole streets are left unfinished and unadapted for months with raised ironworks. They put in social housing which ends up with feral yobs, drugs, mental health, washing machines in the front garden and unsightly properties. I am also very skeptical of the planning process.
40	While I accept there is a need for more homes in Brantham it should be noted that we already have two large estates in development and another going through planning. It is unlikely that the current infrastructure (including the local road network) could cope with any further large scale developments. There seems to be scope for single dwelling or small scale developments to fulfill some of the need, but really, with the current infrastructure. the village is pretty much maxed out.
41	Brantham already has plenty of new housing estates and the village infrastructure is already struggling to meet the demand as it is, e.g. primary school places, doctors surgeries, roads.
42	Brantham has already had multiple development sites since I moved here in 2017. More development would eat away at the village however looking towards green living it's better if people have local facilities, independent shops people could walk too.
43	The village has already grown too big without any supporting services - doctors / dentists etc. Traffic is already noticeably increased with the 2 new developments, and can't sustain any further increases. Most people live in the village for village life and countryside views and do not want to live in a town.
44	The schools doctors and roads can't cope the crossing at manningtree and footpaths connecting Essex and Suffolk should be improved before any further development.
45	Lots of expansion in the wider area with no infrastructure improvements
46	20 years?! Let's be honest, 200 is the most likely. It's the size and quality of the houses though and what demographic they attract. Over 200 would also likely create the need for a supermarket though, how that would go down I don't know.
47	No need for further development that damages the "village feel". School and childcare provisions cannot handle more housing.
48	The infrastructure is not sustainable. Our roads are full of potholes, the sewage factory is already under pressure, already struggle to get doctors appointments, schools are at capacity etc

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49	None. I think we have enough. I live on Brantham Hill on the A137 and in rush hour times it can be extremely difficult to get off our drive. More homes means more cars !!
50	Doesn't need to be made bigger. Loss of space and natural beauty. Two large towns are very close by.
51	We've just had absolutely loads (the huge new TW estate south of Brooklands Road and the new estate on Slough Road, the village can't sustain more!!! It needs to stay a village not become a small town or it will lose its heart. The countryside and green spaces need protecting (for the sake of residents and the environment alike). The local doctors surgeries are pretty much full. The dentists are oversubscribed with no NHS availability - even for children now. The village school has just grown and cannot grow more without losing the school field. The main road through the village is already heavy traffic local rat run plus regular diversion for the A12 sending all Lorrie's and HGVs through at a serious noise nuisance to residents, plus every time there's a problem at the railway crossing in Manningtree the traffic backs up all the way up Brantham Hill!! Enough!
52	There have been 2 huge developments in last few yrs & no improvement to local roads or local doctors.
53	The roads are already noticeable busier thanks to the various developments in the village and in Manningtree. I would not support any more additional housing.
54	The size of the village seems to have doubled in recent years through poorly managed building plans where farm land has been lost and brown field sites remain as an eye sore and a safety concern for children in the area. Better contract management seems needed to stop the parish council being seemingly taken advantage of.
55	None. We've already had hundreds of new homes built in Brantham plus hundreds more in surrounding areas a (east Bergholt, Manningtree, mostly, Lawford) infrastructure around Brantham can not support anymore. Doctors are full so are the schools. The A137 isn't suited for more traffic
56	The question should be, What support is needed to facilitate current Brantham Residents? 1. There are no health /GP Dental facilities in the Parish. Suffolk residents have to visit Essex County. 2. There is no Post Office. 3. Public Transport is only available every two hours into Ipswich, daytime only. 4. Limited retail. One mini market Coop, one Hairdressers. 5. ZERO availability of Bungalows for current and increasing elderly residents to stay in the area. 6. Limited availability taxi services for those unable to drive and not have transport.
57	The local services would be overloaded
58	I do not feel the need or want Brantham to expand, I was brought up in Colchester and have watched it constantly grow over the decades with no positive effect on what was a quaint little town, traffic is terrible, streets are run down, the town is no longer safe... such a waste, I would not want to see this same demise for Brantham
59	Unless they are going to be affordable housing for the young in the village no housing should be built it's a disgrace that none were built on stout view
60	The village is already big enough. Productive agricultural fields are being taken out of production and turned into concrete jungles, the same as green spaces. The roads can't take the traffic as it is, the schools are bursting at the seams and the doctors are never going to cope.
61	So many have gone up already, all of which have stolen beautiful fields. The ones that have been created haven't always been finished tastefully and when it rains causes issues for walkers
62	Brantham Hill is a dangerous nightmare road to navigate as it is, traffic exceeds to 30mph ALL the time, Manningtree bridge/roundabout cannot take more traffic having lived in Brantham 26 years the traffic has significantly increased and the village is not what it used to be.
63	The village has grown more in the last ten years than the previous 20 years put together. The road network wouldn't be able to deal with more housing

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Please tick one box

64	To maintain a village rather than growing too much. To encourage wildlife/environment
65	Brantham has already absorbed a disproportionate amount of new housing over the last ten years, we are a village being forced to become a town & are expected to cope or accept the mess & fall out from it. Our roads are broken & dangerous, the existing water & sewage pipes are antiquated & need urgent attention (nearly ten years ago Anglian Water staff told us this whilst working in Brooklands Rd), the main services around the area are full, our green spaces are fast disappearing & that will reduce our wildlife dramatically too.
66	We don't need further housing. This must remain a Village which is why we live here otherwise we might as well move to Ipswich.
67	I have seen the 'call for sites' report that lists literally thousands of new homes in Brantham, both north and south of the Slough Road. I disagree to any more planning, our village cannot handle more traffic and I am guessing the school couldn't cope either.
68	Village facilities do not support more new houses being built. There is only a small Supermarket and our local roads do not need further cars
69	Brantham has not got the facilities to support more houses.
70	I fully appreciate that the UK needs more housing. But we have already had a lot of new building in the village and much of it is not affordable and not 'green' or ecologically designed. We also don't have the infrastructure to support it. Doctors, schools, road maintenance, public spaces, public transport etc. need to be considered before new housing, not after.
71	Our infrastructure can not cope. The A137 is at critical point but officials claim it's not. The split at Wherested doesn't work, the roundabout at the train station is chaotic and the bridge is continuously been crashed in to - all signs of too high population for the infrastructure in place. Let's not mention the pot holes - I'm glad my council tax went up, I can really see where it's going, not.
72	I believe that Brantham should stay as a village and not made any bigger, we have such a lovely area and community.
73	We don't need any more. They've already ruined several areas with their soulless construction
74	We have had three large areas of new housing in recent years and still children born here cannot afford to remain in the village. We are seeing more and more traffic on already bad roads. Getting a doctor's appointment is already impossible and with every passing year we drive out of the village more and more wildlife. It is extremely saddening
75	We don't need more housing and the local council has poor controls over developers. They run rings around the parish council.
76	None. It will change the "village" nature of Brantham. The infrastructure within the village and access to and from is not there to support an even larger influx of people. Further development will significantly risk the natural landscape and wildlife - indirectly, or even worse, directly through building on green spaces cherished by the people of Brantham.
77	We have had enough housing in the last few years The Taylor Wimpy site still has many plots unsold Brantham needs to remain a village and keep the heart of the landscape and countryside
78	This village is very large already without adequate infrastructure to support it. The road layout around the underpass at Manningtree Station is inadequate at peak times, and further development in the area would make that situation much worse.
79	Did not read this box before ticking above, would have left it empty and can not remove tick. I do not support any further house building. No more housing estates. No building on green spaces. Brantham is losing its village identity with the recent builds already in place.
80	Enough is enough. Local infrastructure has not increased and cannot now cope with the increase in the population.
81	Any development should be on brown field sites

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Please tick one box

82	The roads are already over used and not suitable for more traffic There are no health facilities
83	There is no facilities to support any more housing Schools /doctors / roads
84	We have no infrastructure to support more houses, poor parking, narrow roads.
85	Over building ruins the area. There has already been a number of new build developments within and surrounding areas, local services and roads are unable to cope with mass new build developments.
86	Any further new housing most only be on existing brownfield sites - making use of existing arable land to build houses is a an appalling lack of vision. The village doesn't have the road, school or other public infrastructure necessary for any significant growth. Where these 'already present' services and facilities are is a puzzle - the primary school is full (despite it's recent growth) with one year group doubling up due to lack of class room space, the Dr Surgery in East Bergholt is overloaded - there is no NHS dentistry anywhere in the local area. The Road network struggles at peak times, and the current village facilities are only barely adequate for the existing population : For example - parking at the Co-op is often full most of the day. Any event at the Leisure centre causes traffic Chaos in New Village. Brantham has no post office (apart from part time on a wednesday), no banking, an infrequent and badly maintained bus service to Ipswich. The idea that the Village has a level of service and facilities that could support any significant population growth is mistaken.
87	Don't have the road and infrastructure to support more traffic and additional building comes at the expense of views and green space
88	No more building new homes
89	Roads already very busy with limited parking.
90	Because there is enough for a village and there is no infrastructure to support the new houses being built now
91	This is a village not a town. That's why we moved here.
92	Need small affordable and/or social housing, NOT 4-5 bed houses with space for several cars.
93	We have enough new developments within the village but not the infrastructure to match.
94	Not before a doctors surgery
95	The potholes along New Village/ Brooklands Road are bad enough with the amount of traffic today! More housing without extra infrastructure = disaster
96	It seems that the demand isn't there. Houses have been slow to sell on the new estate, and had a knock on effect on sales of other houses around the village. The village has already had a lot of new homes in the past 5 or so years.
97	Taking away a village life for a infrastructure that cannot handle what's already being used
98	We moved to Brantham due to the green spaces and dog walks
99	Not needed in brantham
100	I do not support any further housing development in Brantham because it risks permanently eroding the very character, landscape, and quality of life that make this area so valuable. Our village is not just a place to build—it is a community deeply connected to its surrounding countryside, green spaces, and historic environment. The steady loss of green fields to development is not reversible. These spaces are vital—not only for biodiversity and wildlife, but for the wellbeing of residents who rely on access to nature for physical and mental health. Public footpaths, which have been walked for generations, are increasingly being

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	squeezed, diverted, or diminished. They are not just routes—they are part of our heritage and identity. Brantham sits on the edge of the Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, a nationally protected landscape recognised for its exceptional beauty. Continued expansion risks creeping urbanisation that will inevitably spill into and degrade the setting of this protected area. Once the rural buffer is gone, it cannot be restored. Infrastructure is already under strain, and further development will only intensify pressures on roads, services, and the environment. Growth at any cost is not sustainable—it undermines the very reasons people choose to live here. Brantham should be protected, not gradually consumed. Development must have limits, and we are at risk of crossing a line where the village loses its identity, its countryside, and its connection to one of the most treasured landscapes in the country.
101	Brantham is becoming too big and why we moved out of town to here in the first place There has been enough housing over the last few years some of which is still being built and hasn't sold. Brooklands Road is busy with lots of traffic now and the roads are terrible
102	We have enough houses built roads are so dangerous with all the new builds locally, traffic either cutting through to avoid A12, Ipswich residents park at Manningtree station as its cheaper, traffic now is horrendous...
103	Smaller developments in strategic sites rather than estates
104	To keep Brantham a small quiet village
105	I do not think any more houses should be built. Traffic is already starting to get bad more home means more cars meaning more traffic
106	Brantham is being spoiled by too much development.
107	Although I put under 50, it's important for the village to continue to have a village feel. I also worry about the amount of farm land being built on.
108	The current infrastructure of the village cannot support more development and further development, particularly of the road network, would risk coalescence and undermine character.
109	I am opposed to additional housing as further development would undermine the rural nature of Brantham, which is a key reason many residents choose to live here. Existing infrastructure, particularly the road network, is already under strain and deteriorating, and recent growth has contributed to increased traffic and wear.
110	I oppose additional housing as it would undermine the rural setting that defines Brantham. The village has already absorbed significant development in recent years, and further growth would place additional pressure on local roads, services, and green spaces.
111	The current infrastructure just doesn't support it - in terms of school/doctor/transport availability and also electricity/water supply infrastructure which is old and unreliable IF new developments are agreed the council MUST insist on developers funding A137 and other appropriate pedestrian crossings All new developments must factor in sustainability as a priority
112	Would only support if it was affordable to first time buyers and youth on brown belt land.
113	We are losing our village character, new housing is poorly designed, ugly and not in keeping with local character We do not have enough facilities present - one small supermarket, no GP, no post office or banking facilities other than a cash point machine Our primary school has had to lose a lot of its assets that town schools don't have - ie open space - the playing field has been reduced, swimming pool and garden all gone over the last few years No money has been put into improving facilities such as the scout and guide hut or playground facilities New housing so far looks like toy town houses - no character and virtually non existent landscaping so it doesn't reflect village character

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114	I do not believe we should have anymore hosing, because of the lack of facilities, that you say we have, but we do not No doctors, no pharmacy and no real shops, which is fine as we want to remain a quiet community
115	Inadequate local facilities and need to keep village feel
116	We are a village, in the three years that I have loved here (not in a new build), I've seen traffic increase, waste increase and anti social behaviour increase. With more houses and people we inherit these issues. We would lose our identity as a village and become a small town and with that would come town issues.
117	I feel a lot of new housing has been built recently but they haven't all sold, suggests there isnt the demand, and it feels the area has had more than its share
118	We have already lost huge green spaces. I feel very strongly that Brantham does not require any more 'family size' housing. There are still many houses on the new developments that are yet to be sold. More houses means more traffic. The A137 is dangerous. There has been a huge increase in traffic along this road. As a resident on the hill it is increasing difficult to pull out on to the road. Our house now shakes due to increased traffic. The one way road at Manningtree station is already a complete joke. No more housing as the infrastructure cannot cope and I like living in a village, not an urban sprawl.
119	I worry that further developments would affect the village lifestyle that needs protecting. Other areas - such as Manningtree have already committed to developing space and growing their town image so let them do so and Brantham can maintain the opposite.
120	not all of the new builds have been sold so why is there a need for anymore. The developers say there is no call for smaller housing. This is,of course, because they are too expensive for first time buyers
121	Overall think even more in the centre ie. by the school. Would be extremely detrimental. If it has to be done then plots 66 or HE24014 would be most manageable. Up by the pond/farm would ruin Brantham as a place of beauty.
122	There are houses being built on most green areas at the moment, fields are disappearing quickly in the village.
123	We do not need more housing.
124	There are plenty of brand-new builds which are not being sold, so new ones would be unnecessary.
125	Because we have too many in the village already. Spoil the village
126	Lack of facilities, Healthcare, schools, parking and public transport
127	There seems to be enough housing being built at the moment
128	Because the village's infrastructure, landscaping setting and existing level of development mean further expansion would risk coalescence, increase pressure on services and undermine its rural character. It needs to consolidate its existing growth.
129	Would miss the countryside, crowding would put pressure on services like schools, shops, vets etc
130	too many as is,
131	Brantham is a village we do not need any further housing
132	No new estates. A few single infill housing only.
133	The A137 cannot cope with the housing and number of cars at present without increasing them.
134	None, we already have had too many new housing developments in the last 5 years.
135	To be honest no views or objections have been acted on with building of stour view development. With the near collapse of a bungalow that has happened because of objections not adhered to.
136	Infrastructure and facilities at present are at full strength already.
137	These would need to be accessible in relations to the income of local young people and these downsizing.

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138	There is a large area of land in the village along Factory Lane which is unused. This should be the only place considered for development.
139	Sewers won't cope Schools won't cope No Doctors No transport to East Bergholt (or even Manningtree)
140	However services such as water pressure. sewage etc struggle now.
141	More housing = more cars. The infrastructure isn't ready, especially when there is an accident on the A12 and the traffic diverts to the A137.
142	Brantham is big enough, It is a lovely village as it stands. More homes would ruin views and we haven't the roads/schools/doctors. Manningtree railway bridge o handle more people/traffic.
143	I live on Taylor Wimpy site and I am very aware they are struggling to sell what they have built already.
144	We are already situated with houses (new developments). The A137 is already overcrowded, speed limits are not observed, the roads are so congested, there appears to be anky on the A137
145	Brantham already has too many estates, some lower cost housing should be build.
146	We have more than enough new housing, no infrastructure to support it.
147	The development that have been built recently aren't all lived in. And they were not affordable to local residents.
148	Do not require further housing Taking away peoples views from their existing houses Traffic at station already terrible
149	Only If more facilities
150	We have had a lot of new housing. The more housing there is the less it feels like a village and community feel its lost
151	Lots of housing already built in the area and no new infrustacture has been added to support this.
152	It depends how it is done
153	Already had Taylor-Wimpey which is huge plus Brantham Heights - I feel these are enough for the size of our village. A137 too busy already.
154	We have Taylor-Wimpey and as far as I am concerned we didn't need that development.
155	Village already getting to big to be called a village. Need more infrastructure to support continued growth.
156	Village is big enough, school and doctors at capacity, road structure too small.
157	Then we may get more facilities
158	We have already had some 200 odd home inflicted upon us, our open spaces/countryside has been compromised. A137 cannot cope with traffic now or in the future without improvements. Railway crossing cannot cope.
159	Too many already and not enough infrastructure
160	The railway bridge at Manningtree needs upgrading
161	We've put up with enough new housing in recent years. We need ti improve the infrastructure and provide services up to a quality standard for existing residents.
162	There has been a huge increase in houses in Brampton in Richman 10 years. Developers are struggling to sell some of the houses given how many other new houses are being built locally
163	Despite your lack of number zero boxes completely disagree with houses being built on Greenbelt land is the answer we are already running out of water and sewage is the next issue

AI generated summary of the responses to Q22:

The overwhelming view in these responses is **opposition to further large-scale housing development in Brantham**, with many residents feeling the village has already expanded significantly and is close to, or beyond, its capacity. A repeated concern is that **local infrastructure cannot cope**, particularly **roads and traffic**, **the Manningtree station bridge/crossing**, **schools**, **GP and dental services**, **public transport**, and in some cases **sewage, water supply, and parking**.

A second major theme is the desire to **protect Brantham's village identity**. Many respondents say they chose to live there because of its **rural character, countryside setting, green spaces, and wildlife**, and fear that more housing would make it feel like a **small town rather than a village**. There is strong concern about the **loss of farmland, open countryside, footpaths, and biodiversity**, with several comments linking further development to irreversible environmental damage and harm to the setting of the **Dedham Vale AONB**.

There is also frustration that **recent developments have not been matched by improvements in services or infrastructure**, and that **developers have not fully delivered on commitments**. Some respondents note that **existing new homes are still unsold**, questioning whether more housing is needed at all. Where support for development does appear, it is generally **conditional**: limited or small-scale growth only, preferably on **brownfield sites**, with a focus on **affordable/social housing**, and only if accompanied by substantial investment in roads, crossings, healthcare, schools, shops, and other local facilities.

Key themes

- Strong opposition to more large-scale housing
- Roads, traffic, bridge/crossing, schools, and doctors already overstretched
- Concern over loss of green spaces, farmland, wildlife, and village character
- Frustration that recent developments have not brought matching infrastructure
- Some limited support for **small-scale, affordable, brownfield-led development** if infrastructure comes first

23. Which types of homes are most needed?

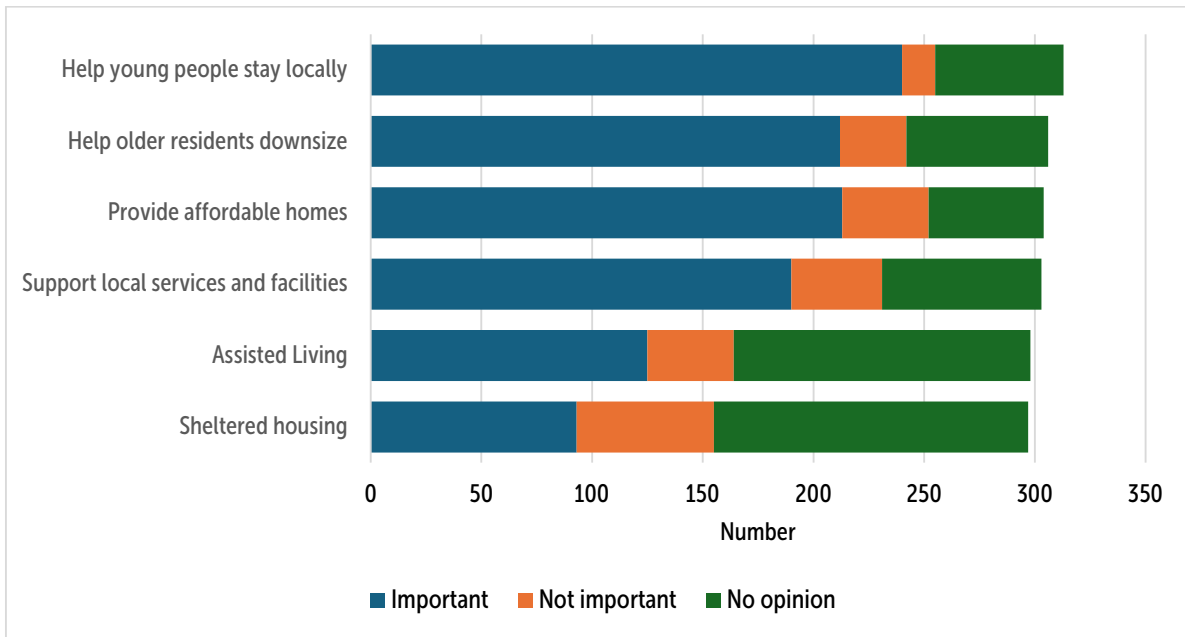
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Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Affordable housing		55.56%	160
2	Social housing for people with local connections		28.47%	82
3	Downsizing/retirement		32.64%	94
4	Family homes		32.64%	94
5	Bungalows		30.21%	87
6	Specialist care housing		8.68%	25
7	Starter/smaller homes		47.22%	136
			answered	288
			skipped	47

24. How important are the following reasons for new housing?

Please tick one box per row

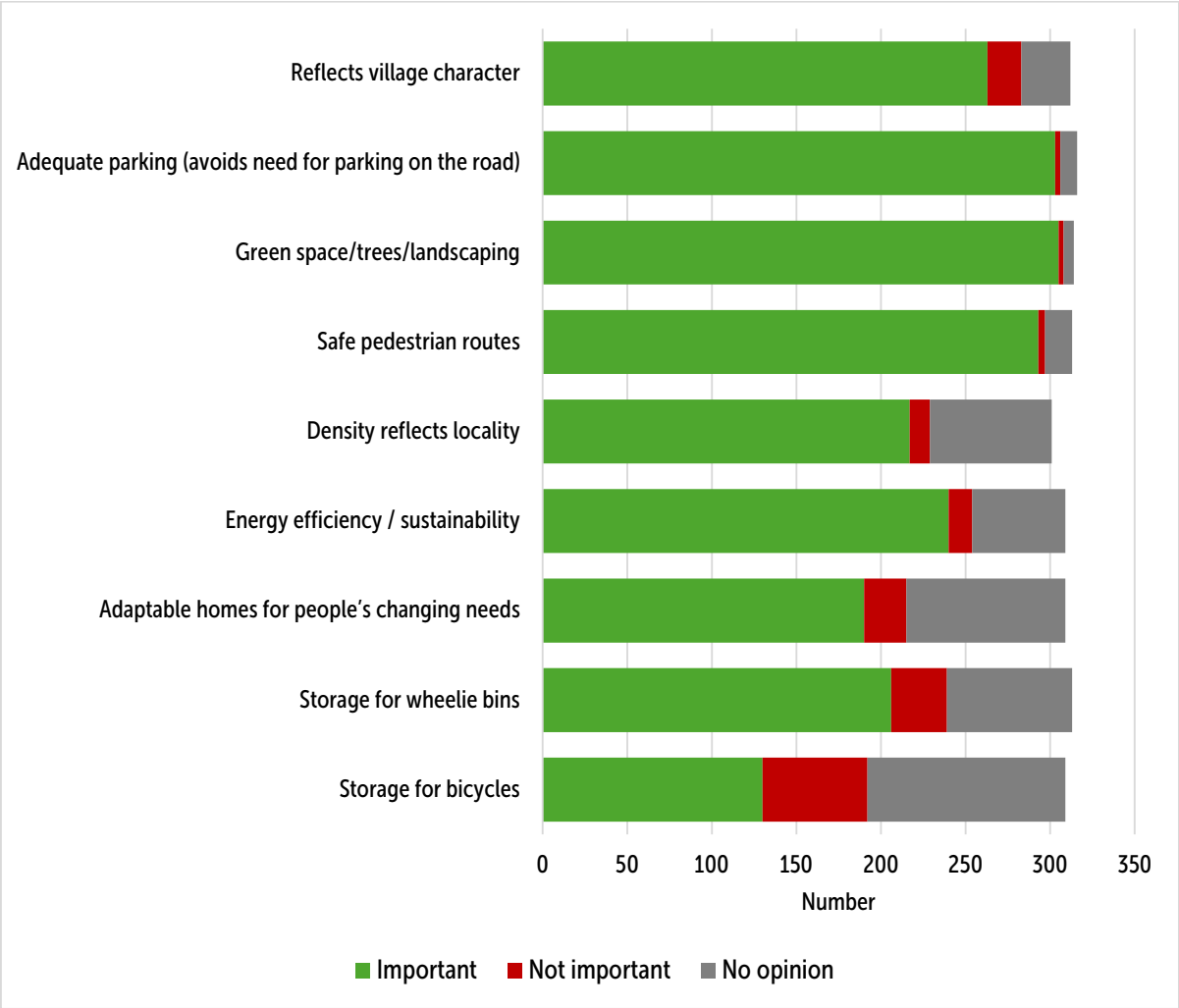
Answer Choices	Important	Not important	No opinion	Response Total
Help young people stay locally	76.68% 240	4.79% 15	18.53% 58	313
Help older residents downsize	69.28% 212	9.80% 30	20.92% 64	306
Provide affordable homes	70.07% 213	12.83% 39	17.11% 52	304
Support local services and facilities	62.71% 190	13.53% 41	23.76% 72	303
Assisted Living	41.95% 125	13.09% 39	44.97% 134	298
Sheltered housing	31.31% 93	20.88% 62	47.81% 142	297
			answered	314
			skipped	21



25. What scale of housing developments would you support?				
Please tick all that apply				
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Infill/single homes		57.33%	176
2	Small sites (up to 10)		56.35%	173
3	Medium sites (11–25)		28.01%	86
4	Larger sites (25+)		5.54%	17
			answered	307
			skipped	28

26. Where would you prefer new housing to take place? Please tick all that apply				
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Previously developed land first		71.79%	224
2	Edge of village if needed		22.12%	69
3	Infill within village		35.58%	111
4	Brownfield		53.21%	166
5	Greenfield		0.00%	0
6	No preference		4.81%	15
			answered	312
			skipped	23

27. How important are these requirements in any new development? Please tick one box per row				
Answer Choices	Important	Not important	No opinion	Response Total
Reflects village character	84.29% 263	6.41% 20	9.29% 29	312
Adequate parking (avoids need for parking on the road)	95.89% 303	0.95% 3	3.16% 10	316
Green space/trees/landscaping	97.13% 305	0.96% 3	1.91% 6	314
Safe pedestrian routes	93.61% 293	1.28% 4	5.11% 16	313
Density reflects locality	72.09% 217	3.99% 12	23.92% 72	301
Energy efficiency / sustainability	77.67% 240	4.53% 14	17.80% 55	309
Adaptable homes for people's changing needs	61.49% 190	8.09% 25	30.42% 94	309
Storage for wheelie bins	65.81% 206	10.54% 33	23.64% 74	313
Storage for bicycles	42.07% 130	20.06% 62	37.86% 117	309
			answered	318
			skipped	17



28. If development happens, what design features should be "non-negotiable"?

Please describe

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question	100.00%	224
1	Easy garden access		
2	Keeping with the general look of the village. No modern homes that are known to be an eyesore.		
3	Adequate parking facilities. Carports rather than garages (which are used for storage rather than vehicles) Solar panels, ground heat pumps, electric charging points		
4	Off street parking.		
5	Green spaces and wildlife		
6	Parking, park space for kids to play		
7	Sufficient parking		
8	Green space and tree planting		
9	Accessible design (e.g. no step up to door if possible)		
10	New developers MUST make restitution on their environmental impact...		
11	Green spaces		
12	Do not want to see anymore development.		
13	Variation with a tilt towards traditional style		
14	Parking facilities & workable road surfaces		
15	Traffic calming measures on surrounding roads, bin storage, spaced out density of new homes, rather than crammed on.		
16	Ensuring that any new builds have a brick that can be used for Swifts like they do in Truro Cornwall. Again, we are very lucky to have these wonderful birds returning every year to Brantham. We should be helping them to have nesting sites and builders should be made to put in just one nesting brick in every new build.		
17	Adequate parking for the whole household		
18	Solar Panels and Heat Pumps. Adequate parking facilities		
19	No large structures (flats/apartments)		
20	Sustainable buildings that are more energy efficient, off road parking		
21	No flats. Open space/ not densely built Cohesive binding of both sides of village Better road infrastructure and safety New Dr's surgery		
22	Reflects village character - we have had some really ugly houses built in the last 10 years.		
23	We don't don't want any more housing!		
24	Off road parking for at least 2 vehicles.		
25	To fit in with current housing		
26	Only 2 storeys high and NOT town houses (some on the Stour View estate and are horrendous view blockers! Unnecessary design for the countryside)		
27	Adequate off road parking		
28	In keeping with local properties. Maximum insulation.		

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	Solar panels Decent sized garden space. Off road parking space in accordance with size of property.
29	Character features as current developments are ugly.
30	To fit in with other houses Houses only I.e no huge flats
31	Adequate consideration needs to be placed on the strain to existing infrastructure such as road network and other infrastructure services. Brantham is served by one arterial road (A137) and this road is becoming increasingly busy , making it unsafe to cross at times. If more houses are to be built (leading to more vehicles on the road) - adequate provision needs to be made for how traffic is to be managed (location of access roads to developments, traffic calming etc).,
32	sustainable energy resourcing (solar/heat pumps)
33	Drive ways, parking, nothing over 3 floors high. Solar panels.
34	Energy efficiency/sustainability, Adequate parking as the roads are already full in the village
35	Population density, sustainable transport, green space, solar panels and no Rose homes fireplaces!
36	Off street parking
37	Off road parking, and green space within development
38	All of above
39	Green space/trees. Improved infrastructure - doctor's surgery, pharmacy, more frequent bus services, dentist, 2nd primary school.
40	No strong opinion
41	No tandem parking! No more cookie cutter estates.
42	Access to plenty of green, open spaces. Wilding areas for nature. Sensitive planning making good use of the space available - NOT squeezing as many homes as possible into developments. Put the well-being of people before profit (national house builders).
43	Unsure
44	Sustainable energy production eg solar panels. Only use infill or previous development site, no new land grabbing.
45	No flats/Apartments over 2/3 stories
46	Adequate parking given most houses now have at least 2 or 3 and visitors.
47	Parking and solar
48	Green spaces
49	Green spaces
50	Green spaces, does not obstruct views from current residents
51	Well built affordable housing
52	No on street parking. No building on greenbelt
53	No cramped in, small sites with adequate parking and car routes.
54	At least two car parking spots side by side (none of this rubbish one behind the other). This allows two car households to stop clogging up the roads
55	They should be built in Holbrook Tattingstone instead.
56	There should be adequate side by side parking for each property (not including garage space which is rarely, if ever, used accommodate cars). EV charging points, solar panels and heat pumps should be the norm. Any large scale development must include healthcare facilities.

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Please describe

57	Having sufficient parking spaces, to avoid excess parking on grass verges. Energy efficient....use of solar panels. Smaller housing that can be starter homes or downsizing homes
58	Pedestrian crossing needed on main road for school
59	All new housing development should accommodate green open space and of road parking.
60	Adequate parking for a family plus visitors Not too close together Solar panels Green spaces
61	In keeping with village not ultra modern
62	Almost certainly not within the scope of this but as development continues the main rd (A137) is blighted by the rail crossing / underpass as it becomes more and more congested, especially at peak times. Infrastructure needs to be addressed
63	Front gardens / drives. Proper sized back gardens. Modern / interesting and diverse architecture, large areas of green space and wooded landscaping
64	It must be safe to walk to local facilities, school, shops, station, Leisure Centre and village hall
65	Smart energy
66	Country features parking and small development.
67	Underground to keep the existing landscape
68	Green spaces Parking Reflecting village character
69	Garden and allotments
70	Parking spaces to avoid blocking the road and support of local facilities and services. Green spaces retained are non-negotiable.
71	Solar and battery storage feed the grid. Should of been in place years ago!
72	Parking (roads already chaotic!) Gardens (enough of these tiny garden prison cells) Access/space for multiple bins! Space for bikes (better for the planet plus super popular round here plus helps station commute)
73	In keeping with local aesthetic
74	No Flats
75	Parking , road infrastructure, local doctors capacity
76	n/a
77	Construct a cycle route and footpath away from the main roads. Is there space near the railway line to build a cycle path to connect local towns and villages? Less materials would be needed as it would not be the same quality as needed for widening existing roads. Off road parking for 2 cars per house,restricting parking to discourage cars is not effective and does not work especially in a rural area. Garages also need to be large enough for modern cars to be able to use.
78	ZERO High rise ONLY a maximum of ground floor and upper floor ZERO Terrace blocks. ZERO overlooking current residential properties
79	Maximum height two storey
80	Parking, green space including trees.

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Please describe

81	Parking Bin storage GP Facility on Brantham
82	Do not develop anywhere
83	Built up building and areas
84	Having green space and not look like a housing market state. Keep it looking like a village.
85	Parking for multiple cars per household plus visitors.
86	Sustainable with adequate parking facilities.
87	Small starter homes only !
88	Houses that reflect the original houses within the village and surrounding area. Properly planned access and egress not just be vehicles but by foot and cycles. High quality less dense developments. This is a village not a town.
89	Fitting in with the local area
90	Green spaces, also spaces for businesses and shops.
91	No windows looking in to existing bordering homes, not in to their garden, lounge or even their bedrooms. Minimal street lighting as light pollution is bad enough from the Taylor Wimpey estate.
92	Increasing size of village or becoming a town should be non-negotiable.
93	parking so new developments are not cluttered with cars along the roadside - new homes need at least 2 parking spaces for each home, preferably 3
94	Homes being markedly distinct from one another and not clones. Significant space per plot dedicated to front gardens/driveways and back gardens. High quality locally sourced bricks.
95	Sustainability, low-carbon. Insulation, Heat pumps, solar panels etc.
96	Green spaces
97	Solar panels
98	Play parks for children Allotments!!
99	N/A
100	Don't let it happen
101	Something that actually blends into the environment and not more large in-your-face houses
102	solar panels should be mandatory
103	Cycle and footpaths, Green spaces and wild areas
104	That the building materials used are invisible - ie no development is a good development.
105	Wheelie bin storage Dog bins Off-road parking Large green spaces incorporated into designs
106	As mentioned before - the area needs to invest in a good park area
107	Green spaces Not crammed in
108	Off-road parking, solar panels.

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Please describe

109	High energy efficiency
110	More than 1 car space per house
111	Driveways big enough to take 2 cars to avoid hanging over and parking on pavements
112	Parking and pathways
113	Off road parking. If there is a garage make sure it's large enough to fit a modern car in it. Houses fit in with the village and doesn't look like a soulless housing estate.
114	Adequate off road parking
115	Tandem parking
116	Solar panels Heat pumps
117	All new homes to have solar panels
118	No pastiche design. New houses should reflect the time in which they are built using modern materials, energy efficient and lasting quality.
119	No Green Field development
120	Side by side drives so cars don't block roads
121	Off-road parking and wide roads
122	Solar electric & water heating EV charging Off road parking Wheelie bin storage
123	Energy efficient with solar panels and reusable water systems. enough garden space
124	Design to blend in with local area
125	All buildings should be built with Energy Efficiency, Solar Panels, and modern heat exchangers/boilers. Buildings should not be mid-rise or high rise. All homes should have reasonable sized garden and parking for a modern family (at least two vehicles).
126	Pavements and front gardens.
127	Single Homes no big estates
128	Enough parking space for household, size of house
129	Maintain villlage feel with small developments only
130	Renewable energy features
131	Solar panels
132	Parking spaces. Solar panels Green spaces
133	Size and number of properties, have solar panels.
134	Off street parking
135	No concrete jungles: development must be accompanied by green spaces and landscaping. Adequate parking for residents and visitors. New housing developments don't have this

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Please describe

136	All new houses should have an EV charger, preferably a Vehicle to Grid charger(V2G) All new houses look like having solar panels and heat pumps as a result of ne building regulations V2G chargers allow electricity stored in car batteries, that are usually charged overnight, to be used in the home or exported back to the grid This helps balance the grid, reduces the need for pylons, reduces our dependence on imported fossil fuels and reduces electricity charges for everyone
137	N/A
138	Solar power & storage is a must!
139	Parking & energy saving
140	Energy efficiency
141	Doctors surgery, nursery, shop, chemist.
142	No building on farm land.
143	Traffic and more schools
144	Green spaces
145	Minimise effect on surrounding properties.
146	Solar panels. Houses not too big, but in keeping with other properties in the village. Houses not blocking views of the river or built on land that encourages wildlife.
147	Outside space, garden shed. Parking. Safe footpaths for pushchairs and wheelchair users.
148	Should include tree planting and gardens
149	Local infrastructure improvements which are sympathetic to the character of the village. Protection of the key green areas.
150	Any development must preserve the rural nature of Brantham. That means low-rise, low-density homes, substantial green buffers, and designs that fit the existing village. Road improvements and safe access must be guaranteed before any construction begins.
151	If development does happen, it must include non-negotiable features such as low-density layouts, designs that fit the rural character of Brantham, and substantial green buffers. Infrastructure improvements — especially safe road access, parking, and drainage — should be delivered from the outset, not added later.
152	EV chargers Solar panels Adequate parking
153	Must be within keeping of the area and not supersized homes
154	Adequate parking and green spaces
155	Sustainable heating/fuel choices
156	Off road parking.
157	Green spaces and planting trees/bio diversity that is up kept and not left to die.
158	Solar panels. Green spaces, tree and shrub planting.
159	Adequate parking.
160	Any new housing should be designed so that it doesn't all look the same - in size, shape or materials - the aim should be that it looks like it grew organically rather than something just plonked there - new housing built today looks the same all over the UK, you could be anywhere - they should be built to reflect local materials historically used in the area - they could be modern in design if the materials used fitted the landscape character
161	Don't want any more houses, we have several big new builds site already here, some still building

28. If development happens, what design features should be “non-negotiable”?

Please describe

162	Green spaces
163	Should reflect the village already here. Not stick out like a sore thumb as the ones in East Bergholt do.
164	Energy efficiency Off road parking and storage for the influx of wheelie bins being thrust upon us.
165	Solar panels should be included in every house
166	* Ensure adequate, convenient parking provision in new developments. Many properties rely on side or remote parking that is impractical, leading residents to park on the road instead. A minimum of two usable spaces per dwelling—ideally located at the front—would better reflect modern household needs and reduce on-street congestion.
167	In my opinion most new build estates prioritise high volume output over architectural and design integrity, resulting in developments that lack quality and do not reflect the area they are built in. New developments should not ignore the unique and historical character of the surrounding areas. Future developments must not be characterless, snag-prone designs and instead adhere to a strict local design code that maintains a genuine aesthetic connection to our existing neighbourhood.
168	Being in keeping with rural, Suffolk style that encourages wildlife and green spaces as part of the designs.
169	Protection for animals - hedgehog highways, swift boxes in the walls, ect. Cycle paths.
170	Retain existing green spaces
171	None of section 24 is worth selling Brantham's soul for. Ref. 26 NOT in the middle of spots that are important to wildlife and what makes Brantham Brantham. Plot HE23967 is the worst and most detrimental plot to be developed. If we had to choose the 66 or HE 24014 would have less negative impact even HE 23458 would be more suited. More traffic around the school when the schools doubling numbers as is would be awful for locals. Ref. 28 Should ensure they are not an eyesore.
172	Bigger driveways as people (families) have more cars nowadays. Also green areas within the development.
173	Make space for each house to have at least parking cars 3 minimum per family. No vans or lorries.
174	Don't know
175	Solar panels, off road parking
176	Solar Panels and heat pumps
177	No development
178	Enough parking and green spaces
179	Local infrastructure (drainage, utilities), protection of River Stour landscape, Pattles Fen, Decoy Pond and surrounding farmland, avoidance of coalescence and designs that respect Brantham's rural character and capacity restraints
180	Increased housing density
181	car parking. energy efficiency. electric car points
182	Not overly modern to fit the village feel
183	Town houses
184	Parking, sustainable, easy access
185	Blocks of flats
186	Proper pedestrian access Gardens
187	Space needs to be left between old and new developments and they need to fit in with current housing design.

28. If development happens, what design features should be “non-negotiable”?

Please describe

188	Space and planning gain to support medical and educational facilities.
189	Solar panels Bird nests boxes - i.e. swallows and swifts Small ponds for frogs, newts etc Green areas throughout developments
190	Landscaping Tree preservation
191	Green spaces and trees. Adequate off road parking Roads large enough for two cars too pass Properties with family size outdoor space.
192	Adequate infrastructure, in particular, plumbing and drainage. Limited earth moving to avoid even worse flooding issues with grass areas of permeable driveways.
193	Energy efficiency
194	Water butts for each property Properties should be on bus route. Where there is space it would be nice to have service road (for grocery deliveries, Amazon, postman, dustman etc)
195	Off street parking, hedgerows and nature enhancing green space.
196	Good access roads for emergency services. Communal green spaces
197	Solar panels and parking
198	No high rise buildings
199	The design should be the same as what's around so keep them all similar colour instead of a mix.
200	I hope it doesn't happen. Brantham is a natural beauty and should remain this way.
201	Driveway parking - not on the roads
202	Adequate parking Limited disruption to local residents during developments and after
203	Energy efficiency, parking, green space
204	No extensions on new build
205	Off road parking
206	Off road parking Gardens Green space
207	Not to crowded, space small gardens
208	Car parking, solar panels
209	I don't believed additional building here is required - public services should be a great priority,
210	High quality in keeping with village look Suitable access via road, construction traffic not affect current access,
211	Energy and water sustainability Parking and traffic considerations
212	No blocks of flats
213	Safe access in and out of development
214	Infrastructure to roads and the risk of more traffic/speeding

Please describe

A second major priority is **design quality and village fit**. Respondents want any new homes to be **low-rise, low-density, and in keeping with local materials and traditional village style**, rather than large blocks of flats, town houses, or generic “cookie-cutter” estates. Many stress that new developments should look like a natural extension of the village, avoid overlooking existing homes, protect views, and preserve Brantham’s identity as a village rather than a town. There is also clear support for **sustainability and energy efficiency**, especially **solar panels, heat pumps, EV charging, good insulation, water-saving measures, and biodiversity features** such as swift bricks, hedgehog routes, tree preservation, and green corridors. At the same time, many respondents say any development must be accompanied by **supporting infrastructure**—including safer roads, drainage, doctors, schools, bus access, and pedestrian/cycle links—before or alongside construction.

A significant number of responses also express outright opposition to any further building.

Main themes

- **Adequate off-road parking** is the most repeated practical priority
- **Green space, trees, gardens, and wildlife protection** are essential
- Homes should be **low-rise, low-density, and in keeping with village character**
- Strong support for **solar panels, heat pumps, EV chargers, and energy efficiency**
- Opposition to **flats, high-rise blocks, cramped estates, and generic designs**
- Development should only happen with **roads, drainage, doctors, schools, and transport** improved first
- Many residents would prefer **no further development at all**

29. Are there any locations in the parish where development may be acceptable?

Please describe

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question	100.00%	199
1	Brownfield sites that cannot be used for green space.		
2	Land either side of A137 between Jimmys Lane and The Bull		
3	No, this parish has had it fair share and green spaces and wildlife should be the main priority, not concrete buildings everywhere		
4	The feild opposite the st Michael's church.		
5	No not really! We are already over-developed		
6	MUST use brown sites and re use reclaimed existing sites.		
7	Factory Lane brownfield		
8	NO		
9	The field north of St Michael's (and the field directly north of that) Cattawade industrial area Field to the East of Brooklands Land to the west of Taylor Wimpey estate		
10	Derelict sites on factory lane		
11	Factory lane area and near Taylor Wimpey site. Next best, adjacent to a137 running from the bottom of the hill to Poppy Fields.		
12	Unsure of any areas where development would be acceptable.		
13	Church Field. West of A137 towards East End/East Bergholt		
14	Old factory land		
15	Factory Lane Jimmy's Lane		
16	Brownfield sites		

29. Are there any locations in the parish where development may be acceptable?

Please describe

17	Not to my mind.
18	None
19	NO!!!
20	Brownfield sites - The old factory site, if safe to do so, before any other areas.
21	No we've had too much already Brantham should remain separate from East End east Bergholt and views should be protected. Developers have ruined area already!
22	Derelict land for example on factory lane
23	Providing adequate provision for road traffic and services, and shielding from existing properties - potentially field going down Brantham Hill towards Cattawade.
24	Avoid green field sites although field opposite church could be developed as access ok main road but most development should be down by the old factory after being decontaminated.
25	No
26	No, given the recent developments at Stour View, Brantham Heights the village has taken a lot. Other developments in East Bergholt, Mistley and Lawford have added thousands of people and homes and probably now at saturation point.
27	No more development of new homes period
28	Old factory sites near the estuary
29	Factory lane. Abandoned factories
30	cattawade area
31	No strong opinion
32	Slough Road
33	The land off factory Lane. Any other unused brownfield sites that do not negatively impact the village residents.
34	Unsure
35	No
36	Anywhere that brings in money to fund growth.
37	Can't think of anything obvious.
38	Around the church, other side of brantham Hill by roundabout to eastbergholt / brantham lower / cattawade
39	Factory lane where there is plenty of waste land that could be smartened up
40	Factory lane
41	Old factory site, run down areas.
42	No
43	Factory Lane.
44	Unsure.
45	No.
46	There is some scope for development on both sides of Slough Road heading towards East Bergholt, either small estates or 'Ribbon' like, low density.
47	On brownfield sites such as nearer the estuary where industry has been removed.

29. Are there any locations in the parish where development may be acceptable?

Please describe

48	Factory lane
49	As I'm a new resident to Brantham I'm unsure if the old Plastics factory area could be used for housing due to contamination or flood risk. Perhaps an 'outside the box' or unorthodox approach to building accommodation on the land would work if it can't be used for commercial purposes.
50	Possibly field near church where access onto main road would be possible. To include car parking for church users. Include new scout hut or village hall.
51	Factory lane. Land next to Taylor Wimpey if access if only via factory lane and the road there was changed
52	Brownfield off Factory lane - not as a mass estate similar the the greenfield site of the current Taylor Wimpey eyesore
53	No - if development must happen then land south of Factory lane / brownfield site
54	Factory Lane, land between Church Lane and A137, Brooklands Rd between Stour View and Temple Pattle.
55	Factory lane
56	Factory lane
57	Edge of the town. Not around decoy pond
58	Brownfield industrial site
59	None
60	The abandoned brownfield sites down by factory lane
61	No
62	Old factory site at a push. But maybe look in to opening it up to a business to help people already living here
63	Possibly the brownfield sites on factory lane but NOT too close to Decoy Pond which is the heart of Brantham and an incredibly important spot for biodiversity - fish, frogs, wildflowers, bats, woodpeckers, kingfishers etc all there!!!
64	Nil
65	Factory lane
66	No
67	Brown field sites
68	Factory lane possibly.
69	NO - The Parish is currently beyond it's peak for the facilities it doesn't have. There needs to be infrastructure investment in the Village for existing residents before thinking of adding more to the issue
70	Views over Stour valley & river should be protected.
71	None
72	I dont know but not the green or brown spaces near decoy
73	Factory Lane is probably the only place viable for any kind of development
74	No
75	No, not Brantham
76	No
77	The factory site where industrial buildings were once situated
78	Unused land previously agreed for housing like the location of the former Brantham Manor

29. Are there any locations in the parish where development may be acceptable?

Please describe

79	The field area opposite Constable park, field areas near the Brantham bull.
80	A field that borders the A137 where no existing properties will be affected.
81	Ipswich.
82	not in my opinion except where the old factories were
83	No
84	Brownfield site adjacent to previous factory. Brooklands Road.
85	On the old factory site
86	N/A
87	The old factory sites
88	Only on already developed land
89	no comment
90	Northern end off Brantham
91	None.
92	Old factory sites. These are currently eyesores. We should not be entertaining the idea of losing any more green sites whilst we have such areas that could be developed. If developers want to make money in Brantham, it should benefit the local area, not damage and detract from its beauty.
93	There is a large field near the st Michael's church that is unused and lacks nature and isn't particularly a nice view so this seems like a good place to start
94	Factory lane
95	No
96	Infill only, single homes.
97	Old factory sites should be first consideration.
98	Field near church
99	No
100	Former chemical factory on Factory Lane.
101	No
102	around factory lane.
103	Brownfield sites along factory lane.
104	No. Too big already
105	Edge of village not blocking existing viewed of countryside
106	Factory Lane
107	Not in my opinion
108	Brownfield sites along factory lany
109	The old factory site Field between church and A137
110	On the old abandoned factories.
111	Factory lane Brownfield site!!!
112	Can't think of anywhere, most gaps have been filled already.

29. Are there any locations in the parish where development may be acceptable?

Please describe

113	Factory lane and near st. Michaels
114	Factory Lane, land between Temple Pattle and Stour View, land between St Michael's church and the A137
115	Factory Lane; the area is deserted, and the prospective units have been sitting on the market for a long time with no real interest. Realistically, this is prime development land. If there's no commercial demand, it makes sense to consider residential as part of the village's long-term strategy. A phased approach could help meet housing targets and the housing needs of the village without jeopardising on important green spaces, while also improving the overall area. There's also potential for the site to support wider community needs, such as schooling or healthcare.
116	Old factory sites. But. Some space for some businesses would be needed to help support
117	No
118	There is so much already it is hard to identify.
119	No
120	Brownfield sites along Factory lane.
121	At the edge of the village up the top of Brantham hill where access is from The main roads
122	Brownfield
123	In fill sites of small scale with in the village its self or further north.
124	No
125	Old factory site - Factory road.
126	Field next to old church hall. Ideal for bungalows or single storey starter homes.
127	I think all developments will get a certain amount of backlash, but sadly housing is needed. Maybe on areas where a view won't be damaged, such as behind poppy fields.
128	Not sure
129	Limited to brownfield sites only or previously developed land within existing settlement boundary.
130	Old industrial estate
131	Brownfield.
132	Factory lane brownfield site only
133	The field near the church which borders A137 and school lane.
134	Not sure. Maybe on Factory Lane. There may be a reason why there isn't housing there already, I'm not sure.
135	Industrial/commercial development on the brownfield site at Factory Lane
136	No
137	Previously developed areas
138	Not in my opinion!
139	Due to the large amount of development we have recently had, I cannot think of any area left available.
140	On the old industrial site near the train line as that is a bit of an eyesore
141	Old industrial site towards the river
142	It depends on where development is proposed. Residents do not have the full picture, no do they understand what the potential impact might be of any development. It is important therefore that the planning is followed and appropriate consultation is undertaken with the community.

29. Are there any locations in the parish where development may be acceptable?

Please describe

143	A small site could potentially be acceptable on brownfield land
144	Perhaps development of the brownfield site on Factory Lane?
145	Edge of village
146	Plot 66 and HE24014 have far better roads and access. HE23458 not ideal but better than below
147	No - new houses have gone up everywhere in the village from Factory Lane to up near the church, Poppy Fields and Slough Road.
148	None.
149	I don't know enough about unused land to comment
150	The brownfield site on Factory Lane
151	Area between Church Lane and Main Road
152	Land opposite St Michael's Church
153	Brownfield site by river
154	No
155	Don't think there are any locations left
156	Any acceptable development should be limited to brownfield or previously developed land within existing settlement boundary and must avoid intrusion into surrounding countryside, farm land and green spaces.
157	Nr Brantham Church, Cattawade and old Storey sites
158	Brownfield and redundant land in the BYAB
159	No
160	Edge of village, not near any historic or key views
161	Field opposite church Brownfield areas
162	Factory Lane
163	Church land, the field opposite the church and pre school buildings
164	Field by church at the A137 if it includes a car park.
165	No
166	Factory area
167	Brownfield sites
168	Brownfield site leading to river, railway side or factory lane.
169	Spaces where there is adequate areas for building homes with roads where two vehicles can pass between site and main roads to towns.
170	Along Factory Lane
171	Only on East End Road (with road improvements widening)
172	Just put the Bull on the road to Shotley/industrial estate near river.
173	Plastics factory site
174	Lower factory road area next to the new development
175	Unsure
176	As long as the access is good a small amount of development can take place.

29. Are there any locations in the parish where development may be acceptable?

Please describe

177	Not here		
178	The unused, eyesore industrial estate.		
179	No		
180	not sure		
181	No - don't build please		
182	Opposite Brantham Church		
183	Not sure, maybe slough road, as a continuation of new builds on the field area		
184	East end - linear development		
185	In area people do not walk Open green areas Should be in areas that are run down Have been previously used		
186	Field opposite The Ark Pub		
187	No		
188	All along factory lane (aka the industrial area)		
189	Any unused pockets or corner plots where housing is tired / inadequate - perfect to knock down and develop.		
190	Possibly opposite st Michaels church, there is a large piece of waste land serving not purpose. Not being used for farming or anything		
191	Factory land, brownfield		
192	The field on slough road opposite the new.		
193	No		
194	Brownfields		
195	The field opposite the church yard (st Michaels) and opposite the nursery school. HE24060		
196	Brownfield at factory lane		
197	Area already set aside for this		
198	Downey Street, London		
199	Battery lane as it is Brownfield although previous site contamination may be an issue		
		answered	199
		skipped	136

AI generated summary of suggestions

The clear most popular answer is:

Factory Lane / old factory / brownfield or industrial sites

This is by far the most frequently mentioned acceptable location for development.

People repeatedly refer to:

- **Factory Lane**
- **old factory site**
- **brownfield land**

- industrial/derelict land
- former chemical/plastics factory
- run-down or redundant industrial areas

Why people support this option

The recurring view is that if any development must happen, it should be on **previously developed or derelict land**, rather than on green fields. Many respondents describe Factory Lane as:

- an **eyesore**
- **unused or abandoned**
- better suited to redevelopment than open countryside
- a place that should be reused **before any greenfield land is considered**

Second most common response: land near St Michael's Church / field opposite the church

The next most repeated suggestion is:

- the field opposite St Michael's Church
- land between Church Lane and the A137
- field near the church / nursery / old church hall

This appears several times, though much less often than Factory Lane.

Common reasons given

- Good access to the **main road**
- Could potentially include **parking for church users**
- Seen by some as a more practical site than other green spaces

Other recurring but less common suggestions

A smaller number of responses mention:

- Slough Road
- Cattawade area
- land near Taylor Wimpey / Temple Pattle / Brooklands Road
- edge-of-village or infill-only development
- land along the A137 / Brantham Hill

These are mentioned occasionally, but not nearly as often as **Factory Lane / brownfield land**.

Overall conclusion

Excluding negative responses, the strongest preference is clearly for:

1. **Factory Lane / old factory / brownfield sites**
2. **Field opposite St Michael's Church / land near the church**
3. **A few scattered mentions of Slough Road, Cattawade, and edge-of-village/infill sites**

Key theme

Even among people willing to name possible development locations, the dominant message is: **use brownfield and previously developed land first, especially Factory Lane, and avoid further loss of green spaces.**

30. Are there any locations in the parish where development should not happen?

Please describe

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question	100.00%	237
1	Any green spaces or land that hasn't been previously developed		
2	Decoy pond and surrounding fields and east of Cedar Close		
3	Land between St Michael's Church and the Stour		
4	The areas surrounding Decoy Pond and Pattles Fen		
5	Green Fields		
6	No		
7	N/a		
8	Manningtree end from east end - the infrastructure is not suitable & cannot be improved - railway crossing		
9	Yes. Everywhere!		
10	No more farmland to be used, we need to support farming to feed our population and must not be dependent on imports. In my working life I was involved in road haulage, 85% of our work was food imports, in shipping containers from Belgium and Holland, and even Germany to the major supermarket chains in the UK, all shipped through the ports of Harwich, Purfleet and Tilbury and all modes of transport ship, truck, rail were/are consuming vast quantities of fuel and all contributing to Co2 emissions, highly unsatisfactory.		
11	Anywhere!		
12	Everywhere		
13	Any that bridge the gap between East End and Brantham - I don't want a mega village to be created. Anywhere with established trees like Pattles Fen		
14	Rural green spaces occupied by wildlife		
15	Good agricultural land and those with footpaths/walking routes. Slough Road is already too busy for the size of road. Traffic speed is an issue		
16	If we carry on developing Brantham will no longer be a village!! Personally that would be a disaster in my mind.		
17	Existing Green Spaces/Sports Fields		
18	Decoy pond area and surrounding fields near sycamore Road		
19	Slough rd/gravel Pit Lane. Traffic already chaos from latest building and rat run from East bergholt		
20	Along the border of the Dedham Vale AONB, Greenfield sites and agricultural land		
21	Everywhere I do not think there is a need for further development in Brantham		
22	The village has become saturated by big estates and the road network is totally unsuitable to further traffic. No building on current greenfields.		
23	On farming land		
24	All greenfield areas, although I realise these are obvious easy targets for money-grabbing developers from 'outside' with no interest in the village whatsoever.		
25	All of them		

30. Are there any locations in the parish where development should not happen?

Please describe

26	Anywhere near the the river Or any open fields on a walking route
27	Land between Gravel Pit Lane and Slough Road, as it has blur the boundaries between Brantham and East End , similarly land adjacent to new Brantham Heights development as it will merge Brantham with East End (with both communities losing part of their separate identity). No development should occur on green field sites until options for re-using existing developments or brown field sites have been thoroughly evaluated.
28	Around back of the church down to decoy or anymore round green sites around Slough road
29	The spaces around the church, fields adjacent to the railway and river.
30	As above.
31	Green belt land
32	Area of outstanding natural beauty, area around decoy pond and up to st Michael's church
33	In the green fields
34	from existing farmlands
35	No strong opinion
36	The church glebe field, the green space toward the estuary
37	AONB, Playing fields (BLC), on arable growing spaces (farm land) - NO greefield house building!
38	Unsure
39	Any green space
40	Any farmers fields currently being used for crops or livestock.
41	Protected conservation zones.
42	Next to the new estate behind Brooklands road. Behind miriam close.
43	Fields behind Merriam close grove road and the church
44	The fields at the bottom of the pippins date, back of grove Road and Merriam close
45	Any of the surrounding fields around decoy or in Brantham Hill. The views and walks around here are the main attraction of the area for old and new residents.
46	Where we have beautiful green spaces with river views. This is important for health and wellbeing.
47	Surrounding fields in the village
48	Any near slough road and any near decoy pond. New bios sites struggling to sell the ones for sale as it is!
49	Fields from st Michael's church to decoy pond and north of cattawade
50	The whole parish.
51	On the large field between the A137 and the Church. The fields behind the Church and Birch Drive with views to the River Stour.
52	Where greenfield sites are taken up on the edges of the village
53	Not sure
54	The Decoy pond needs to be looked after.
55	No more building in existing areas such as Pippins , Brooklands Rise as already heaving.
56	Green space fields, near the church
57	Any Greenfield site or agricultural land, Land north of Factory lane that has returned to nature

30. Are there any locations in the parish where development should not happen?

Please describe

58	Fields between St Micheal's and Brooklands Rd
59	Greenfield, farmland and near AONB
60	Around decoy pond should not be touched.
61	Behind the pippins estate
62	The field around concrete hill, and the fields behind poppy fields
63	All of them.
64	Farmland. Decoy pond. Flood plain
65	NOT anywhere near Decoy Pond or the fields between there and the church/railway line/back of the school NOT anywhere near Sandy Lane footpath opposite the row of New Village along the main road NOT south of Brooklands Road near the new estate, it's quite big enough and busy enough there already and that's a wildlife corridor and much loved "wilderness" the kids play in
66	Wouldn't encourage any more new builds at this stage - village has grown substantially in a short period of time already
67	Around Decoy Pond area
68	ALL greenfield land
69	everywhere -too much has happened already
70	Green spaces. The local council already looks ridiculous from previous projects that used green field sites to pay for regenerating the brownfield site that was then i believe split to different companies once planning was granted.
71	Any greenfield site
72	1. Church Farm between A137 Ipswich Road and Church Lane. 2. All the Green spaces between Rectory Lane, the Railway Line Decoy Pond and the Brooklands development area. 3. Between Slough Road, A137 Ipswich Road, Brantham Hill, Sandy Lane 4. Between Jimmy's Lane, Ipswich Road and Gravel Pit Lane.
73	Views over Stour valley & river should be protected
74	Surrounding green areas, fields
75	The blocks of land to the back of Merriam Close. It is in direct line of the church and very near the sewerage works
76	Back of Merriam Close
77	Decoy and beyond
78	None
79	Behind Ashground Close Grove Road and the pippins
80	Any green space
81	Green spaces
82	Back of Poppy Field and Decoy Pond
83	Any green space
84	In the AONB and where road infrastructure does not support the traffic no matter what reports are produced to say how many cars would attend.
85	All arable fields should be left as fields

30. Are there any locations in the parish where development should not happen?

Please describe

86	On fields
87	Near the decoy pond, on fields along slough road
88	Green spaces. The school field should also be protected!
89	Any of the current green spaces.
90	Any areas included in AONBs or edging onto them
91	Behind Brooklands rise, not the decoy pond area
92	Definitely not the land behind Brooklands Road/Temple Pattle. It's an animal haven, despite what the reports state! I can name over 15 species of birds alone (incl red kites, kestrels, owls), plus stag beetles, slow worms, hedgehogs, foxes plus other species. I have watched over the field for 22 years, I know the negative impact it'll have if that field is lost. With the loss of the gorgeous greenspace & fields to Taylor Wimpey, we can not be expected to loose the one space of green that we have left.
93	Brantham
94	In our green field areas and wildlife habitat areas
95	Green fields
96	Triangular field in front of church, bounded by A137, church lane and school lane to preserve the views through of the church for the village. Various fields behind Birch drive, Brooklands Road, Brantham Church and next to decoy pond. Fields alongside Brantham Hill. Slough Road.
97	See previous answer about maintaining green, natural spaces and river.
98	Along the a137, as could be dangerous
99	Avoid tiny patches sandwiched between homes
100	N/A
101	Anywhere that's a field or green space
102	Anywhere near woodland as soon the wildlife will have nowhere to go. In the 57 years I have been in the village the decline has been awful
103	no comment
104	Central Brantham
105	Everywhere
106	Please see answer to question 14 The field featured on the front of the hard-copy of this survey The woodland by Decoy Pond (separating the pond and Merriam Close), and Decoy Pond The Meadow
107	The farmed fields next to east end and surrounding as there are always walkers/runners using these as scenic walks and is a great addition to the village. Plus some would join east bergholt to Brantham if there were building there
108	The fields behind Merriam Close and grove Road

30. Are there any locations in the parish where development should not happen?

Please describe

109	There should be no more development anywhere in the village.
110	Around decoy pond
111	Any green space
112	Behind brooklands road
113	In front of the church/alongside A137
114	Fields that are currently used for farming
115	Agricultural land should not be considered until brown field sites exhausted.
116	Fields off Birch Drive and slough road
117	Green spaces Already developed areas
118	Anywhere near decoy or primary school
119	Fields from church down to railway line
120	Fields to east of Brantham Hill
121	Field between Brooklands Road and Birch Drive. Would become a rat run from lower end of village to CoOp and other shops. Currently resident's cars parked on road, if the above two roads were joined up it would be accident waiting to happen.
122	All green spaces that are left
123	Agricultural land.
124	Fields bordered by path between Church & School, railway, track from Rectory to railway & pond / existing Brooklands housing. Fields bordered by Slough Rd / Park Rd, Brantham Hill / new development off Slough Rd, Bergholt Rd, 'Bergholt woods'
125	near the church
126	Slough and Park roads and immediate local area as roads could not cope with the increase in traffic
127	The existing farm land to east of the Village - ie backing on Merriam Close, Grove Road and Cedar close. Existing farm land west of the village - between Brantham and East Bergholt.
128	No more building anywhere
129	Not close to existing homes
130	Nature Trail near pond and fields up to church
131	Anywhere as far as I am concerned
132	Not on agricultural land
133	All the existing arable fields
134	Any green spaces
135	Between Decoy and the Church. From Slough Rd straight down to A137
136	Parallel to Brantham Hill on the side where there are fields behind peoples garden.
137	Anywhere north or north/west of Ipswich road
138	The fields looking out to the estuary along the path to St Michael's Church.
139	Fields and green spaces

30. Are there any locations in the parish where development should not happen?

Please describe

140	Land between St Michael's and Brooklands Rd
141	Green space
142	Farmland and woodlands. Water ways.
143	Decoy & surrounding fields
144	Green field behind brooklands road
145	Local to the Church as there are no facilities health schools etc.
146	Anywhere west of Ipswich road & slough road, land north of st. Michael's
147	All surrounding farm land.
148	Fields behind the church and off of Brooklands Road
149	Any green fields
150	Bottom of Brantham hill field
151	Yes, anywhere, we have had enough building development
152	No building / solar farms, etc., on farmland.
153	Any farmers field being currently being used to grow crops. Areas with outstanding natural beauty status.
154	On the fields around the decoy pond.
155	The fields surrounding Decoy pond as these are a fantastic open space supporting wild flowers, birdlife and bats
156	No greenfield sites, countryside area, near the river or areas overlooking it. Behind Poppy Field or at the bottom of the Pippins estate.
157	The walking routes and green spaces around Decoy Pond, along with the fields between Brooklands Road, Merriam Close, and the church, should not be developed. These are well-used community spaces that provide vital access to nature and help maintain the village's rural feel. Building on them would permanently damage their value to the community.
158	The green spaces around Decoy Pond and the fields between Brooklands Road, Merriam Close, and the church should not be developed, as they are key walking routes and central to the village's rural feel.
159	HE23967 - fields between village and Stour
160	The field opposite the church .
161	Land between Brantham and East End Meadow between Church Lane/Railway line
162	Green belt.
163	Green spaces.
164	Any Greenfield area.
165	Areas included in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or SSSI.
166	Remaining pockets of green space within village that as a whole contribute to the village's landscape character eg the green space at the corner of Cattawade Street and New Village The playing fields that are part of the leisure centre should remain open space - they are important to the community
167	Yes all farmland and areas where there is existing wildlife
168	Green spaces
169	Any green spaces or farm land.
170	Constable country protected green spaces. River and sea areas.

30. Are there any locations in the parish where development should not happen?

Please describe

171	The bumpy field behind Sycamore Way/Brooklands road
172	Not on the fields
173	Greenfield and brownfield, and generally agriculture that has a significant negative impact on local wildlife. Any new development should also consider whether it will detract from the character of Brantham.
174	There should be no housing on greenfield land
175	Anywhere located around Pattles Fen, Decoy Pond or the countryside area/ fields around St Michael's Church.
176	By the decoy pond and surrounding farmers fields - only way to get out into nature from the houses near here as the other directions is the village and the estuary. Need to be able to get into nature easily
177	Infill, puts too much stress on existing roads and builds up the village creating less green space
178	HE23967/farmers field would be a devastation to the local area. It would severely impact wildlife, create excessive light pollution for houses above, destroy the natural beauty of that area, increase traffic in areas that already struggle to a dangerous degree (by school) and as its so central it would cause excessive negative impact. Many walkers, joggers etc use that area. We always see wildlife there (deer, dormice, bats, rabbits, birds etc). It's an area we walk through and feel blessed to live in brantham. This isn't the case for the other "call for sites"! The views are outstanding. Building there would also increase foot traffic around Decoy Pond which would adversely affect the nature and wildlife. It would increase pollution in an area people go to for open space and fresh air. That area is the soul of Brantham for many, it's why we want to live here.
179	Don't think there is anywhere else suitable for development in the village.
180	Stop building now or move out somewhere else.
181	As above
182	Green fields behind/beside Church
183	The fields off Church Path which affords a view to the Estuary
184	Village open spaces and farmland
185	Rural/current countryside/farmland
186	Yes, all areas the village has enough housing
187	Not on surrounding Greenfield, countryside areas including river stour areas and those overlooking it. Farmland such as that behind poppy field to protect landscape, biodiversity and prevent coalescence.
188	Nr Railway crossing, Palfrey Heights area/Brooklands Road
189	Any part of the AONBs (National Landscapes) or areas adjoining.
190	Everywhere - there's already been enough development
191	The field opposite the church due to the view from the church, size of the road and safety of children at pre-school
192	Field adjoining the Church Path and Rectory Lane The "Kestrel" field
193	on the fields behind the houses and bungalows on Brantham Hill The Fields along the Path to St Michael's Church
194	Arable fields Green fields
195	ON the site of stone age settlements.
196	Green field areas

30. Are there any locations in the parish where development should not happen?

Please describe

197	All present farmland Also the field to the fore of St Michaels Church
198	Yes everywhere
199	Woodland and Greenfield sites
200	Any green field land currently being used for growing anything or nature spaces or walking/leisure spaces.
201	Green spaces between largely populated housing areas - remaining the limited green spaces where drainage is required.
202	Anywhere other than Factory Lane
203	Behind church (between The Pippins and Church and Sewer Bed)
204	Decoy pond
205	Where there are existing trees, hedgerows, ponds, green space and walking routes.
206	On good farming land
207	I think they have taken enough land as it is.
208	Poppy fields towards fields, around the church area, behind east end towards the railway.
209	Greenbelt land
210	Definitely not the one proposed off Brooklands road, south side after temple battle, the entrance/exit is right on a bend.
211	No more in Brantham
212	Any current field, wildlife struggling as it is.
213	Yes - no more houses
214	green belt land
215	All locations
216	Please see above
217	Along A137 near church lane or gravel pit lane area.
218	Near the river, near the church, please leave countryside for us to enjoy.
219	On play areas, open spaces
220	Green areas and around the decoy pond
221	Decoy pond, Factory Lane, Field between Brooklands and st Michaels, cattawde, East end. Greenfield
222	Green spaces. A137 is too busy already, any new houses would make it worse.
223	Throughout the whole village
224	Decoy pond, slough road, the back of the houses behind Brantham hill
225	free spaces and outskirts
226	Any existing farm land or areas of outstanding beauty
227	Remaining fields and green spaces. Bring back community allotments.
228	They build anyway so it doesn't matter.
229	All Greenfield sites

Please describe

	answered	237
	skipped	98

AI generated summary of suggestions

The strongest and most repeated responses are clear:

1) Any greenfield land, farmland, and open countryside

By far the most common answer is a broad objection to building on:

- green spaces / greenfield land
- farmland / arable land
- open countryside
- wildlife habitats
- AONB / protected landscapes

Many respondents effectively say **"any undeveloped land"** should not be built on. The recurring reasons are:

- protecting **wildlife and biodiversity**
- preserving **walking routes, footpaths, and river views**
- keeping Brantham as a **village rather than a town**
- avoiding the loss of **agricultural land** and valued countryside

2) Decoy Pond and the surrounding fields

This is the most frequently named **specific location** that people want protected. It appears repeatedly in forms such as:

- Decoy Pond
- fields around Decoy Pond
- land between Decoy Pond, the church, Brooklands Road, and the railway
- Pattles Fen / woodland near Decoy Pond

Why this area is so often mentioned

Residents describe it as:

- a **key wildlife area**
- an important place for **walking, running, dog walking, and family use**
- central to Brantham's **rural feel and village identity**
- one of the most important areas for **views, nature, and wellbeing**

3) Land around St Michael's Church / Church fields

The next most common named area is:

- field opposite St Michael's Church
- land between the church and the A137
- fields behind the church / Church Path / Rectory Lane
- land between the church and the Stour

Common reasons

This area is often mentioned because of:

- the **views of and from the church**
- the importance of the **open setting**
- concerns about **traffic, school safety, and village character**
- its value as part of the **walk to the river and estuary**

Other recurring areas

Smaller but still repeated groups of responses mention:

- Slough Road / Gravel Pit Lane / Brantham Hill
- Brooklands Road / Merriam Close / Birch Drive / Pippins
- land between Brantham and East End
- the River Stour corridor / estuary views
- sports fields, school fields, and leisure centre green space

These are usually mentioned in the context of:

- **preventing coalescence** with nearby settlements
- protecting **views**
- avoiding further **traffic problems**
- keeping existing **community green spaces**

Overall conclusion

Excluding "No" and "None," the most popular responses are:

1. **Do not build on any greenfield land, farmland, or open countryside**
2. **Protect Decoy Pond and its surrounding fields**
3. **Protect the land around St Michael's Church and the church fields**
4. **Also protect Slough Road, Brooklands/Merriam Close areas, river/estuary views, and spaces between Brantham and East End**

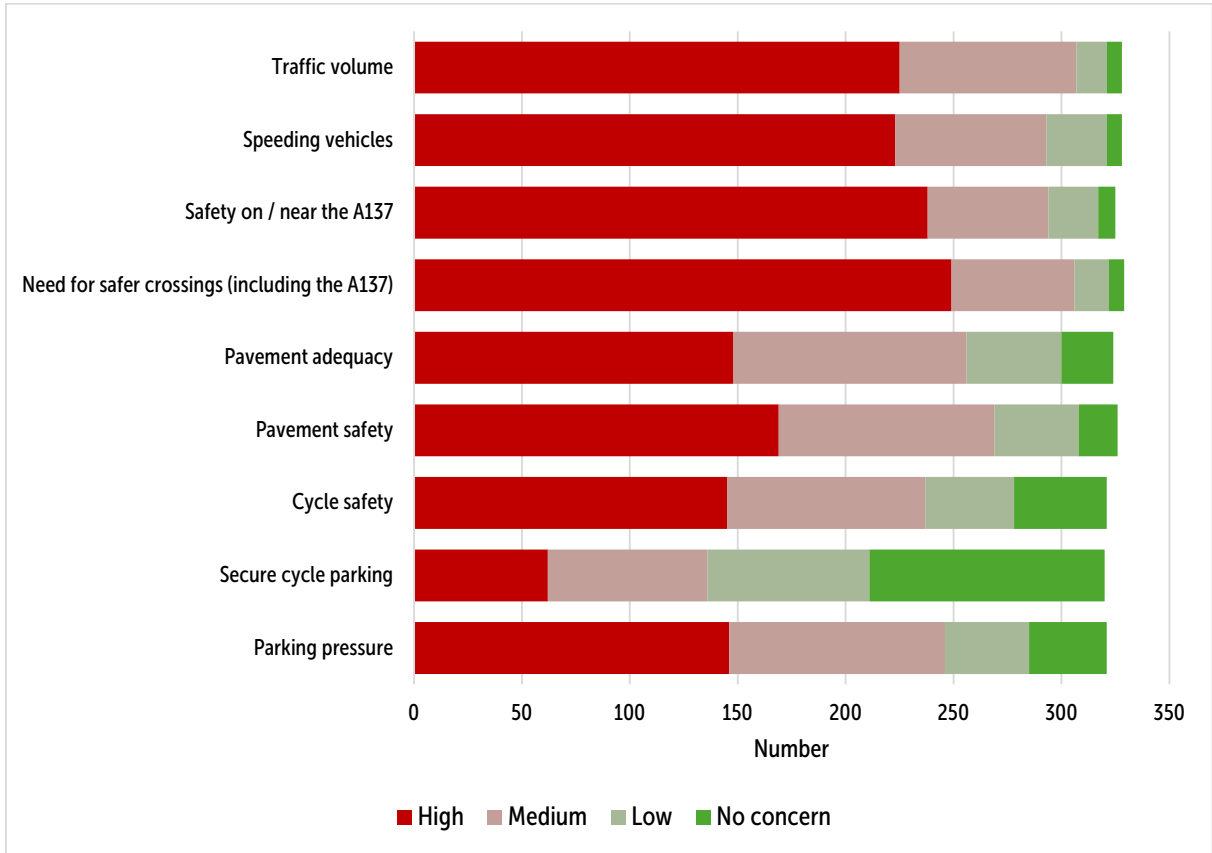
Key overall theme

The dominant message is:

Residents want to protect Brantham's remaining undeveloped land—especially Decoy Pond, church fields, farmland, and wildlife areas—and strongly oppose further building on green spaces.

SECTION G – Traffic, parking & road safety

31. Please indicate your level of concern Please tick one box per row					
Answer Choices	High	Medium	Low	No concern	Response Total
Traffic volume	68.60% 225	25.00% 82	4.27% 14	2.13% 7	328
Speeding vehicles	67.99% 223	21.34% 70	8.54% 28	2.13% 7	328
Safety on / near the A137	73.23% 238	17.23% 56	7.08% 23	2.46% 8	325
Need for safer crossings (including the A137)	75.68% 249	17.33% 57	4.86% 16	2.13% 7	329
Pavement adequacy	45.68% 148	33.33% 108	13.58% 44	7.41% 24	324
Pavement safety	51.84% 169	30.67% 100	11.96% 39	5.52% 18	326
Cycle safety	45.17% 145	28.66% 92	12.77% 41	13.40% 43	321
Secure cycle parking	19.38% 62	23.13% 74	23.44% 75	34.06% 109	320
Parking pressure	45.48% 146	31.15% 100	12.15% 39	11.21% 36	321
				answered	330
				skipped	5



32. Which measures would you support?

Please tick all that apply

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Safer pedestrian/cycle crossings (including A137)		81.65%	267
2	Traffic calming in key areas		49.85%	163
3	20mph zone(s) in parts of the village		44.04%	144
4	Better enforcement / speed awareness		48.01%	157
5	HGV routing/management measures		63.00%	206
6	Improved signage/road markings		33.33%	109
7	Parking management near key facilities		54.13%	177
8	Improved cycle routes		36.70%	120
9	None of these		1.22%	4
			answered	327
			skipped	8

33. Where are traffic/parking/safety issues worst, and what would help most?

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question		100.00%	261
1	Around the football			
2	Manningtree train bridge			
3	At the Co-Op. The parking there is extremely dangerous and hazardous. People parking outside of it take unnecessary risks with parking on and opposite junctions.			
4	Speeding on the A137 and no safe places to cross Overflow parking around Brantham Leisure Centre Inadequate parking at local shops in Birch Drive			
5	Around Brookland School during school drop off/pick up times. Along Brooklands Rise down towards the Leisure Centre/Village Hall when there are events held.			
6	Under the railway bridge at manningtree			
7	Large lorry on brantham hill roads and potholes sorted out properly			
8	The traffic heading too and from manningtree on the a137, problem at the railway crossing for traffic and pedestrians crossing			

33. Where are traffic/parking/safety issues worst, and what would help most?

9	Manningtree crossing
10	At school
11	Brantham Club on event days, New Village, again, on event days. Some days the bus struggles to get through, let alone a fire engine. My suggestion would be Factory Lane, and it's easy access to the Brantham club via the footpath next to the Scout hut, one side double yellow lines, no parking at any time, to allow clear passage to BUFA Composite (Bexford) for Emergency vehicles, and the other side of the road parking restrictions, ie no parking 23:00 to 07:00hrs to prevent overnight camper parking.
12	Near Brantham leisure centre reference buses unable to get past due to double parking
13	Turning right out of Birch Drive is difficult because of bushes by the catholic church. Crossing the A137 is not safe for our young people. Parking for the village hall causes issues in New Village.
14	Railway crossing at Manningtree Station
15	Palfrey heights at school times is dangerous due to careless parking, overtaking, parking in front of people's houses/driveways, churning up the grass. Parking for leisure centre
16	Traffic levels, crossings, and speeding on Ipswich Road need addressing.
17	Brookland road is in desperate condition too much traffic- pioneer road to factory lane should be opened to reduce this & then maybe SCC will properly repair the road surface
18	Slough Road and crossing the A137 to get to the nursery is very dangerous
19	Rush hour on the A137. Coming into Brantham from Manningtree.
20	Parking near the club and surrounding roads, a dedicated carpark on the unused land near the scout hut would help
21	A137 Volume/Speed. On street parking at New Village and Brooklands Road
22	Brantham needs to find a way to slow down traffic on Brantham hill-Ipswich Road as no one is going 30mph
23	Near the village hall
24	Speeding as you enter village from Ipswich.
25	The A137 is notoriously difficult to cross - especially in rush hour. Crossings could definitely be improved. HGV's are definitely an issue too.
26	Around the school - varied drop off/pick. Up times St Michael's church - a proper car park Leisure Center - more off road parking and better layout Shops - i am not sure what solution there is for this issue I would also support 1 way traffic through Church Lane and Brooklands Rd
27	Reduced speed limit (even if this is just at certain times of the day/night) Restricted HGV use Speed cameras etc
28	Parking near football ground. Parking around the school. Speed down Brantham hill.
29	Village hall during an event. The whole of new road, nightmare for bus drivers I'm sure!
30	Brooklands road can become difficult with multiple cars parked on the road. Also the quality of the road in Brooklands Road is very poor with a lot of potholes
31	Brooklands Road pot holes!! Needs a complete resurface, it's farcicle the annual fill-ins that last 24 hours!
32	Bypass for village
33	The A137 runs through the village so any speed restrictions on it would help. Parking near Brooklands School is always an issue. Encouraging more parents to walk will fall on deaf ears, so possible improve parking provision in or near the school.

33. Where are traffic/parking/safety issues worst, and what would help most?

34	Crossing and railway underpass, diverts at night and morning a137
35	Sometimes the traffic at 'rush hour' at the station can be very bad because of the bridge under the train tracks
36	With the A137 effectively splitting the village in two parts, and most facilities on one side of the A137 - there needs to be provision for safe crossings across this busy road. The winding nature of the road in places makes visibility of oncoming traffic difficult adding to the hazards encountered when trying to cross this arterial route. A large number of HGV vehicles make use of the A137 which increases dangers for cyclists and some other road users.
37	Speeding along the A137. Better enforcement. Speed bumps?
38	Crossing top of Brantham hill from Birch drive to bus stop. CCTV /speed cameras on a137 20 mile speed restrictions on Pippins, palfrey heights, brooklands area and church roads.
39	As previous mentioned, the village hall parking on Brooklands Road. Pot holes are a major issue. On the A137, the rail crossing at Manningtree station is becoming increasingly dangerous and difficult to navigate at peak times. People try to race through or jump the queue. Traffic lights would help, even if they changed every 30 seconds to keep the traffic flow moving
40	On Brantham hill A137 especially the junctions onto the A137 e.g. Birch Drive, Palfrey Heights - Cars are able to travel too fast (traffic calming measures, 20 mph, speed enforcement, HGV re-routing), there are no safe places to cross, especially for the elderly/infirm or children (safer crossings). Around the Brantham Co-op - poor parking provision and lack of parking management. It is an accident waiting to happen (Parking Management/Improved markings)
41	A137 is a menace. Excessive speed and no safe crossing points for families. When A12 diversion is in place it is even worse.
42	Across the A137 near to Berch Drive
43	Leisure centre and village hall
44	On match days and fireworks night area around football club becomes blocked
45	Potholes. Have damaged family members car tyres.
46	Cattawde. People speed. New village and Cattawde parking. It's also awful seeing grass verges being chewed up.
47	A137
48	A137 - Too much speeding and trying to keep road surfaces pot hole free
49	Speeding throughout the village. Parking near the leisure centre and village hall when events take place in particular
50	No adequate parking near Brantham Village Hall. There are no pedestrian crossings on Brantham Hill. We also have concerns about pedestrian safety at the Manningtree level crossing (Tendring). Whilst outside the village, Brantham residents are at risk here.
51	Through the village to many speeding. Something that would slow them down more. Palfrey heights is bad as cars speed using it as a cut through maybe speed humps?
52	Layby at bottom on Brantham Hill and area in Cattawade Street used as parking by commuters so not available for visitors. Many nights of A12 diversions has increased traffic usage through the village on A137. Knock on effect is people now appear to be using it by day rather than A12, A14 route. Drivers are regularly exceeding the 30 mph speed limit along the A137, notably on Brantham Hill and New Village.
53	Crossing the A137 at Birch Road for the shops and at Church Lane. A zebra or pelican crossing would help. The rail and road crossing at Manningtree Station.
54	Leisure center, railway bridge, church lane (school and church) A137 speed,

33. Where are traffic/parking/safety issues worst, and what would help most?

55	On Brantham Hill with junction to Poppins estate. Traffic lights controlled crossing.
56	By the sports center and along Brooklands road. Traffic calming / speed cameras and no more housing
57	A137 - no one does 30mph
58	The A137 needs better crossings
59	A137 suggestion of average speed cameras as this works really well elsewhere.
60	Brantham A137 better speed control
61	In brantham hill and near the school
62	Manningtree station junction Potholes on Brooklands Road
63	None.
64	The A137 is the main concern, with heavy traffic making it very hazardous for pedestrians attempting to cross the road. Even at 'quieter' times, the well documented and significant levels of speeding , make crossing the road difficult. At least one 'Pelican' type crossing would help, backed up by refuges or islands at strategic sites. Parking issues around the Leisure Centre and Village Hall can be problematical when events are taking place. A car park on the redundant brown field site off Factory Lane would help with this.
65	New Village is particularly bad and most grass verges have been chewed up, Brantham Hill where cars have parked on verges.
66	Main road for parents crossing for school a137
67	From my short time living in Brantham, I think the round about and bridge leading to the rail crossing are worst areas for traffic safety especially when the A12 is closed.
68	Parking near primary school dangerous. Parking on bends and opposite junctions such as Grove Road. More yellow lines required. No school crossings. A137 very difficult to cross road especially near to Birch Drive people need to cross road to access the shops. Need pedestrian /pelican crossing. Difficult to get out of Palfrey Heights as constant heavy traffic in both directions. Will soon need traffic lights.
69	Traffic issues at Manningtree crossing. Causes issues in Brantham
70	Leisure centre events parking Rail crossing / underpass Crossing A137 towards East Bergholt lack of footpath and having to repeatedly cross the East Bergholt Rd
71	Brooklands Road / New village during any Club or Village hall events. Use Factory Lane more
72	Crossing A137:- Bottom of Sandy Lane(Refuge Island), near the Bull(Refuge Island), Top of Birch Drive(Zebra of mini roundabout), End of Gravel pit Lane(Zebra) Parking:- anywhere on 92 bus route(double yellow lines) Factory Lane at bottom of Cinder path:- better visual splay towards the Crown Pub(maybe one day will need a raised zebra) Brookland Rd:- a couple of raised zebra to slow the traffic Brookland Primary School:- a couple of raised zebras
73	Near the village hall and leisure center , use land off of factory lane as overspill car park At the coop - increase parking spaces
74	Near and around the leisure centre, and no safe crossing for children along the A137
75	Manningtree crossings (railway) no pavement. Also we have no crossing in the village for residents to cross A137 a level crossing is a must before any further development.

33. Where are traffic/parking/safety issues worst, and what would help most?

76	Brooklands Road traffic has already increased above the limit of the road.
77	Birch drive onto the A137 due to commuters
78	New village associate with village hall and the social club. Traffic management and car parks
79	New village/Brooklands
80	Ipswich Road and the crossroads of Straight Road and Gandish Roads.
81	New village is awful when people use the football pitch. People shouldn't be allowed to park on the road. Bigger parking over there needed.
82	Parking around village hall during events and the social club during football. Traffic - having a speed camera on brantham hill and a pelican crossing. Speed bumps on some of the village roads to slow residents down, particularly on brooklands Road and the primary school.
83	High volume of traffic through the village on the A137. Limited parking on Brantham Hill on one side of the road. Traffic congestion in the village when events are on at the Social Club and village hall.
84	A134 awful. School area at drop off / pick up. Due to not safe to walk near a134. Village hall and sports centre. Parking too low due to building of homes.
85	Parking in New Village/lower end of the village (especially when events/football fixtures on at much loved BLC) Traffic on the main road through the village due to a) regular A12 diversions (main problem is volume/speed of traffic plus noise levels of HGVs) and b) regular blockages at the Manningtree railway crossing (traffic jams back up all the way up Brantham Hill, pretty regularly!)
86	Crossing A137 near shops
87	Parking around village hall area Parking around school Speeding vehicles on a137 Traffic congestion at railway bridge
88	Round the leisure centre, on any new development as they do not account for enough parking per house built. The speeding on the A137 is frequent and should be managed better.
89	The railway bridge that isnt fit for purpose.
90	Excessive SPEED. Between Amy's Roundabout - Cattawade and The Brantham Bull. The only deterrent is Variable Speed Cameras along the whole stretch of the Brantham section of the A137. This deterrent does work. Look at the introduction of cameras on the A120 from Horsley Cross into Harwich. Also, there are similar villages throughout the UK who have installed preventative measures.
91	Difficult for elderly people and children to cross the A137
92	At Co-op shop. Needs more parking. The stairs are dangerous especially for elderly people.
93	The rail crossing to the station
94	School and surrounding roads Village hall Sports centre
95	The a137
96	A137 especially when there are major roads diverted. There needs to be average speed cameras through the village.
97	The A137 needs to be slowed down and monitored. More crossings and better foot paths

33. Where are traffic/parking/safety issues worst, and what would help most?

98	Opposite Birch Drive. Lorry's and Car's fly down there. Speed cameras only seem to do the speed on the hill - we know lorry's can't go fast up a hill.
99	Speeding on brantham hill and crossing
100	Parking near the schools and leisure centre. Proper parking facilities and better road management near the church.
101	Football club
102	Main road, crossing at peak times to attend school. Zebra crossing/lollipop crossing (how do we not have this already?!) or a roundabout placed near the turn for the shop to slow the flow of traffic.
103	New village road, high levels of traffic and high speeds.
104	Near the train station under bridge and road leading up to it speed limit of 30
105	Through New Village and along the A137 leading from the roundabout to the road to the shop
106	The worst traffic is between Manningtree and Brantham along that stretch of road, an increased and developed car park at the Brantham leisure centre would be great for the community events held and a proper additional car park in the village for visitors.
107	Brooklands Road (leading to it & away) pot holes are very dangerous.
108	Birch Drive outside the CO-OP. Speeding in the 30mph areas of the A137.
109	near the co-op too many cars and people and not enough parking - it becomes dangerous at busy times
110	Brooklands road. Pippins estate
111	Brooklands Road and near Primary School
112	Lack of crossing point is a fatal accident waiting to happen. Rerouting haulage to allow a crossing point near Birch drive is important. A HGV recently mounted the kerb at speed and ploughed across the pavement overnight along a school walking route from Brooklands primary to Pattles Fen. That could have happened when the children were walking in a group to Forest school. Speed enforcement measures are all far too temporary. Police come and go and the dynamic speed signs have been patchy over the years. The trucks and motorbikes continue to be consistently dangerous.
113	Around school and village hall. More parking spaces but also better, safer pedestrian access.
114	Fix bridge at station
115	A137 speeding
116	Safe routes crossing a137 Safe pedestrian route at the railway Bridge!
117	I believe the A137 should have a permanent speed camera for the speed issues there is in the village
118	No proper way to cross a137 and speeding vehicles
119	Around the primary school
120	entering or exiting Pippins estate on the A137.
121	In Village, walkway to Train station from Brantham once at the Bridge
122	A137
123	Insufficient parking at the Brantham Coop Buses speeding up Brooklands Rd and on the corner by Merriam Close - an accident waiting to happen, especially due to close proximity to Under 5s playground

33. Where are traffic/parking/safety issues worst, and what would help most?

124	The a137 is very busy at school drop off and pick up times as they sometimes clash with work times. I could walk but it's not that safe alone with a 3 year old and baby as there is nowhere to cross and lorries go very fast
125	Brooklands Road
126	Near primary school, and the area around Village Hall and the Leisure Centre. If there was a simple solution to this problem it would have been suggested already. A new Village Hall away from New Village would help.
127	Near village hall and leisure centre, need bigger dedicated parking area
128	A137
129	New village- the land off factory lane could be used instead
130	Inconsiderate parking outside school morning and afternoon with some parking over driveways. Large van/s parked on A137 top of hill restrict view of traffic turning right from Palfrey onto A137 Pot holes still causing damage to vehicle wheels
131	On the hill
132	Parking around the village hall. Cars not sticking to 30mph as they enter the village (from Ipswich) near church lane.
133	Acacia court paring for shops restricts traffic and introduces a blind junction.
134	Speeding vehicles on A137, parking in New Village during events.
135	Crossing 137
136	A137, speeding, enforcement
137	Walk to station
138	At the bottom of Sandy lane
139	Speed through New Village estate. Speed limit should be 20 mph.
140	Shops. St Michael's church
141	Manningtree rail crossing needs pedestrian safety under bridge
142	Parking near Brooklands school & safety of children crossing from between parked vehicles (Term times) - parental education Poor parking (vehicle abandonment) by shops on Birch Drive
143	traffic calming may help the speeding. particularly bad near the Bull and railway bridge.
144	A137 leading to Manningtree
145	Traffic and parking at New Village, exacerbated whenever the Village Hall or Leisure Centre holds an event. At the Coop during most of the day. At the Primary school at the start and end of the school day, and during school events - to the point where parents stop and unload children in the No-Stopping school zone.
146	The layby near the co-op Birch drive. To many near misses from people reversing out without looking
147	Going up to tatingstone there are no pavements or pavements covered in weeds and overhanging trees
148	Speeding up Brooklands Road has increased within past year, school run traffic is a concern in afternoon.
149	When there is an event at the Village Hall or the Leisure Centre the parking becomes dangerous. Have seen instance of bus stuck as unable to get through.

33. Where are traffic/parking/safety issues worst, and what would help most?

150	A137
151	All roads on bus route School pick up parking
152	Brantham Hill
153	Manningtree station bridge/roundabout area. I don't know what would improve it.
154	No parking on Brooklands Rd. Crossing at bottom of Sandy Lane. Crossing A137
155	Near the primary school On middle row of new village,
156	A137 speeding and crossing
157	On roads near Manningtree train station between 4.30 - 6.45 pm. Access to the station must be re-imagined; whenever the overhead bridge is closed at peak traffic times, there are jams near the tunnel. This might have been fine when Suffolk had fewer cars, but it's now a problem.
158	Parking around village hall and leisure centre during events. Inconsiderate parking around school during drop off/pick up (totally unnecessary if people were prepared to walk for less than a minute more). Crossing a137 anywhere through the village.
159	Volume of traffic on A137, we need refuge islands at bottom of Sandy Lane and near Bull, we need Zebra crossings at end of Birch Drive and end of Church Lane to Gravel Pit Lane We need raised Zebra crossings on Brookland Rd and by Brooklands School We need parking restrictions along the 92 bus route, Brooklands is a key route for emergency services
160	Traffic at the football club can cause people to park poorly in the New Village. Whilst its not all the time, it does put unneccary pressure on the region and residents. However, I'm not sure how this can be elivated as there is only so much that can be done.
161	Sports centre. Village hall.
162	A137 speeding cars. Parking along Brooklands Road. Parking outside school at dropping off & picking up. Outside Village Hall when events on.
163	A137 no safe place to cross the road
164	In Church Lane where there are no pavements cars drive to fast and I've nearly had several accidents while walking.
165	Traffic on the A137, Ipswich road, Brantham hill need either speed bumps with integrated zebra crossings or average speed cameras are needed urgently
166	On the hill with hgv if these can be directed when the roads being repaired what are they not permanently diverted and speed on the hill from cars and bikes
167	Brooklands Road too many cars parked on side of road hard to pass sometimes with volume of traffic due to new housing and school
168	A137
169	A137
170	A137- people are always speeding, crossing that road as an adult is hard let alone with 2 small children. The traffic at school pick up times will be worse. Meaning dangeourous situations for children and road users.
171	A137. Speed limit - frequently ignored by cars, HGVs and particularly motorbikes (especially Wednesday evenings). Maybe a (real working) speed / average speed camera(s). Police patrols - especially Wednesday evenings and Bank Holidays. (I believe traffic calming was attempted years ago, but just held up all the traffic outside peoples homes.)

33. Where are traffic/parking/safety issues worst, and what would help most?

172	Brantham hill near the shops if you want to cross the road for a walk. Also bottom of Brantham hill where Sandy Lane comes out onto the road. Very dangerous to cross there.
173	Brantham leisure centre and the road outside the village hall. Brooklands primary school.
174	A137 is difficult to cross over by pedestrians in places. A crossing would be beneficial
175	Zebra crossings on A137
176	parking is worst around the village hall and leisure centre. parking measures would help on the corner near the village hall.
177	No dropped curbs in much of the village for wheelchair access
178	All along Ipswich road for traffic volume, speeding, hgv's and general safety New village/cattawade for parking issues
179	A safe cycle route from Brantham to East Bergholt and better paths at the top of Brantham along A137
180	A137 crossing - especially for school children and the elderly is very dangerous and many vehicles exceed the speed limit. Village Hall parking is poor Pavement situation on Slough Rd/East End to the Drift bus stop requires crossing a road on a dangerous bend. This stop is used by schoolchildren.
181	Congestion caused by A12 closure, alternative routes should be identified.
182	At key junctions on Brooklands estate where cars park opposite and adjacent to the junction. Crossing the A137 at most times of the day is scary. Cars routinely speed through the village going at least 40 mph even in the built up area. The flashing speed signs are ignored so whatever they cost is a total waste of money.
183	When there is an event on at the village hall, like Bonfire Night for example, there are cars parked everywhere in the local area including on grass and pavements, places they shouldn't be, for big events like that. People have complained before on the Facebook Brantham group about queuing to park for ages for events like that, and not knowing where to park, no parking officials about helping to organise parking. It would be good if we had parking/car park for events like that, then you would be able to host big events more often.
184	People speed down Brooklands Road frequently turning the corner onto Cattawade Street on the wrong side of the road- they do the same coming off the Cattawade roundabout into Cattawade Street but we never have speed vans there - they only sit on the A137 We have problems with people using the road for parking rather than using the car park at the railway station
185	New village
186	Safety of the railway crossing on a137
187	Speeding on the A137 is astounding. Closer to the bull most cars and lorries are doing well above the limit, especially early mornings and evenings.
188	Pot holes.....cracked pavements.....A137 between Cattawade and Manningtree White Bridge, the pavement is being eroded from the previously flooded field, the trees have been killed off from the salt water. This is our main road which is in danger of breaking down.
189	A crossing on A137 is needed for the kids who get off the school bus etc
190	On-street parking is often increased by residents not using allocated spaces, either due to inconvenience or because household vehicle numbers exceed available provision. This should be considered in the design of future developments.
191	Around Brantham leisure centre, especially on match dates. It is extremely dangerous and just a matter of time before someone is seriously hurt, improved speed restrictions or safety measures should be implemented, especially on New village, possibly with speed bumps? cars drive so quickly down New village on the weekends.

33. Where are traffic/parking/safety issues worst, and what would help most?

192	Parking around the village hall The volume of traffic and HGVs is a major concern on the A137
193	Near the parish hall and Brantham Athletic club - particularly on match days and events at the football club such as fireworks night. Parking on the roadside along New Village/ Brooklands road can cause issues.
194	The crossing by manningtree railway bridge, I cycle and this always feels risky/dangerous. Pot holes have led to extensive costs to me and also put in in danger, these need to be addressed quicker. Parking by the village hall when events are on is very problematic
195	Brooklands road has major parking issues and the road is crumbling under the pressure of current housing
196	Near the school can get bad - buses have been stuck before. Endless traffic and parking issues when busy. Cattawade is awful at times. Taylor Wimpey estate also "full" (all the more reason this area of Brantham should not be developed on)
197	Cattawade and Brantham New Village. Double yellow lines.
198	School drop off is tricky but I don't know how you resolve this
199	A crossing of any sort on the A137 is a priority
200	Slough Road (slip road)
201	Outside the village Hall and occasionally around the Shops
202	Co-op store, Birch Drive. Brantham Hill, New Village around BAFC and Village Hall
203	Village Hall and Leisure Centre and will be skatepark!!
204	Zebra crossings on a A137 top and bottom of Brantham hill.
205	Manningtree Rail Station New Bridge update
206	Parking on verges should be made illegal and enforcable
207	traffic on a137, especially lorries or large vehicles pass you by too close and the pavements are narrow.
208	Grantham Hill needs a crossing would also slow drivers down, Brooklands school needs a crossing. 20 Mile per hour Zones
209	Parking at the Pre-school and church - both need a car park.
210	potholes down Brooklands Road are awful.
211	Potholes need fixing!
212	New Village and on the A137. By Brooklands School
213	Village Hall parking Primary school parking A137 heavy traffic A137 safe crossing
214	The A137 at Brantham hill/lpswich road. Too many serious accidents and deaths. A crossing or traffic lights.
215	Use of the A137 by large HGVs Height framework before the railway bridge to stop vehicles hitting it.
216	A137 from top brantham through to Cattawade. Safety issue for pedestrians, crossing A137 at Holy Family Catholic Church.
217	School drop off and pick up, large events at the sports clubs.
218	Traffic at railway bridge on A137 Lack of pavement on Sutton road Speed restriction enforcement on A137

33. Where are traffic/parking/safety issues worst, and what would help most?

219	Railway bridge/underpass into Manningtree.
220	Near village hall, especially when there are plays and football matches.
221	New Village middle row
222	Palfrey Heights us worst
223	Brooklands road, near the village hall
224	Yes, seems to be the norm: School drop off and pick up - WHY? Delivery vans with drivers parking anywhere, speeding and not looking.
225	Parking by the shops, this probably can't be solved.
226	It's the cycle that cause problems. They should pay insurance.
227	Zebra crossing at top of Brantham hill as there is more housing on the east end side of A137. More and better parking in and around the coop (use green space in front of the shops, leaving the road clear. Ban HGVs through the village.
228	?
229	At the co-op, village hall, Brooklands school, Cattawade Street. Less parking on the roads and traffic management - i.e. speed bumps
230	Manningtree railways bridge volume of traffic. Pot holes throughout Brantham.
231	Parking near village hall/print works/the ark
232	Schools and shops
233	We seem to be neglected at the top end of Brantham, a pedestrian crossing to allow all residents to cross safely - a bus shelter for bus stop near street farm
234	Crossing A137 - zebra crossings
235	The pot holes are increasingly becoming a problem and the quick fixes last only a few weeks
236	All through the A137, cars etc go way too fast every single day, it gets worse. A pedestrian crossing would help or more roundabouts, would slow people down.
237	Traffic on A137 is diabolical, speeding and too many HGV!
238	Outside village hall and when events on at the leisure centre. People park anywhere causing issues.
239	Mainly the A137, traffic calming needs to be enforced through the main part of the village, as it's always like a race track
240	Outside shops
241	Issues often arise at the railway station Also road surfaces can be bad, potholes are not addressed promptly.
242	Pot holes throughout village. No longer term fixes they are only temporary. The station bridges - weekly accidents, no pedestrians route tear us safe to cross over or under] Cars parking down Brooklands road, new village during event small path access to country park.
243	Around village hall and leisure centre at busy times. Maybe regular number of visitors at each time, or introduce yellow lines at junctions.
244	Crossing the A137 is a nightmare - need safe crossings. Parking up Brooklands Road sometime is an issue if an event on at the Leisure Centre.
245	Brooklands road - new village - middle row traffic speeding and too much on road parking.
246	Around the primary school, crossing the road on Brantham Hill.
247	No crossing on the A137 - especially for children going to school at Brooklands
248	Need cycle paths to keep the lycra wearers out the way

33. Where are traffic/parking/safety issues worst, and what would help most?

249	Stop the huge HGV lorries, speeding along the A137. Put traffic calming measures in or/and speed cameras.
250	General volume of cars parking throughout the village has increased, Brooklands road, top of brantham hill etc
251	The bridge
252	New village road Brookfields
253	Pedestrian crossing Sort out the A137 at Manningtree Station
254	A137 railway crossing/pedestrians/high sided vehicle under bridge dangerous to walk Condition of surface over crossing for HGVs etc
255	A137. Pedestrian/cycle crossing near the catholic church
256	Cattawade Street-speeding
257	Crossing road on the A137 from west to east to gain access to the co-op. High speed vehicles with no red crossin,g. Also walk daughter back from Brooklands so same replies (in reverse)
258	Manningtree bridge / railway crossing
259	Top of the hill Near the shops Around the village hall
260	Stop HGV on A137
261	Junction of Church Lane with A1 37 is difficult if turning right. Opposite gravel pit Lane. Church Lane is narrow at this point so anything that helps visibility.

	answered	261
	skipped	74

AI summary of issues identified

1. Improve safety on the A137

This is the strongest and most repeated theme by far. Residents frequently mention:

- speeding vehicles
- HGV/lorry traffic
- the lack of **safe pedestrian crossings**
- the danger of crossing near **Birch Drive, Church Lane, Sandy Lane, Brantham Hill, and the shops**

Most common suggestions for the A137

- Zebra / pelican / controlled crossings
- Speed cameras / average speed cameras
- Traffic calming measures
- Better enforcement of speed limits
- In some cases, HGV restrictions or rerouting

2. Address parking problems around the Village Hall / Leisure Centre / Football Club

The next most frequent concern is **overflow parking** during events, football matches, and leisure centre use, especially around:

- New Village
- Brooklands Road
- Village Hall
- Leisure Centre
- Football Club / Social Club

Most common suggestions

- More dedicated parking / overspill car park
 - Better parking management
 - Restrictions on roadside parking in key places
 - Use of Factory Lane / nearby land for extra parking
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3. Improve safety and congestion around Manningtree railway bridge / crossing

Another very common issue is the **railway bridge / underpass / station crossing** near Manningtree. Respondents describe:

- congestion at peak times
- poor pedestrian safety
- difficult traffic flow
- risks when the bridge is struck or traffic backs up

Common suggestions

- Better traffic control
 - Improved pedestrian route
 - Safer crossing arrangements
 - A re-think of access to the station area
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4. Tackle parking and safety around schools

A further repeated theme is concern about:

- school drop-off / pick-up parking
- cars parking on bends, junctions, and near driveways
- children crossing unsafely near **Brooklands School** and along nearby roads

Common suggestions

- More parking controls
 - Safer crossings
 - Better road markings / yellow lines
 - Traffic calming around schools
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5. Fix potholes and poor road surfaces

This appears very regularly, especially on:

- Brooklands Road
- roads near New Village
- parts of the **A137**

Residents often describe potholes as dangerous, damaging to vehicles, and poorly repaired.

Overall conclusion

The most popular suggestions are clearly:

1. **Make the A137 safer** — especially with crossings, speed control, and traffic calming
2. **Improve parking around the Village Hall / Leisure Centre / Football Club**
3. **Address congestion and safety at Manningtree railway bridge / crossing**
4. **Improve parking and safety around schools**
5. **Repair potholes and road surfaces properly**

34. Should walking/cycling links be improved to nearby places (e.g., Manningtree, East Bergholt, Dedham)? Please tick one box per row				
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		67.39%	217
2	No		10.25%	33
3	Not sure		22.36%	72
			answered	322
			skipped	13
If Yes, what provision could be put in place? (152)				
1	New and better managed nature walks between villages			
2	There needs to be a path put in place under the railway crossing. It's very dangerous to walk under there, especially when people speed through so they don't have to give way.			
3	Footpaths and cycle ways. Fine cyclists who don't use them when available!			
4	Better pavement and crosssign for pedestians are manningtree rainway crossing			
5	More pavements for pedestrians to walk safely			
6	Better cycling or pedestrian crossing at the railway crossing to manningtree			
7	Better footpath under manningtree bridge			
8	Safe cycling routes to Manningtree, better walking routes to EB			
9	They are already good			
10	Cycle routes and bridleways			
11	I think they are already quite good. Not as good as the paths in Dedham, but good			
12	A footpath from Brantham to East Bergholt would be great. Not sure how it could be done though.			
13	Improved provision/safety at Railway Bridge			
14	I think the key issue with walking and cycling routes is on the railway crossing going in to Manningtree. It's very dangerous for walkers / cyclists. Although I am aware that this is a long term larger issue.			
15	Better path maintenance with maps available to purchase locally showing routes			

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16	Off road cycle route to the railway crossing is great but then its risky to get to Manningtree. You can cycle off the main road some of the way to East End but you still have to cycle along the A137 to reach Slough Road. The road to East Bergholt (Bergholt Road) is dangerous to cycle as it is bendy and cars often don't give you enough space when overtaking.
17	Safe cycle/path to the station. Safe walking route to east bergholt.
18	The underpass and crossing to get to it is very daunting both walking and cycling.
19	Cycle lanes on the narrow roads to East Bergholt would be difficult to use, but the existing one to Manningtree is useful. Walking routes could be better publicised. Ensuring routes linked up would help and routes could possibly be made accessible to cycles?
20	Safe routs to east bergholt for children and railway and bridge crossings to manningtree
21	Better / safer walking route to east bergholt
22	There is a good walking/ cycle route from brsntham to the train station which is safe until you get to walk under the bridge. or if you walk over the crossing , there is no pathway the other side making unsafe to cross the road safely to get to the station or to walk to manningtree town. There has been times I have walked with a friend with a buggy into Manningtree and it feels very dangerous as a pedestrian
23	I think that there should be better links, but at time of filling in survey do not know how these could be implemented.
24	The path to Manningtree at the railway bridge - there is no safe place to pass through the underpass for pedestrians. The cycle path just ends with no safe route to pass over/under the railway bridge.(Safer pedestrian/cycle crossing required). Improved footway on Straight road to East Bergholt as it is not a safe pedestrian route
25	Pavements and lights improved.
26	Street lighting between Brantham/Cattawade and Manningtree
27	Better footpaths between Brantham and Flatford Lighting on A137 from Brantham to railway station
28	Better paving. The paving is dangerous throughout the village. Tree routes. Multiple repairs etc all cause trip hazards. Cycle routes.
29	footpaths around edge of estuary from brantham to manningtree
30	Safe walking route by the railway bridge towards and back from Manningtree station.
31	The riverside route to Dedham via Flatford is often over grown and in poor condition.
32	Official well maintained and well lit shared cycle/pedestrian lanes, dog pooh bins, benches, litter bins, gated to prevent motorised vehicles.
33	There isn't anywhere to put a safe cycling route so unsure how this could be achieved unless Slough Rd is made one way.
34	Particularly to manningtree dangerous to walk to station
35	Streetlights to the station
36	Around the railway bridge in manningtree. There are no pavements accessing a walk to east bergholt or dedham
37	Manningtree station junction B1070 to East Bergholt - unless you're a confident and competent cyclist this windy road uphill could result in being mowed down by a driver in the 60 section.
38	Improved signage and better surfaces on footpaths and bridleways to make them more usable in wet conditions.

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Please tick one box per row

39	Signposted walking routes with cleared footpaths to allow for manageable walking. Footpaths should be hard core as a minimum so walking can be done with ease.
40	Cycle paths more lighting
41	Walking or cycling to Manningtree across the railway is very hazardous as is cycling up the narrow hill to East Bergholt.
42	Better footpaths that do not require constant crossing roads. Something better than existing railway bridge that currently exists
43	Rail crossing / underpass is extremely dangerous on foot and cycling
44	Better path up the river to Flatford / Bergholt
45	Manningtree:- in addition to road crossing points mentioned above the main issue is access to the station from Suffolk side or make underpass safer for cyclist and pedestrians(eg with a delay on traffic light control) East Bergholt:- make the footpaths from Sandy Lane to East Bergholt High School bridleways(cyclable) Dedham:- I believe there are already discussions about the path from Manningtree Station to Dedham being made cyclable
46	Walking under the railway bridge to get to the station Cycling under the bridge Crossings at a137 Better footpath to the church Footpath to Brantham bull and business center next to it
47	A cycle and walk path into east bergholt
48	Pavement as council proposes cancelling bus services to secondary school for children
49	Walking/cycling paths to be marked
50	Safer walking route along long road to get to east bergholt.
51	Path way cycle lanes. Licences for cyclists!!! And INSURANCE!
52	Manningtree is all good (except the railway crossing) Safer cycling to East Bergholt would be amazing though - safest way is to go via Slough Road however the crossroads where you meet the main road into EB and can cross over onto Gandish Road is horrendous, so dangerous to pull out of as the visibility is so poor (by car or bike! There was another car accident there last week!) EB is a much larger village which has one of the 2 local high schools, plus a doctors, shop plus cafes/pubs so safer cycling to get there would be so helpful especially for the kids/teens!
53	Cycle paths away from the road
54	the path to Manningtree should be marked and advertised better as a walking and cycling route - far too many cyclists on that bit of road. I would also advocate for the section in to manningtree being reduced to 30 mph and double white lines the entire way.
55	Pedestrian and cycle route to east bergholt. The cost of the school bus would cover that cost over time.
56	Pathway to east bergholt so no school bus is needed
57	These should be separate from the roads as the currents road structures do not provide sufficient width for safe transit of cycles or pedestrians.
58	Rail crossing needs better pedestrian route
59	Better safety at the railway station
60	Better routes to east bergholt and the Manningtree bridge.
61	Paved cycle paths

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Please tick one box per row

62	Cyclists continue to use road even when cyclePaths are present so personally think it's a waste of money
63	Safe cycle route to east bergholt high school
64	Some footpaths could be upgraded to bridleways with the correct public education and discipline can allow safe and more enjoyable access for families to nearby villages without using the road networks and upsetting landowners. Cycle path at Manningtree railway crossing is totally inadequate and does not encourage its use. Low level Street lighting between Brantham and Manningtree. Footpaths need maintenance as they are in a state of disrepair and are a hindrance to the less mobile and elderly.
65	Make sure existing routes are accessible year round
66	I do not drive so I do walk consistently, I have a lot of family and friends in surrounding villages and the worst thing is I cannot walk to east bergholt and the roads have no pathways or local footpaths to walk to Brantham.
67	A designated path (off the road) between Brantham & East Bergholt
68	absolutly YES a decent walking and cycling link between Brantham and East Bergholt as Park Road is very dangerous.
69	Greater Anglia need to be lobbied to open the foot crossing in the field just south of lower meadows farm. They have showed no urgency to address this. The lack of pavement from Brantham/East End to Fields Farm is a shame. The lack of foot access from Brantham to East Bergholt is poor. Walking along Straight Road is dangerous. The lack of permissive footpath from gravel pit lane to the fields north east of east end is problematic. This would open up footpath access from Brantham to dodnash woods.
70	Cycle lane to Dedham.
71	Better lighting
72	Pedestrian access under the manningtree railway
73	Proper pathed paths with proper signage
74	More cycle lanes
75	Improved safety at Mannigtree Bridge and safe crossing of main road
76	Cycle and pedestrian access under the bridge by M'tree station. It is non-existent and there will be fatalities. We encourage people to walk/cycle excellent all the way along the White Bridge.....and then you get to the most dangerous, busy section and there is no safe passage. I appreciate the long running campaign to overhaul the bridge for cars. In the meantime, though, can concrete barriers/bollards be put under the bridge to carve out a safe, albeit very narrow, passage for pedestrians and cyclists to the right of the bridge "tunnel" (if coming from Brantham direction). This would not reduce traffic flow (although it might have the added bonus of putting off unsuitable vehicles from trying their luck under the bridge!). Going over the bridge is not an alternative safe option. Trying to cross the road to get to the station side is just as dangerous
77	Mak it easier and safer for pedetrians/cyclists to cross the railway line
78	To east Bergholt for students
79	Footpath or pavement as narrow roads are dangerous to pedestrians
80	Path to station
81	More footpaths

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Please tick one box per row

82	Barriered cycle / footpath beneath the railway bridge. A footpath that leads to East Bergholt without leading you to the main Brantham Road or a dedicated pathway along the road where it enters East Bergholt village.
83	Walking & bike link to East Bergholt & Stutton
84	Along bergholt road path up to A137 roundabout to narrow and shrubs always overgrown making you have to walk in the road
85	Path under rail bridge near station dangerous & floods - suggest alternate pedestrian access to station. Off road paths to East Bergholt
86	more signage and a way of getting over the crossing at the station
87	There is no safe walking route to East Bergolt or Dedham - without sharing the roads with cars or farm vehicles. There is no safe regular walking route to Manningtree or Manningtree Station.
88	Clearer footpaths
89	Pavements need to be cleared and overhanging branches cut
90	Better walking access to Manningtree Railway station from Brantham is needed. Walking under the bridge is terrible at busy times and in wet/dark weather can be dangerous
91	Need something done about the pedestrian/cycle access under the bridge near the station. Cycle and walking routes into East Bergholt and Dedham would be useful.
92	Better footpath over railway crossing by Manningtree station.
93	A proper footpath round the back of the station which leads onto the A137 so that pedestrians no longer have to walk into the tunnel as we do now, where we could be alongside vehicles trying to speed through. To help pedestrians further, there should be a zebra crossing on the A137 itself managed by traffic lights. The speed limit on that part of the A137 could concomitantly be reduced. In any case, 60 mph seems high for such a densely populated area.
94	Better signage/markings and access to the cycleway over the White Bridge toward Manningtree and the station Better signage showing key commuter cycle routes that avoid cycling on the A137 A cycle route using existing PRoWs to East Bergholt High School Access to Manningtree station from our side
95	The level crossing needs overhauling with proper pavement for pedestrians. I find the cycling routes are fine also, until the level crossing.
96	Around the station and bridge needs to be safer for pedestrians
97	I think it's quite good.
98	Safer crossing at the bridge Lights to stay on at night
99	Lower speed limit between Brantham and Manningtree. Create a dedicated cycle path across the white bridge rather than sharing with pedestrians. More safe crossing places on the a137
100	Better footpath and lighting.
101	Safer crossing of the A137
102	Walking and cycling to Manningtree, including the station, is an essential link to a larger town. Although it may fall outside Brantham's direct jurisdiction, the pedestrian access at the rail crossing is extremely unsafe. This was highlighted again only a couple of weeks ago when a pedestrian was seriously injured. Any influence the parish can exert to improve this crossing would be invaluable, as it urgently needs redesigning.

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103	Paved paths away from road Signposts A way to access manningtree station that does not involve walking under the bridge
104	A marked cycle lane via Slough road through to east bergolt
105	Cycle footpaths to Manningtree and Dedham would be great
106	Cycle lanes (on the road, NOT the pedestrian pavements)
107	Better lighting along the pavement to Manningtree station. A footpath at the top of Touchey hill to join up the footpath that comes out in the lay by with the log with Dazeleys lane.
108	The path to Flatford/Dedham just needs to be better maintained. When we have had rain it is often muddy or water logged and can be a bit dangerous.
109	Safer pedestrian route to railway station - the path under the railway bridge needs to be protected by a crash barrier so that drivers slow down and the path on the Manningtree side needs to be widened - it gets so overgrown with vegetation in the summer that you are forced to walk in the road There could also be a pedestrian (zebra) crossing on the Brantham side where you have to cross two lanes of traffic to get from the cycle way to the traffic island
110	Walking and cycle routes to Manningtree town
111	Better signposted and marked routes. The opening of closed footpaths and better maintenance on the footpaths.
112	The cycle path adjacent to the A137 between Cattawade and Manningtree White Bridge is very rarely used by cyclists, perhaps better signage could be used and regular maintenance carried out.....overhanging trees!
113	It puts me off biking to the train station as the train crossing underpasses is a death trap and manningtree walls is not really cycle friendly
114	To East Bergholt and Manningtree, with walking paths avoiding high speed roads.
115	Cycle paths to east bergholt as the bend and hill just as you leave Brantham is particularly dangerous and blind. Cycle route on the road up towards Ipswich as cycling significantly slows down the traffic behind
116	Railing on the whole the walk to Manningtree, or an alternative better light route down the river bank to the co op. lighted crossings lower speed limit to 40 stretch of road from Manningtree to white bridge
117	e.g.there is no safe walkable route from East Bergholt to Manningtree station
118	Better and safer pathways, too dangerous to walk to nearby villages. Some pathways to East Bergholt are overgrown. Manningtree station is very dangerous to walk to also.
119	At the moment we cannot get to Manningtree using a disabled scooter.
120	Cycle/footpath on the road to East Bergholt - very dangerous for pedestrians/cyclists
121	Better walking link under railway bridge
122	Better pathways
123	Footpaths, signs etc
124	Cycle lanes on roads and paths. Maintenance of roads needs to be improved due to pot holes and road markings
125	passage under train arch is so dangerous. Needs a footpath or pavement, especially when it's dark.
126	The road to East Bergholt should have a pavement.
127	Need a footpath from Bergholt Road up Touchy Hill as cyclists have to push bikes up a narrowing road. Also walkers could access Flatford/East Bergholt, public footpaths rather than an often flooded field.

34. Should walking/cycling links be improved to nearby places (e.g., Manningtree, East Bergholt, Dedham)?

Please tick one box per row

128	Speed control Pedestrian crossing on A137
129	Safer route to East Bergholt. Lighting to Manningtree
130	Better link to station, eg access from north side of railway line. Re-establish the foot tunnels under the railway north of The Bull and behind the old Factory Site.
131	Less muddy routes, made it easy for prams and elderly to walk it.
132	Walking routes
133	A proper cycle path to avoid cars and trucks making you swerve. Better safety at Manningtree railway bridge.
134	Cycle lanes have been put in but cyclists use road - wasted.
135	Give cycle lanes priority and reduce speed limit to 20mph and regular speed checks carried out.
136	Safe routes to explore the green areas. Lighting on Cattawade bridge
137	Cycle paths
138	Better footprints and over and understand station bridge. Prevent flooding under bridge between environment agency to riverside coop path. Stour footpath from white bridge to dedham, improve quality of path to make usable during the winter
139	Make station underpass safer for pedestrians and cyclists
140	Although links to the above places are good, to improve would take away the countryside and make it more of a town.
141	safer cycle routes to localities
142	Better access over or under the railway bridge to Manningtree. A foot and cycle path to East Bergholt leading to Dedham
143	Very difficult to walk to Manningtree station from Brantham, especially with children. Improve the underpass but not sure how?
144	Kids can not bite to flat ford as a 60mph road with no pavement.
145	Better pathway under the railway bridge or over level crossing
146	Footpaths to Manningtree (i.e. Cattawade area and Railway crossing)
147	You need to speak to Essex county council about walking/pedestrian cycle access to Manningtree
148	pavement needed on touchy hill
149	Separate dedicated cycle routes and lanes
150	Better routes with signs
151	Wouldn't want to change character some roots very muddy
152	Improving footpath links to avoid walking on busy main roads. Establishing user-friendly cycle route to encourage cycling using new cycle path and quiet roads.

AI Summary of suggestions

The **strongest and most repeated suggestion** is to **make walking and cycling to Manningtree—especially the railway bridge/underpass/station route—much safer**. Many people describe the current route under or over the railway crossing as **dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists**, particularly because there is **no**

proper footpath, poor visibility, flooding, narrow space, and fast traffic trying to get through the underpass. The most common ideas are for a **dedicated pedestrian/cycle path**, **better separation from traffic**, **crossing improvements**, and in some cases **lighting**, **barriers**, or **lower speed limits** around the station approach.

The **second most common theme** is the need for a **safe walking and cycling route to East Bergholt**, especially for **children and students**. Respondents repeatedly say the current roads—such as **Bergholt Road**, **Straight Road**, **Slough Road**, and the **Brantham Hill area**—are too narrow, too fast, or lack pavements, making walking or cycling unsafe. People want a **dedicated off-road path**, **pavement**, or **cycleway** linking Brantham to East Bergholt and, ideally, onward to places such as Dedham or Flatford.

Another very common suggestion is to improve the **quality, maintenance, and clarity of existing footpaths and cycle routes**. This includes better **signage**, **surfacing**, **drainage**, **cutting back vegetation**, **year-round accessibility**, **lighting**, and **route marking**, especially on paths to Flatford, Dedham, the estuary, the church, and **local green spaces**. Some also support converting or improving existing paths and bridleways so they can be used more easily by **cyclists**, **families**, **older people**, **prams**, and **mobility users**.

Overall most popular suggestions

1. **Make the Manningtree railway bridge/underpass and station access safe for walkers and cyclists**
2. **Create a safe route to East Bergholt for pedestrians and cyclists**
3. **Improve footpath and cycle route maintenance, signage, surfacing, and lighting**
4. **Provide more dedicated off-road walking/cycling routes and better crossings**

SECTION H – Public transport, rail & connectivity

35. How do you feel about the following statement "Bus services meet my household's needs?"

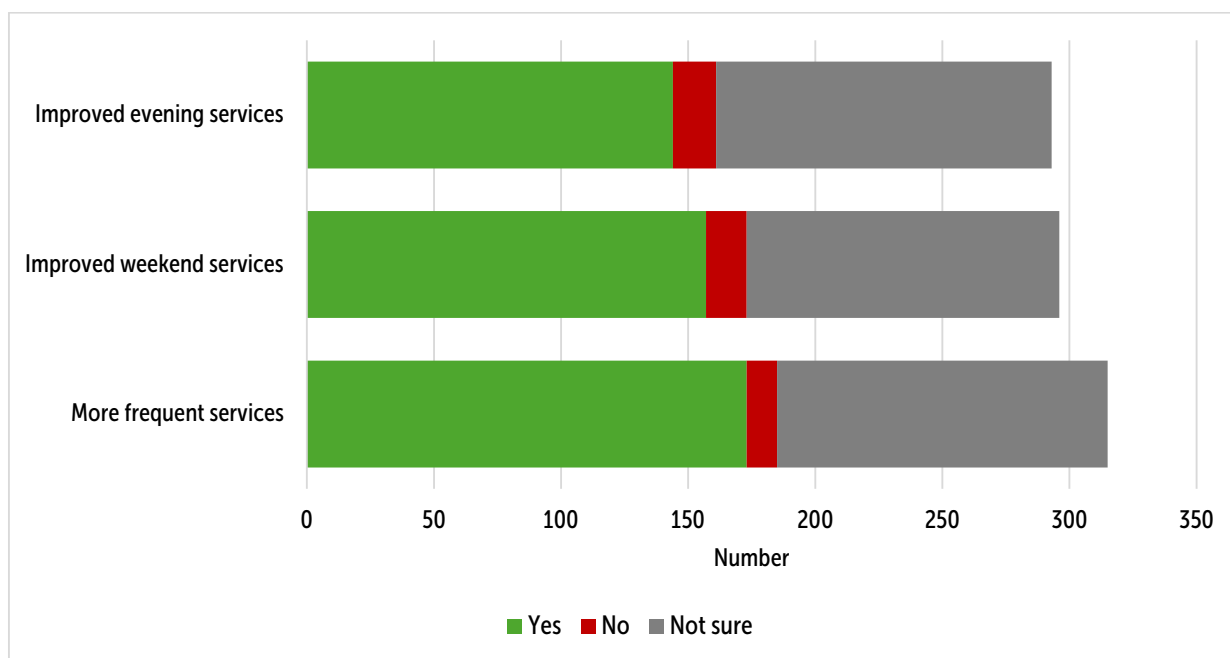
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Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Strongly agree		3.99%	13
2	Agree		17.48%	57
3	Neutral		49.08%	160
4	Disagree		15.34%	50
5	Strongly disagree		14.11%	46
			answered	326
			skipped	9

36. Would you support the following bus service improvements?

Please tick one box per row

Answer Choices	Yes	No	Not sure	Response Total
Improved evening services	49.15% 144	5.80% 17	45.05% 132	293
Improved weekend services	53.04% 157	5.41% 16	41.55% 123	296
More frequent services	54.92% 173	3.81% 12	41.27% 130	315
			answered	318
			skipped	17



If Yes where to? (150)	
1	Manningtree train station
2	Colchester/Ipswich. East Bergholt way Harwich
3	Ipswich Manningtree
4	Ipswich, Colchester, Harwich and Felixstowe
5	Areas which are quiet away from the station and town
6	Ipswich, manningtree
7	Ipswich and Colchester
8	Colchester
9	Colchester
10	Ipswich/Manningtree
11	From Manningtree
12	Ipswich and surrounding areas.
13	To ipswich and Colchester
14	Ipswich
15	Manningtree station. A shuttle service by mini bus from brantham to Manningtree at peak commute times would be helpful. 7am to 10am and 4pm to 7pm weekdays. This would reduce traffic, help parking and the environment. Particularly for students attending college and commuters for work. This would be a good use of the A137
16	Local destinations like Manningtree and East Bergholt to suit access to evening socialising, and access to Manningtree Station.

17	Ipswich and Colchester
18	Manningtree station. I have used the bus a few times to get to the station if it is raining. But there has been times that the bus doesn't come frequent enough and have to walk or get a taxi. Although I would be less likely to use the bus service on a regular basis, I think it is important for any elderly to have connections via bus to local areas to maintain their independence
19	Provision of services to Manningtree station for commuters and students (perhaps alleviating number of vehicles travelling through village). Likewise between provision of more regular services to Ipswich, also reducing requirement for use of private vehicle use through village at peak times.
20	Station, Manningtree, Ipswich and Colchester
21	Brantham to Manningtree
22	Ipswich Colleges and Town. Holbrook
23	Manningtree
24	Colchester/Ipswich
25	Ipswich or Colchester
26	To and from the railway station. Manningtree
27	ipswich
28	Obviously towards Ipswich and Colchester via the villages - there are also no evening buses running or on a Sunday either.
29	Ipswich/ Colcester/ Manningtree
30	Colchester and Ipswich
31	Ipswuch, Manningtree and East Bergholt
32	Manningtree Station, Manningtree
33	Ipswich and village surrounding Brantham eg: Capel St Mary.
34	Colchester
35	Into Ipswich and colchester
36	Direct bus from Brantham to Colchester (changing between local services is poor). I would take the bus to Ipswich, however the return journey is terrible due to the traffic in Ipswich so the bus is late and the return journey is the same as a full day parking.
37	Brantham to Manningtree.
38	Ipswich, East Bergholt, Manningtree station
39	Ipswich and Colchester
40	Ipswich and Manningtree Station
41	Manningtree station.
42	Manningtree, ipswich, Colchester
43	Colchester, manningtree
44	Suffolk One, Colchester, Ipswich, Hadleigh. Manningtree
45	Principally Manningtree and Ipswich but a bus to Hadleigh via East Bergholt and the doctors would be good.
46	Colchester Ipswich
47	Schools secondary schools hospitals
48	Train station

49	Train station
50	To Ipswich and Colchester
51	Colchester and Ipswich. Would/could help workers more. Brantham to station earlier and later. Could help lower traffic too.
52	I just don't know - we manage to (just about) make do with one car and use the train a lot though.
53	Ipswich
54	As I work nights in Ipswich I would like a later service, even if it is up to 21.00 that would help.
55	colchester and ipswich - a suitable service that runs during peak times, and goes via the station would be wonderful.
56	To sixth form.colleges in colchester and ipswich
57	Manningtree Railway Station Ipswich
58	Ipswich , Manningtree and East Bergholt
59	Ipswich & Manningtree
60	Ipswich Colchester
61	To and from Ipswich
62	Ipswich
63	The 92 bus to Manningtree and Ipswich is crucial for many people and it never runs frequently its every 2 hours which is frustrating for alot of people. I do also believe we should have more buses to help people travel to surrounding villages.
64	Colchester (via Manningtree & East Bergholt) & Ipswich (via Manningtree & East Bergholt)
65	I never use bus services so have no opinion but guessing its not great!
66	Manningtree. Ipswich
67	Colchester and Manningtree
68	Colchester
69	To Manningtree and Colchester
70	To be honest, I don't use a bus, bit my children will one day snd it needs to be better
71	Ipswich
72	Ipswich and a bus route to colchester would be nice
73	Brantham to Manningtree as Taxis are not alway available
74	To the train station
75	To Ipswich and Colchester and even to Manningtree/east bergholt
76	Ipswich and Colchester
77	Do not use public transport
78	Manningtree centre and railway station
79	Manningtree high school
80	Existing route 92. However we would suggest a separate route between East Bergholt, East End, Brantham, Train Station, Manningtree. This would help accessing existing healthcare services which are outside village amongst other good reasons. Also the 92 could then terminate at Cattawade decreasing service delays caused by traffic issues at rail crossing.
81	There is no bus into Manningtree as it stops at the station.
82	Links to Ipswich are vital.
83	Do not use Bus personally

84	Manningtree (including station), Ipswich and Colchester
85	Colchester and Ipswich
86	Ipswich, Manningtree and east bergholt
87	A service to Manningtree High School
88	Ipswich Colchester Hadleigh
89	Ipswich, Colchester, Manningtree
90	We don't very often use the bus to Ipswich but would do on some Sundays if there was one. Understand there probably isn't the demand for it.
91	Ipswich to Manningtree Brantham to Hadleigh via doctors at East Bergholt
92	Manningtree would be most helpful.
93	Colchester, Ipswich. Train station.
94	Ipswich and manningtree
95	Ipswich
96	Don't use bus.
97	Manningtree
98	More regular buses to Manningtree and East Bergholt, capel st Mary.
99	Ipswich Harwich
100	Ipswich and Manningtree
101	Manningtree/Colchester.
102	Later and more frequent services to Ipswich. A shuttle bus at rush hour between the village and Manningtree station.
103	Ipswich and Colchester routes but also routes to Manningtree, east bergholt, Dedham and Hadleigh
104	Manningtree
105	Manningtree
106	My daughter is unable to get the bus to Manningtree High school as there isn't a bus that would get her there at the correct time.
107	Bus to Manningtree
108	Manningtree
109	Don't use buses.
110	To Ipswich, East Bergholt and Manningtree
111	Manningtree Colchester Ipswich Hadleigh
112	Better links and frequency to Manningtree Station
113	Both to Ipswich and Manningtree
114	into Manningtree in summertime evening. To connect to Colchester route
115	Ipswich, possibly Colchester Definitely East Bergholt
116	to Manningtree and station. to ipswich.
117	Colchester

118	To colchester - a direct bus
119	I do not use the bus service
120	surrounding towns Colchester and Ipswich etc.
121	Manningtree and ipswich
122	To East Bergholt
123	Colchester Ipswich
124	Direct from Brantham to East Bergholt, Dedham Colchester
125	Essex direction
126	The bus service would have to be so much more regular and avoid going through Holbrook etc for us to consider this.
127	If Ipswich service was 1 hourly (as it used to be) this would also mean hourly to Manningtree.
128	Ipswich and Colchester
129	Reduce cost! WHY £2 pp, it's cheaper to drive and park when there are more than 2 people.
130	To East Bergholt and Colchester
131	To colchester/harwich/east coast
132	Hadleigh, Suffolk
133	No bus routes to colchester
134	Ipswich and Manningtree
135	Ipswich
136	I've not used the bus service
137	Colchester, Ipswich, Manningtree, Capel St Mary
138	Ipswich, Colchester, Manningtree, Rail Station
139	Improved evening service to Ipswich and colchester
140	Manningtree, Ipswich, Colchester
141	Ipswich, Colchester, Manningtree
142	East Bergholt Manningtree
143	Ipswich
144	Mannnigtreet
145	Ipswich, Manningtree, Lawford, Mistley, tatting stone and Bentley
146	Ipswich and Manningtree
147	Ipsiwch Colchester
148	Ipswich and Colchester
149	Manningtree and Ipswich
150	To Colchester and Ipswich. I drive currently but I would use the bus service. A car ownership became an issue.

AI Summary of suggestions

The **most popular places suggested** are:

1. Ipswich

This is the **most frequently mentioned destination** overall. It appears repeatedly on its own and in combinations such as:

- Ipswich and Colchester
- Ipswich and Manningtree
- Ipswich, Manningtree, East Bergholt

Why it stands out

People clearly see **Ipswich** as a key destination for:

- work and commuting
 - colleges and education
 - shopping and services
 - evening travel
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2. Manningtree / Manningtree Station

This is the **second strongest recurring destination**, especially:

- Manningtree
- Manningtree station
- train station / railway station
- shuttle or direct links to the station

Why it stands out

Many people specifically want:

- better bus links to **Manningtree station**
 - more frequent commuter connections
 - easier access to the railway for work, school, and onward travel
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3. Colchester

This is another **very commonly mentioned place**, often paired with Ipswich:

- Ipswich and Colchester
- Colchester and Manningtree
- direct bus to Colchester

Why it stands out

Colchester is often mentioned for:

- education
 - work
 - shopping
 - general travel links
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4. East Bergholt

This is the next most common place after the big three. It appears regularly, often alongside Manningtree or Ipswich.

Why it stands out

People seem to value links to East Bergholt for:

- local services
 - schools
 - doctors
 - nearby village access
-

Other places mentioned, but less often

These appear occasionally but far less frequently:

- Hadleigh
- Harwich
- Capel St Mary
- Dedham
- Felixstowe
- Lawford / Mistley / Bentley / Tattingstone / Holbrook

Overall ranking of the most popular places

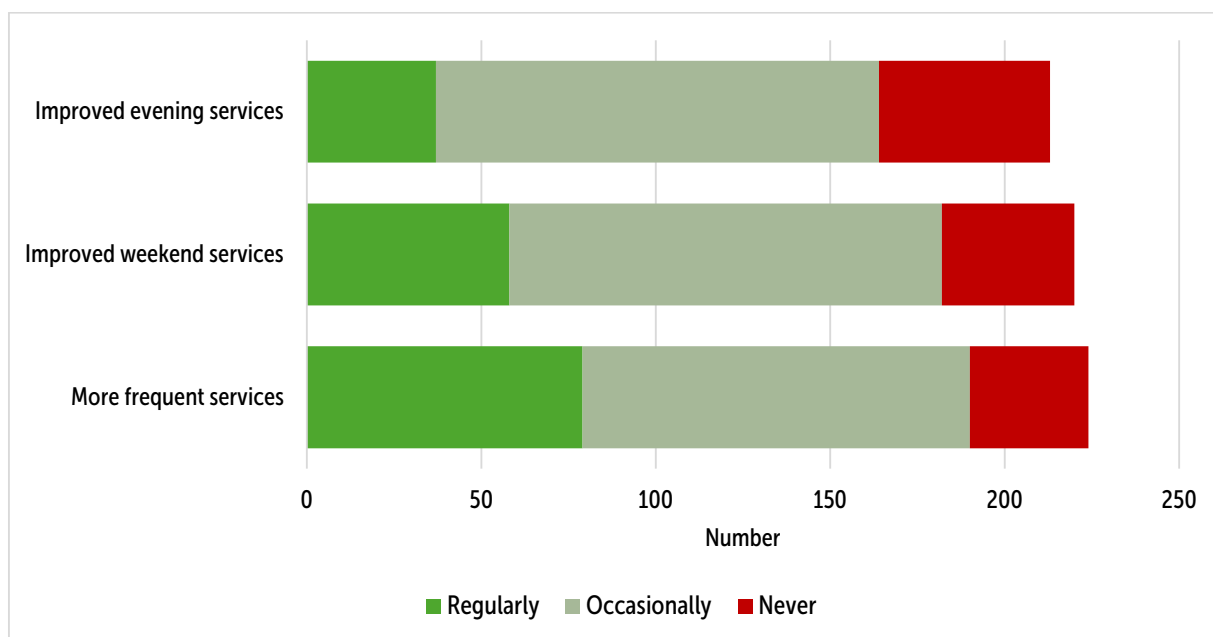
1. Ipswich
2. Manningtree / Manningtree Station
3. Colchester
4. East Bergholt

Overall pattern

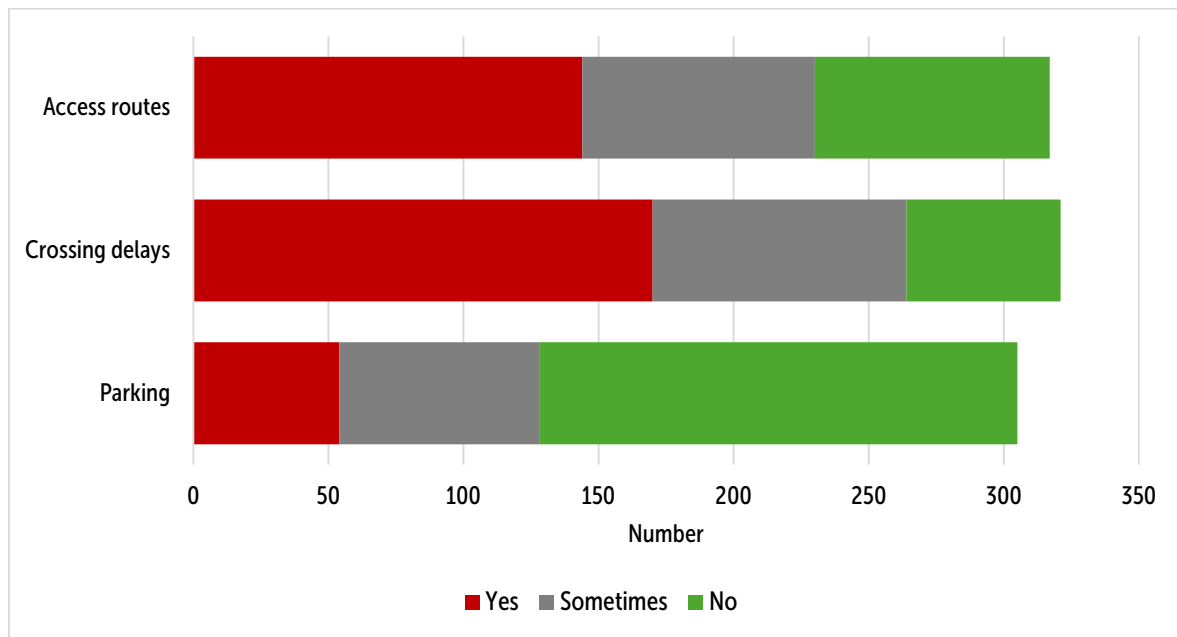
The responses show the strongest demand for better transport links to:

- the **main nearby towns** (Ipswich and Colchester)
- the **rail connection at Manningtree**
- and important **local service centres** like East Bergholt

37. If you answered "Yes" to Q36, how often would you use them? Please tick one box per row				
Answer Choices	Regularly	Occasionally	Never	Response Total
Improved evening services	17.37% 37	59.62% 127	23.00% 49	213
Improved weekend services	26.36% 58	56.36% 124	17.27% 38	220
More frequent services	35.27% 79	49.55% 111	15.18% 34	224
			answered	233
			skipped	102



38. Do issues reaching/using Manningtree Station affect you? Please tick one box per row				
Answer Choices	Yes	Sometimes	No	Response Total
Access routes	45.43% 144	27.13% 86	27.44% 87	317
Crossing delays	52.96% 170	29.28% 94	17.76% 57	321
Parking	17.70% 54	24.26% 74	58.03% 177	305
			answered	325
			skipped	10



Anything else (please specify) (95)	
1	Road closures between Cattawade and Manningtree Station have an appalling impact on my journey home. Also, my vehicle doesn't fit under the Manningtree Railway Bridge and I am regularly caught at the level crossing for multiple trains. My record is being stuck for 5 consecutive trains for almost 20 mins. This feels ridiculous! Investing in better crossing controls and spacing trains out to avoid a crossing closure of more than 2 mins feels entirely reasonable.
2	Pedestrian crossing is very dangrous as there isnt one
3	I think traffic lights linked to the rail crossing lights to ease traffic flow under the 9'6" bridge should be installed. The biggest problem there , IMHO is sat nav, when the A12 becomes an issue, sat nav's route all traffic down the A137, through the village and into the bridge bottleneck, with the additional local traffic returning home in the evening this compounds the problem into a continuous flow of traffic from Suffolk into Essex impeding the traffic flow into Suffolk, as it must now wait as the "priority" is to oncoming traffic, now Cox Hill, Station Road and traffic exiting the railway station becomes extremely congested, blocking the roundabout, again, causing issues for emergency services notable the fire service from Manningtree.
4	Volume of traffic!
5	The bridge is a bottleneck at rush hour. Traffic already queues back into the station if turning towards Brantham. They need to change the structure if more homes are going in
6	Cycle route ends at the crossing so cycling to and from the station from that point is risky
7	The level of cycle theft would prevent me cycling to the station.
8	The crossing needs replacing before any further development it's a joke! It's hit at least once a week already! Overpass collapsing
9	Safety getting to and from under/over the bridge when walking (see above notes)
10	Biggest issue seems to be amount of traffic attempting to get through bridge/level crossing - causing severe congestion leading to station from both directions - road layout by station/roundabout does not help with multiple streams of traffic trying to navigate roundabout/crossing.
11	Make it clear for oversized vehicles that the underpass is limited. Traffic flows need to be better managed i.e. traffic lights...stops the aggressive face offs
12	Traffic at bridge/underpass crossing
13	No streetlighting between Brantham and Railway station. Dangerous in the dark

14	Flow of traffic. Am everyone is coming towards Brantham. Pm going in the opposite direction
15	Better signage is needed to prevent vehicles getting stuck under the bridge. Also the road surface along Cattawade is awful as is crossing over the rail bridge at Manningtree too.
16	Getting to the station on foot from Brantham is dangerous. No consideration has been given to pedestrian safety at the railway vehicle underpass.
17	Getting through the bridge under the line- especially if someone with no sense of the height of their vehicle can't be bothered to wait and go over the line. This happens much too often and can only be down to drivers who just can't be bothered to wait. When an articulated lorry thinks they can get through it beggars belief.
18	Walking on a137
19	Idiots not knowing their size of their van and then crashing / getting stuck under the bridge causes huge delays and built up traffic
20	Junction requires urgent attention, with increased local inhabitants, the junction is not fit for purpose with near death experiences occurring under the bridge as a pedestrian as drivers from Manningtree accelerate rapidly to jump a gap from Brantham oncoming traffic.
21	No regular bus service
22	We often walk to the station. The underpass is dangerous.
23	Main issue is walking / cycling under the railway bridge is too dangerous especially with children and dogs
24	Something needs to be done for the crossing to be more effective at peak hours
25	The bridge at the station is awful for traffic. Let alone safety or walkers and cyclists
26	The railway crossing is just so awful - outright dangerous on bike/on foot, and problematic by car due to both a) volume of traffic at peak times (and magnified again during an A12 diversion) and b) the amount of times tall vehicles get stuck!
27	A walking path under the bridge at Manningtree Station
28	the peak time rush and the priority at the tunnel is a concern. The walkway to the station from brantham is not safe at present. A suitable cycle and walking route from the village would encourage more people to walk/cycle to the station than drive.
29	Can there be a pedestrian/cycle route to the right of the water tower to access the platform to ipswich?
30	Cyclists using road rather than cycle path. Cycle path needs better signage and cyclists more education to make sure they use it.
31	No buses to Railway Station before 09.30. Parking expensive.
32	The 92 bus to Ipswich doesn't travel on the main A137 between Cattawade Crown and the turning to Palfrey heights. It would be nice if one bus per weekday could do this as there is a bus stop on this route only used by the school children. For the return journey it could drop off passengers in the lay bye on Brantham hill as it does for school children at present. Also there is a bus stop on the New Village Top Row which could be useful as well. .
33	The traffic on Cox's Hill is a lot during school hours and rush hour. It can sometimes take a 6 minute drive 20 minutes. An improvement to the Bridge should be made. It's also incredibly dangerous walking under the bridge as there is no footpath.
34	My partner drives but I do not and we can never find anywhere to park in any of our villages we need more secure and well built car parks even if we would have to pay
35	The underpass and crossing are out dated and needs urgent review.
36	how often vans get caught under the bridge and close the road is a real problem and seems to happen more often now
37	The single lane choke point under the bridge at Manningtree is a problem. The cycling route through Brantham to Manningtree station should ideally be tarmac throughout.
38	Cyclists still not using the designated cycle path possibly due to no signage

39	My son has to catch the train and walking under bridge is highly stressful
40	See note earlier regarding the incredibly dangerous situation of no safe passage for cyclists or pedestrians under the railway bridge
41	Access routes on foot are poor, so we take the car and find no issues
42	More frequent buses to and from railway station and later in the evening
43	Safe access when cycling / walking
44	Pedestrian walking under rail bridge is very unsafe
45	Difficult entry and exit for to anpr camera on already narrow access road
46	Better walking access to Manningtree Station from Brantham is needed and across A137 at the Bridge/Crossing. Can be very dangerous at busy times for pedestrians
47	The route under the bridge near the station is dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists.
48	Vehicles hitting the bridge
49	Never feels safe going under railway bridge on foot or with bike. Motorists are so impatient.
50	Walking under the underpass is pretty unpleasant with the speed at which some people drive through
51	Public transport there and back.
52	It's not exactly the safest walking under the bridge some separation would be good.
53	Nightmare if you want to walk under railway line. Or driving home from Manningtree as traffic awful and dangerous with vehicles flying over the top to escape queues.
54	Security of vehicles and bikes parked at the station.
55	As previously mentioned with regards to pedestrians, the rail crossing is unsafe. It's not much better for vehicles either. Any sort of delay at the low bridge (of which there are often incidents) causes this vital bottleneck to be closed or severely delayed. When there is a problem with the rail gates, it doesn't take long before higher vehicles which can't use the low bridge back up and other vehicles can't get through.
56	Pedestrian access to the station (via the rail crossing) is appalling.
57	There is no safe walking access to Manningtree station - this is especially an issue with young children and prevents us from walking there. If there was a safe route it would reduce our car usage.
58	It's incredibly unsafe for cyclists at peak hours and better access should be a priority.
59	The level crossing and/or the train companies policies allowing slow/stopped trains to still trigger the crossing and cause local chaos. It is totally avoidable. Level crossings should be down for a few minutes maximum at a time.
60	Cars should not be able to use the level crossing. This causes delays both ways and anti social driving practice. It should be for tall vehicles only
61	Safety of walking route Safety issues for drivers around rail bridge and Manningtree roundabout
62	No safe walking or bike route
63	Do something about the underpass!
64	Getting to the station by cycling or walking is very dangerous. The junction near the station is very dangerous, there are often accidents and needs serious review to improve for safety of everyone.
65	Crossing under railway bridge for pedestrians is extremely dangerous
66	Getting under the bridge. A build up of traffic.
67	Exacerbated by road congestion at peak hours by Rail crossover and adjacent roundabout, in particular when accidents occur on underpass, which they frequently do. Better hazard signage required
68	Only issue is security of vehicles or bikes when parked at the station.
69	when a 12 is closed due to accidents, it can affect the A137 routes. under the railway bridge and Manningtree

70	the train bridge is a nightmare- too much traffic for a one way system and too many big vehicles attempting to go under it
71	better signage at both sides of the bridge is needed to stop high vehicles being stuck
72	passage under train arch feels dangerous
73	A proper footpath under the bridge. Needham Market have a raised footpath with railings under a narrow bridge it can work.
74	The bridge is a nightmare and needs to be addressed.
75	Impact of vehicles that are too high striking the bridge.
76	Using the underpass by foot or cycle is very dangerous
77	That tunnel is dangerous. I saw 3 bridge hits and 2 u-turns in one week.
78	The routes to the station and crossings is not good. There need same thing done about the road and infrastructure.
79	Perhaps cars only should be allowed under the bridge as too many stupid van drivers get stuck and cause hours of delays for residents.
80	pedestrian safety under the bridge/crossing
81	Delays getting under the bridge at Manningtree - and stop cars going over the top.
82	Walking to and from the station at night is hard due to lighting.
83	People not reading signage and trucks, getting struck under the bridge regularly
84	Cannot safely walk with a buggy under the bridge
85	The railway bridge
86	Road over bridge is terrible and traffic on the Manningtree side is awful at rush hour.
87	Vehicles crashing into the bridge on a daily/weekly basis. Signage is inoperative to prevent asap.
88	See Q34 Very dangerous to walk to the station/underpass
89	Working in Manningtree, the roundabout and the station traffic and the underpass can cause daily congestion morning and afternoon. Volume of traffic has increased.
90	better access under or around the railway bridge
91	Main issue is walking, the tunnel is scary especially at night with the road to Cattawade no street lite.
92	Vehicles stuck under the bridge
93	Traffic under the bridge congestion
94	When someone ignores the width restriction and hits the bridge
95	I think pedestrian access under the bridge has safety concerns

AI generated summary of the most frequent issues:

1. Unsafe pedestrian and cycle access under the Manningtree railway bridge

This is the **strongest recurring theme**. Many people describe walking or cycling under the bridge as:

- dangerous
- stressful
- unsuitable for children, dogs, bikes, or buggies
- lacking a safe footpath or separation from traffic

Most common suggestions

- a proper footpath / walkway

- a **separated pedestrian and cycle route**
 - barriers or railings
 - better access to the station without using the underpass
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2. Traffic congestion and bottlenecks at the bridge / crossing / station junction

Another major theme is the severe congestion caused by:

- the **single-lane underpass**
- the **level crossing**
- the **roundabout / junction near the station**
- peak-time traffic and **A12 diversions**

People repeatedly mention long delays, queues, and the whole area being **not fit for current traffic levels**.

Common suggestions

- **traffic lights**
 - better **crossing controls**
 - improved **traffic flow management**
 - wider redesign of the station/bridge approach
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3. Vehicles hitting or getting stuck under the bridge

This comes up very frequently as a major cause of disruption. Respondents repeatedly mention:

- **vans / lorries / oversized vehicles** striking the bridge
- vehicles ignoring or missing height restrictions
- resulting **road closures and long delays**

Most common suggestions

- better **signage**
 - stronger **warnings for high vehicles**
 - clearer route management for unsuitable vehicles
 - in some cases, restricting who can use the crossing
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4. Poor access to Manningtree station

A further repeated theme is the difficulty of getting to the station safely and conveniently, especially:

- **on foot**
- **by bike**
- in the dark
- with limited bus connections or expensive parking

Common suggestions

- safer **walking/cycling routes to the station**
 - improved **bus links**
 - better **lighting**
 - safer crossing arrangements around the station area
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5. Need for better signage, lighting, and infrastructure upgrades

Across all comments, there is repeated frustration with outdated or inadequate infrastructure, including:

- poor lighting between Brantham and the station
 - bad road surfaces
 - lack of pedestrian provision
 - weak signage for bridge height / cycle routes
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Overall summary of the most frequent topics

The text is mainly about:

1. Unsafe walking and cycling under the Manningtree railway bridge
2. Severe congestion and bottlenecks around the bridge, level crossing, and station
3. Frequent bridge strikes by high vehicles
4. Poor and unsafe access to Manningtree station
5. A need for better signage, lighting, and traffic/infrastructure management

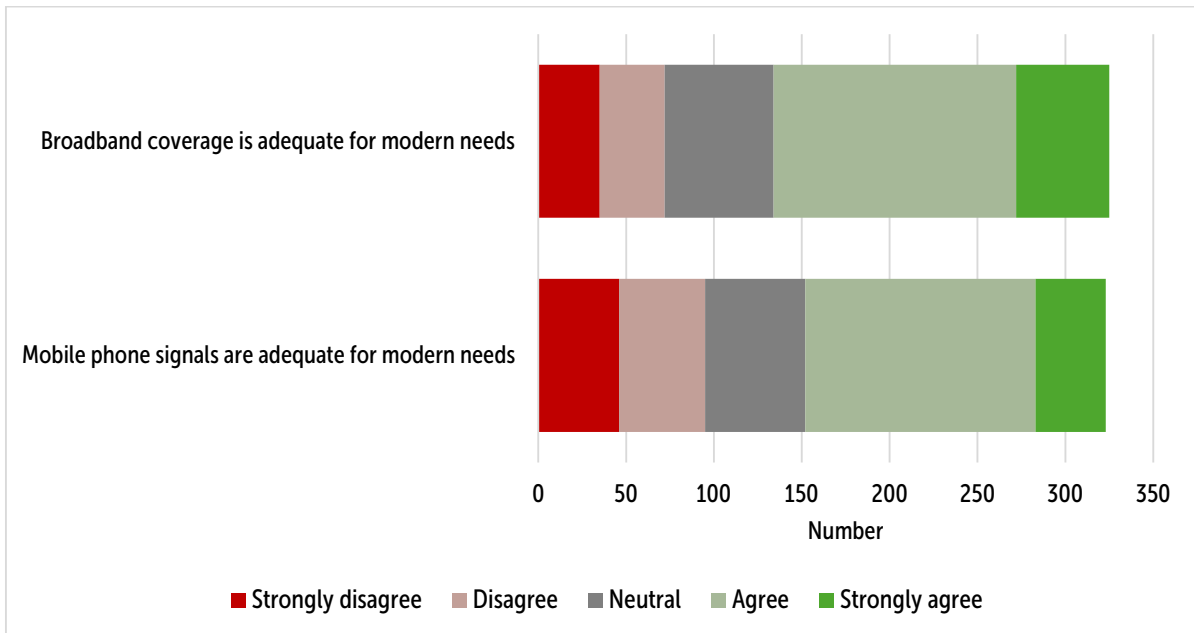
39. Should the plan support safer walking/cycling routes to Manningtree Station? Please tick one box				
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		82.01%	269
2	No		5.18%	17
3	Not sure		12.80%	42
			answered	328
			skipped	7

SECTION I – Infrastructure, safety & sustainability

40. How do you feel about the following statements?

Please tick one box per row

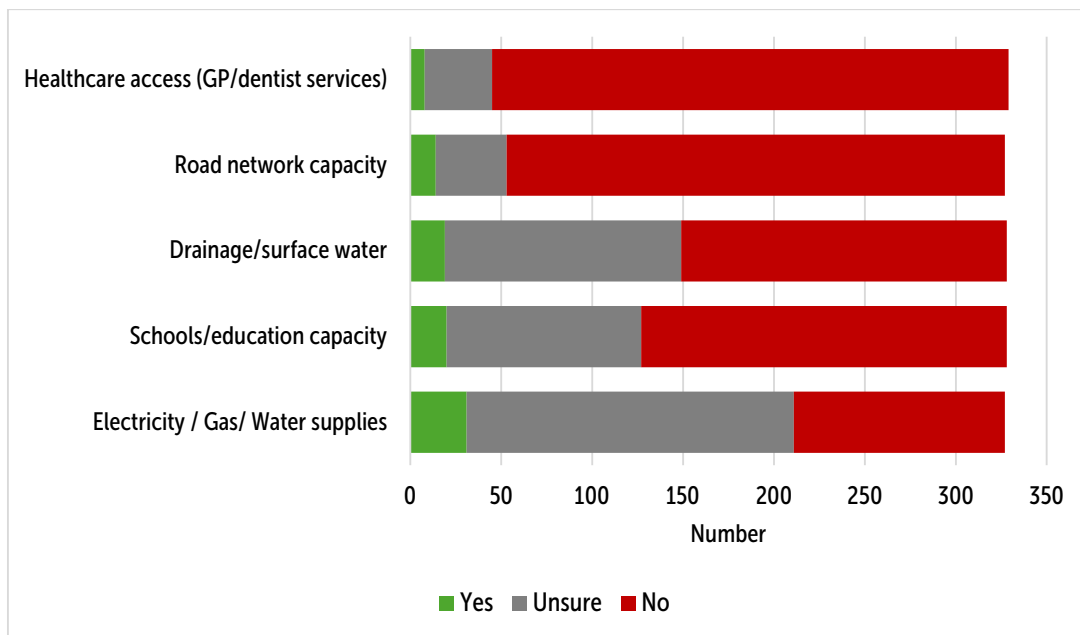
Answer Choices	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	Response Total
Broadband coverage is adequate for modern needs	10.77% 35	11.38% 37	19.08% 62	42.46% 138	16.31% 53	325
Mobile phone signals are adequate for modern needs	14.24% 46	15.17% 49	17.65% 57	40.56% 131	12.38% 40	323
					answered	325
					skipped	10



41. Do you think local services/infrastructure can cope with future growth?

Please tick one box per row

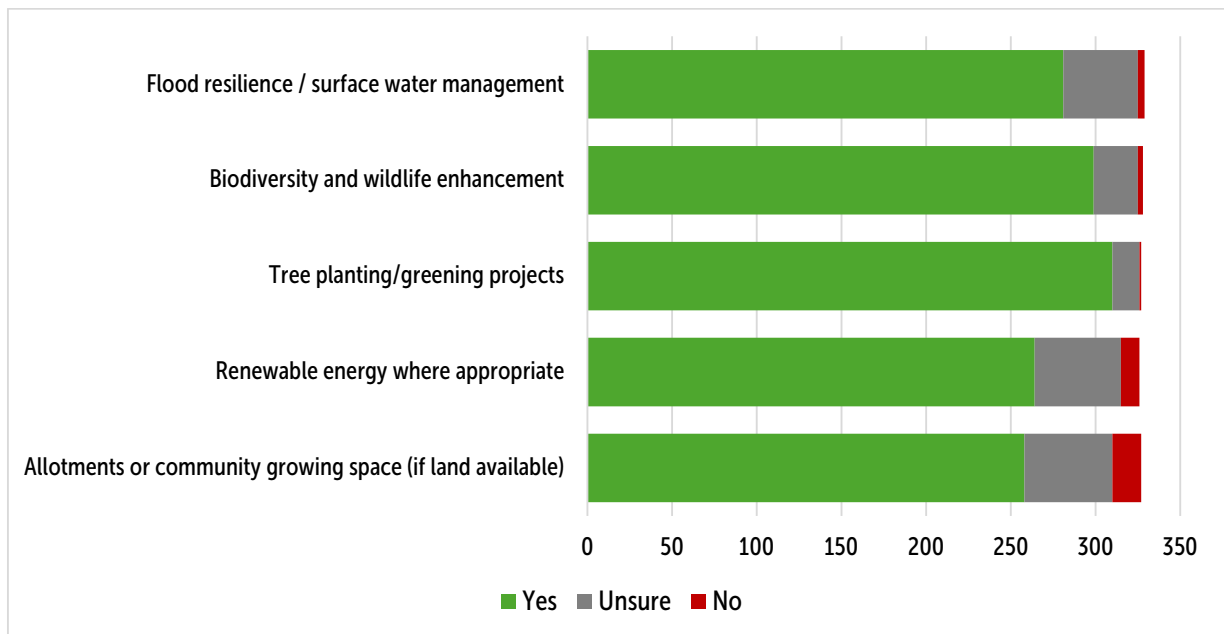
Answer Choices	Yes	Unsure	No	Response Total
Healthcare access (GP/dentist services)	2.43% 8	11.25% 37	86.32% 284	329
Road network capacity	4.28% 14	11.93% 39	83.79% 274	327
Drainage/surface water	5.79% 19	39.63% 130	54.57% 179	328
Schools/education capacity	6.10% 20	32.62% 107	61.28% 201	328
Electricity / Gas/ Water supplies	9.48% 31	55.05% 180	35.47% 116	327
			answered	329
			skipped	6



42. Should the Neighbourhood Plan support the following?

Please tick one box per row

Answer Choices	Yes	Unsure	No	Response Total
Flood resilience / surface water management	85.41% 281	13.37% 44	1.22% 4	329
Biodiversity and wildlife enhancement	91.16% 299	7.93% 26	0.91% 3	328
Tree planting/greening projects	94.80% 310	4.89% 16	0.31% 1	327
Renewable energy where appropriate	80.98% 264	15.64% 51	3.37% 11	326
Allotments or community growing space (if land available)	78.90% 258	15.90% 52	5.20% 17	327
			answered	329
			skipped	6



SECTION J – The Neighbourhood Plan

43. Do you support creating a Neighbourhood Plan for Brantham?

Please tick one box

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		88.04%	287
2	No		1.84%	6
3	Not sure		10.12%	33
			answered	326
			skipped	9

44. Would you like to be involved in the Neighbourhood plan steering group?

Please tick one box

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		9.32%	30
2	No		46.27%	149
3	Maybe		44.41%	143
			answered	322
			skipped	13

12. Other comments

45. Do you have any additional comments relating to the Neighbourhood Plan?

1	If the land is available, allotments would be an incredible addition.
2	Please can we have a skate park or pump track or both
3	We feel it would be a shame to ruin Brantham and surrounding areas any further with anymore housing developments. We feel Brantham is a lovely place to live at the moment, with great green spaces and friendly people. Due to developments which have already taken place, we have noticed that there is a decline in wildlife around, and feel this is a shame because they have to find safe places to go, also the country side will be ruined
4	The plan should involve more for the children better play park facilities, and better shopping/supermarkets. This would benefit the community and save people driving to larger towns
5	Manningtree crossing needs sorting properly. HGV vehicles need limiting. Parking needs enforcing - disabled space at shops ALWAYS used by non disabled persons, traffic near school needs controlling, parents & young adults needs to be considerate to people living in and around school, social places. Parking for village hall & sports centre is AWFUL.....the road is nearly blocked on a regular basis.
6	Ensure our road network to our schools, notably Brooklands Primary School, with children on bicycle and vehicles on the school run and buses all negotiating the pot holes in the road surfaces I'm amazed that no one has been killed. Suffolk CC / Highways should be ashamed of themselves, providing (or not) a service that's definitely not fit for purpose....
7	I just hope that any new developments that might happen will be encouraged to think about the area we live in and the surrounding countryside. We are lucky to live in Brantham with nature and wildlife around us. I would encourage the parish council to let some of the green areas go wild!! Sow wildflower seeds and plant some more trees!! Please. Don't always cut the grass. During Covid the green area opposite where I live was left to grow long and it was beautiful. People could still cut across the green to walk their dogs. Unfortunately now they come and cut the grass. It would be lovely if they could leave some of it to go wild, Better for insects , bees and butterflies.
8	Future developments would appear unavoidable however Brantham has already shouldered it's fair share of new residential housing developments whilst Brownfield sites remain unutilised. Any further development MUST be supported by adequate investment in appropriate infrastructure.
9	I would like to see joining both sides of the village to make a cohesive village as it is currently split by the A137. Safe places to cross would help this or alternatively, diverted traffic/bypass to reduce traffic on A137 Also greater support from the Parish Council for the great facilities in the village. Particularly the Scout Group and the Leisure Center. More medical care is essential with a minimum of a Dr's surgery.
10	We think that this is a positive move and hopefully it will keep Brantham the great village it is for existing and future residents.
11	We do not feel that the skatepark is a good idea and the location not being the best for it either. We feel it's going to create issues in what is currently a well enjoyed area by families. It's going to create a gathering area for a lot of youths with not always the best intentions and therefore feel this will be a massive deterrent to current families that enjoy the area as it is.
12	I look forward to seeing The Brantham Neighbourhood Plan when it is complete. I wonder how much weight it will carry if planning applications are against the plan, but are being pushed at district or county level or by unscrupulous developers.
13	This is being imposed on us I can see that Brantham has been identified as a potential town by local and mid Suffolk possibly national governments. It's totally unacceptable and infrastructure is already not coping land owners cashing in residents will suffer again too much housing already!

45. Do you have any additional comments relating to the Neighbourhood Plan?

	Look at the impact this has had on area already we had our first murder in area for decades and road noise and infrastructure can't cope. https://www.eadt.co.uk/news/25975227.5-villages-suffolk-soon-become-towns/?utm_term=Autofeed&utm_medium=Social&utm_source=Facebook&fbclid=IwDGRjcAQ26ndmZGkFIA-HsnupgNfebVmMPJN5GIFveOm6CZleHRuA2FibQlxMQBzcnRjBmFwcF9pZAo2Njl4NTY4Mzc5AAEexbBRvaT4kJ3zJb8FpnhqDawHDnM15HHkY2zIUJ3m_PprKuJ_vdtahaRsgMA_aem__NCnKd0uUqb6CrpgU_AXyg#Echobox=1774768261
14	Allotment spaces would be great
15	Brantham is a beautiful place to live and we are incredibly fortunate to have nature surrounding us. It would be a huge shame to see brantham become spoiled over the years and become less of a village. Although not all change is bad, preserving the safety, nature and community brantham has to offer is really important to us. Thankyou
16	I think that the provision of local Neighbourhood plan is welcome and needed if we are to effectively manage the needs of the village residents against the increasingly aggressive stipulations for new housing from wider local government. Key areas to consider are as follows: - Keeping some adequate level of green spaces and bio diverse sites for wildlife, else Brantham will evolve into a soulless concrete jungle or giant housing estate. - Provision for young people , if Brantham is to expand - then the number of younger people will expand with it - there needs to be things for them to do , in order to discourage potential anti social behaviour, and the requirement to then manage this (which uses more local resources). - With a larger population, the provision of healthcare facilities and education/schools facilities becomes more important so as not to overstretch/overload existing facilities within the village/wider area. - Road safety has to be a priority if the number of houses (and therefore vehicles) is to increase in the village, we have a main A road running through our village which at times takes freight traffic via HGVs (especially if A12 has issues) and we do not have any provision for crossing the road safely from one side of the village to the other. If traffic increases unmanaged and no provision for crossings made, it will only be a matter of time before someone is seriously hurt or worse killed whilst attempting to cross the A137. - General requirement to ensure that infrastructure services (Broadband, Mobile signal coverage, Gas, Electric, Water, Sewerage etc) are adequate and have capacity to cope with future demand without impacting existing capacity or residents.
17	L
18	No, I have made all my comments in the previous questions
19	Brantham is not suitable for development into a "town". The roads are unsuited, the facilities are lacking and it feels like a lets copy Essex near Manningtree with Manningtree Park and Lawford Green. Both developments are awful and speaking to people are not great places to live as soulless.
20	Although a lot of work goes into developing this plan the central government can override all the effort how can our plan be protected in future.
21	Crossing the a137 at Cattawade is dangerous. Flooding as turning from Cattawade roundabout to Bergholt is terrible. Pot holes are terrible.
22	Depending on answers received regarding how safe people feel in the village. Keep in mind we run a martial arts academy specialising in teaching personal self defence in Manningtree. We would be happy to work with the Parish Council to deliver street awareness, personal self defence or knife awareness or defence courses for local people as and when required. You do not need to be physically fit or have any martial arts experience to learn self defence or knife defence - it can be taught to anyone regardless of ability.

45. Do you have any additional comments relating to the Neighbourhood Plan?

	Check out our website: www.smartdojos.co.uk And maybe look at our google reviews too.
23	Expansion is not inevitable. Any future development needs to have current residents best interests at heart. Come up with a working plan that includes education provision a healthcare provision (of which there is currently none in Brantham). Do NOT allow national house builders and land owners to profit where local house builders/ businesses could. Support local builders/ trades where possible. Always put the wishes of the majority and DO NOT be pressurised into expanding the village where it is not deemed absolutely essential. Always put the interests of local, young people first. Provide affordable homes (maisonettes/ apartments/ starter homes) first. We do NOT need more 4/5 bed homes built in this village!
24	We moved to the village in 2025, we love it here and enjoy walking our doggies around it would be a shame to see it change too much
25	The signage for the cycle/foot path between Brantham and Manningtree railway station is inadequate and many cyclists continue to use the road instead. The path is also unlit which makes it a safety concern for pedestrians in the early morning/evening. We have not seen the police speed camera van in the A137 laybys anywhere near as often as they are seen at Brantham Mill and at the top of the village so they are missing the key area where speeding occurs.
26	If this plan is to 'truly' define a roadmap for the future growth and sustainability of Brantham and it's potential, and not a divisive mechanism to capture the current local governing agenda to retain a small outdated village, then this is a positive step. Master plans take years to develop and then implement, housing and development is one thing but infrastructure readiness and population load management is pivotal in growth preparation. Simply throwing focus on housing will only exacerbate an already overflowing outdated village, progress is inevitable and we need to prepare for it. Town status gives us higher CIL percentages, a single Large Development under town status would inject cash to focus on the supporting infrastructure, we also need to be open to merging or expanding our borders to wider communities to truly thrive. Human evolution has taught us this for centuries.
27	It would be nice to think that any individual's views really do matter but of course, ultimately, this can't be the case. Provision would get too fragmented. However it's nice to be asked.
28	Why are we looking at building more houses on our beautiful green spaces If additional houses need to be built why can the land at the bottom of factory lane not be cleared and used Brantham is getting bigger and it's not the small little village I have grown up in
29	So sad to see new sites have been put forward The fields behind Grove Road and Merriam close is my biggest concern This to me is the view of Brantham and more houses would spoil the feel of the village
30	I think this is a really important initiative and it is essential to take current residents views into account. We moved to Brantham 15 years ago and it has changed so dramatically since, we are not alone in thinking we would move out of the village if new developments continue at this rate.
31	I think several concerns definitely need to be considered as this village is in danger of becoming so large it no longer has a village status and will have no community or infrastructure to support its growth. It is a beautiful village at the moment but is in danger of losing all the attraction of a country village with open beautiful spaces.
32	Stop the unintelligent kids on motorised/ e bikes from tearing up the beautiful village which Brantham Open Space group have worked hard to preserve. Thank you for taking the time to review my survey result.
33	We moved to Brantham from Colchester because we were fed up with over crowding, poor roads, poor services, the state of the city centre and the inability of the council to complete any project that wasn't an over-priced, over budget vanity project. We hand picked Brantham because it is small, accessible and has a separate identity to Manningtree with many assets easily reachable. Whilst we have some minor concerns about the village, overall we are proud of it and cherish what is around it. Money talks and ultimately we would not want to see the village get absorbed into any larger community. It must retain its village envelope and identity.

45. Do you have any additional comments relating to the Neighbourhood Plan?

	To those who would stuff us up with windmills, solar panels, cycle lanes, speed humps or a large bronze elephant I would simply quote Jack Nicholson: "Sell crazy some place else - we're all stocked up here!" It's a village - let's leave it that way. If I wanted to live in a kaleidoscope surrounded by social housing I would have stayed in Colchester. Yes, he really did say that.
34	Brantham grew to provide workers for the plastics factories. It is now a village of home workers, commuters and the retired. New housing in Brantham is driven by it being near the main line station and major roads A12 and A14. Traffic between Manningtree and Ipswich and people accessing the Station is growing with Lawford and Peninsular housing developments. It is making living here less of a pleasure. Making the roads better will make Brantham even busier.
35	Brantham has already had significant development any further development should be held off until brown field site at factory lane is developed. Developers have already deserted their obligations regarding the site and would rather take our countryside away and make a fast buck. Counsellors should object to further housing until manningtree crossing has been upgraded to two way underpass as it's hit weekly currently. Th A137 needs a zebra crossing for the sake of children's safety getting to primary school. Pavements to east Bergholt if bus services are cut back any further!
36	Actually listening to us the residents! Not thinking about money. The number of homes here already is getting to a limit for things for people to do and work. Causing more cars being used due to lack of affordable public transportation
37	I feel if there is any more housing developments the village will become a small town rather than a village
38	Good luck
39	How can development of the area encourage employment. The village has potential for tourism by the river and estuary with excellent rail links that can't be accessed easily. Reviews of how we can employ people locally adding to the local economy whilst improving access for local residents would be welcome.
40	If trees etc are planted please remember that planting is the easy bit. The management of maintaining the plants with watering etc in first couple of years is imperative. Huge amounts of newly planted trees last more than a year. I believe around 70% fail to survive.
41	Just a thought. Relevant authorities, including the Councils, of East Bergholt, Brantham and Babergh objected twice to the Brantham Heights Development and several grounds. Yet, the developer contacted the Government Inspector who briefly visited, looked at the area from East End and overruled all objections. Planning was approved for a maximum of 65 dwellings. Then, a builder was appointed and they immediately changed the whole configuration of the 65 dwellings and nobody could object. REASON FOR THIS COMMENT Will the Neighbourhood Plan have any influence of objection? It's certainly hoped the results can guide those with in power can support us without.
42	No
43	With increasing housing there is a need for a local doctor surgery. Transport to East Bergholt or Manningtree is difficult for patients.
44	None I feel that the skate park has been pushed through as it benefits a certain member of the parish council ! Stour view was pushed through without any affordable housing Parking at the school due to increased parents dropping children off is dangerous
45	Perhaps a walking route for secondary school children to East Bergholt secondary school

45. Do you have any additional comments relating to the Neighbourhood Plan?

46	My concern is that the joint local plan will supersede the neighbourhood plan and instead of taking residents views and concerns into consideration. Being the closest village to Manningtree station make it the easy choice for large housing developments.
47	Rolling over & accepting what's thrown at you is not an option when it comes to saving the future of a village, especially if the village has already suffered multiple hits of inappropriately sized developments.
48	Take East Bergholts neighbourhood plan - thats what we should be doing - its detailed and covers everything we here in Brantham should be caring about.
49	No
50	I have always wanted to live in Brantham due to its closeness to nature and peacefulness, we have met issues with journey to the Station on foot and using the Mannigtree bridge in a vehicle, I believe that if there are even more people in the area this will only get worse, we need to retian the whole "village" experiance with Brantham or else we will lose what make is special.
51	Dog fouling.... Yes, that same old topic. Which I think indicates how much people are fed up with this. We have a really good number of bins in the village, but there is still an unjustifiable amount of mess left all over the place. On paths of main roads, structured paths down to and around Decoy Pond, outside the primary school (what is wrong with people?!) and even deposits on private gardens. Expecting people to naturally do the right thing and clear up: doesn't work. Politely reminding them: doesn't work. Pointing out public health risks: doesn't work. Gentle pleas: don't work. Humour: doesn't work. It's disgusting, it's a disease risk and it really, really detracts from the enjoyment of the village when out and about. I think the only thing left, and maybe the one thing that might have an impact, is if perpetrators experience a personal impact, like a fine. Even a few people identified and fined would send a clear message that it is not acceptable and will be dealt with. Perhaps a discussion with Council Dog Warden might offer some ideas - even if some of the PC budget were allocated to dealing with this issue. It's a repetitive and grim topic and we'd all like to stop having to talk about it! Section 106. Where developers are asked to make contributions to health facilities, please ensure the wording permissions as much flexibility as possible to support new and innovative healthcare models. These might not necessarily be the "traditional" GP surgery - but STILL provide (if not improve) access to and experience of care for the people of Brantham. Often wording is too prescriptive, specifying a particular GP surgery, or how it can be used, e.g. "expansion of the premises". This risks the funding not being used, because it would only partially cover the costs of the intended objective or is not practical in reality. Alternative wording for the stipulation should enable flexible use of the funding to enable improvements to health and wellbeing of the local population - this could include preventative interventions, better community support, primary care access etc etc.
52	We need to protect our green space Brantham is a village and the views by the church and river along with the walks over the fields behind Merriam close and up to the river are so important Brooklands Road surface is terrible and there is constantly cars parked on the road which makes it difficult There are too many cars that use this road since the Taylor wimpy development has happened and we certainly do not need more housing in this area
53	Need to have cycle/pedestrian routes to Manningtree station improved and clearly signed
54	Na
55	The lorry's need to stop coming through the village
56	Any development should be focussed on the brownfield sites available and not on green spaces or agricultural land.

45. Do you have any additional comments relating to the Neighbourhood Plan?

57	There shouldn't be a skatepark added to the village without consultation, there are higher priorities for CIL money to be spent on like improvements and safe crossings on a137, updates to children's parks and making a safer walk to the station. The skatepark is one persons opinion, the village should have their say as it'll drive antisocial behaviour.
58	No
59	Allotments!
60	It is only useful if it is read, acted upon and not ignored.
61	I think a NHP is a great idea for the village. we need more control over what happens to where we live. I am not against building more houses but they need to suit the village and energy efficient with solar panels etc. Mass estates put pressure on villages and create a them and us culture and isolation.
62	To over build Brantham and surrounding areas would totally destroy the ambience and will put a massive strain on traffic and local services, if new build developments are a must then very careful consideration when placing the site as not to disturb existing properties and areas and not to use existing greenbelt land.
63	Babergh district council desperately need to look again at the current services available in and around the village and realise that the existing services do not have the capacity for further growth, or have an sane opportunity for growing capacity. For example : The school doesn't have enough class rooms for the existing pupil numbers, GP surgery in East Bergholt is close to capacity and no opportunity for further surgery time slots. NHS Dentistry is wholly non-existent. The Brantham Co-op is limited in the space available for growth and has insufficient parking for any further growth in customer numbers. The Leisure Centre can barely accommodate the demands for its existing schedule of events and has inadequate parking for larger events that it tries to run. The Village hall is no long adequate for the existing village - cramped and almost no parking. One option might be to relocate both to a new site where a Village Hall can be built for the 21st Century including parking, and the Leisure centre can host large events without destroying the life of local residents. The land where the Village hall and leisure centre now are would be ideal for another set of houses - assuming the other issues could be resolved.
64	Brantham as a village is reasonably quiet More houses would not be acceptable
65	New housing is being built on Greenfield sites across the village and surrounding area. The use of land on Factory Lane should be next, lack of commercial business in this area now is high and re-use should be considered. There will be challenges to clean up and ready this area for housing, but needs higher priority in my opinion.
66	Spend money on improving already developed spaces not on building on beautiful fields.
67	Arrange regular meetings to keep residents informed and for them to express opinions. Be transparent.
68	Pro skate park but need to look at parking.
69	The question "More formalised footpaths are needed" is misleading most residents. Most do not realised this is talking about changing permissive routes to PRoW. Brantham has a great many road side verges that could improve biodiversity if planted with low growing wild flowers, this would also reduce the need for mowing. Obviously visual splays would be needed to kept cut short.
70	I strongly believe that any Neighbourhood Plan for Brantham must prioritise protection over expansion. The village is defined by its surrounding countryside, green spaces, and well-used public footpaths, all of which are being gradually eroded by ongoing development. This is not sustainable.

45. Do you have any additional comments relating to the Neighbourhood Plan?

	Brantham's proximity to the Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty places a responsibility on decision-makers to protect not just the designated landscape itself, but also its setting. Incremental development on greenfield land and at the edges of the village risks irreversible harm, leading to coalescence, loss of rural identity, and long-term environmental damage. The continued pressure on infrastructure—roads, parking, and local services—is already evident. Further large-scale housing without meaningful upgrades will only reduce quality of life for existing residents. If development is to take place at all, it should be strictly limited, focused on previously developed (brownfield) sites, and designed to genuinely reflect the character of the village. However, there must be a clear recognition that Brantham cannot absorb unlimited growth without losing the very qualities that make it desirable. This plan should draw a firm line: protect our countryside, preserve our footpaths, safeguard our green spaces, and resist unnecessary expansion into undeveloped land.
71	Speeding on the hill, council tenants allowing dogs to be left in kennels outside barking in palfrey heights needs looking into the walkway to palfrey heights needs to be regularly looked after by the council as it's there property not the owners either side
72	Having fairly recently moved from Manningtree to Brantham I feel as though it's great to rely on Manningtree for shops and amenities but Bethan is lacking already. I support more housing as it's needed but it should not be at the expense of green space or arable land for large developments. The A137 is busy enough and walking between here and Manningtree is unsafe for pedestrians and cyclists.
73	General concern about additional development changing the nature and/or demographic of the village. Worried that the area is just becoming a cash cow for developers.
74	Brantham is a lively village to live in, with a great sense of belonging. The views and wildlife, walks etc, help all its residents with mental health and general health. Building more and more homes would have a huge impact and potentially lead to people feeling less connected.
75	The plan should prioritise the maintenance of the village's character which most notably focuses on the preservation of the surrounding countryside and key green spaces such as Decoy Pond, the River Story corridor, Pattles Fen, children's play areas and the farmland. Any further development should be carefully managed to protect the village's identity and protect the existing householders enjoyment of their property.
76	No to building on green fields between Slough Road and Gravel Pit Lane, No to becoming a town
77	n/a
78	Thank you for the survey.
79	I hope something actually comes out of this survey as it is high time issues are dealt with.
80	Affordable housing in this area is extremely important to me. Unfortunately, my husband and I are looking to move away, not because we want to, but because there are no affordable family homes in this area for us to move into. I wasn't even going to bother filling out this survey for this reason, but I think it is important that you know this. I accept that this will mean building more houses. I wish you all the best of luck with your Neighbourhood Plan and the future of Brantham. Also, I am in support of Brantham Skatepark despite all the negative comments that gets on Facebook. I also support the turning off of street lamps at night to reduce light pollution, despite the negative comments that has had too.
81	We moved here to live in a village - okay Brantham y it's never going to be a pretty village and it doesn't really have a centre (unless you count the leisure centre) because it's actually two villages (Brantham and Cattawade) that became joined by largely unattractive housing over the last few decades - but it is still a friendly village with a good sense of community - and views of fields and the river as constant reminders of its rural setting (including its unmade paths and tracks) More housing will not make us a town - Brantham will just become a massive ugly suburb to nowhere with inadequate facilities and complete loss of the friendly and neighbourly village it is now

45. Do you have any additional comments relating to the Neighbourhood Plan?

82	As I have stated before. We wish to remain a village, we moved here for green open spaces, supporting wildlife and the community as a whole
83	Although I understand that we have little say over the building that government sends down, i think the argument needs to be made that local communities are being destroyed. Also the house that have already been built have struggled to be sold, in some cases there are still empty properties. Why do we need more of those that are already built cannot be sold?
84	We have no control over the world affairs or the events that affect our country, so to have a Neighbourhood Plan that we can have some input is an excellent concept.
85	* Support the introduction of a 20mph speed limit within Brantham's residential areas, where vehicle speeds can pose a risk to children and pedestrians. This should not extend to the A120 road, where a higher-speed route is appropriate. * Consider additional traffic-calming measures within estates, particularly given the increasing number of electric vehicles, which are quieter and may be less noticeable to pedestrians. * Provide more public electric vehicle charging infrastructure throughout Brantham to support the transition to electric vehicles. * Ensure that agreed planning conditions are fully delivered. For example, the southern access for the recent Taylor Wimpey development should have been opened as part of the scheme, and its absence has increased traffic through New Village. * Greater control is needed when granting planning permission for extensions that reduce or remove existing parking provision. Loss of off-street parking leads to increased on-street and verge parking, which can create congestion, safety issues, and visual impact. (New collage some have been well intergrated but some have almost removed all parking from the property)
86	Improved road safety, speed bumps not cameras Parking utilise area near factory road? More dentists, there isn't sufficient provision currently
87	I cannot emphasise enough how vital it is to keep Brantham a village. We have lived many places under the military and seen areas by AONB be built on and it's devastating. If housing has to happen I do think HE23967 should be the last choice and not even an option ideally. HE24014 would be much more suitable for Brantham, if having to choose. There are many parents at Brooklands who walk from Fields Farm area and beyond. The roads are better equipped, the land flat and it wouldn't encroach on the most stunning part we have to enjoy in Brantham, Decoy. Anytime we've mentioned this to others they've been in shock it would even be considered. The build up by HE23967 would also devastate wildlife - we've seen deer, hedgehogs, bats, snakes and many beautiful birds using that land to pass through. The views being compromised would lead to loss of house value and enjoyment to those by it, this isn't just a flat field view it is the very few "rolling green hills" we have in an otherwise flat area. The HE23967 is part of such a valued landscape and acts as a buffer between the houses already here. The roads around here near HE23967 are not made to be heavy use roads and already wear very easily with the traffic from Taylor Wimpey site. Overall we also have a lack of dentists, GPs and overall amenities for hundreds more. The stench of the sewage system would also be present during windy days. Litter would increase by the AONB as often does around housing (overfilled bins vs. wind/more population) The visibility would be narrow and awful coming out of HE 23967 and is by a school and play area (one too small for a large increase in children). Other sites would at least cope with the extra traffic much easier. The access to the HE23967 site would be particularly difficult and unsafe. The field itself absorbs rainfall so much too. It's often very boggy days after rain. Overall, I formally OBJECT to HE23967 becoming developed land. Let's NOT have Brantham sell it's soul - which the farming land and all surrounding decoy truly is! It's an unsustainable location and would greatly harm the village character and landscape. The environment and ecological impact would be devastating.
88	Good luck pleasing everyone. Let's keep nrantham a village and also encourage use of BLC.
89	it should prioritise the protection of Brantham's rural character surrounding countryside and key green spaces such as riverstore corridor, petals, Fen decoy, pond, children's play areas and surrounding agricultural land, any future development should be carefully managed to avoid coalescence and preserve the village's identity it should protect existing householders enjoyment of their property (any infilling should be carefully considered).

45. Do you have any additional comments relating to the Neighbourhood Plan?

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| 90 | The plan will not be able to contravene national or local policy. That needs to be recognised. There will be limited effects given those pressures, expectations might have to be lowered. |
| 91 | Well done! |
| 92 | <p>I moved to Brantham from a busy town for the countryside village life and slower pace of life. it would be a shame for this to change, I understand more housing is needed, but it needs to be placed in areas which have room for the extra facilities like doctors, shops, etc. Not on spaces where building firms have the most power and which blocks the scenic views and historic aspects of brantham</p> <p>it is really important to my household to keep the village life and as much of the countryside as possible</p> <p>development should be community based, community driven and should be beneficial to the community</p> |
| 93 | <p>would be great if there were more social things for people in their 20s and 30s to get to know other people in the area,</p> <p>main concern for me is the walkway under the train station arch feels unsafe and risky, especially when walking in the dark</p> |
| 94 | <p>At present we as a village have had 2 large estates built with no additions ammenutues or infrastructure.</p> <p>They board that Taylor Wimpey displays on their contributions to the community has not been seen to have materialised within Brantham, perhaps it was given to a community in another district.</p> <p>We have a small CoOp within the village to support the whole village which means people have to travel outside to the other ammenutues adding to the substantial increase on our roads which has proven as the quests when roadworks or closures at the Copdock/A12/A14 and the bridge at Manningree</p> <p>To add more housing to Brantham with no amenities or infrastructure would be fundamental and irresponsible.</p> <p>Schools can not cope with the increase.</p> <p>No doctors surgery</p> <p>No dentists</p> <p>Not a very reliable bus service (yes I do use the buses)</p> <p>With hope that these remarks that people submitted will be read and listened to, but as of past experience with the parish council I doubt it. But we try and continue to voice our concerns.</p> |
| 95 | Just ti thank all concerned in producing this neighbourhood plan in an accessible and easy to understand format. |
| 96 | <p>We are concerned about some matters within the village and others connected to the routes through and beyond.</p> <p>We believe the pipework throughout the village is struggling with age and wear. As a result, areas regularly floor and there is a need for Greenfield areas. However, large areas of development are reducing green space and impacting on drainage. The clear impact is flooded areas on m multiple levels suggesting water being pushing up leading to further damage.</p> <p>The increase in housing along the A137 equals more traffic and there appears to be little awareness of the 30mph speed limit. People see straight road and put down their foot.</p> <p>Equality it is a good to have footpaths and cycle lanes, however the increased frequency of vehicles hitting the railway bridge means this aera is not safe for pedestrians or cyclists. The route from Manningtree to Brantham is not lit at all. Groups are driving to the fences off industrial estate for racing or meeting, leaving rubbish and damage impacting wildlife.</p> |
| 97 | There needs to be a concerted effort to develop the land south of Factory Lane. Consideration of some radical/ambitious options. Perhaps an athletics track, solar farm, driving school etc. |
| 98 | <p>RE: transport and community areas - consider improving replacing both</p> <p>Transport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Put in local free bus to key areas, charge a very low normal fee to keep it running on council tax. <p>Community Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fill in the blanks - mobile dentist, parachuted - In nurse/doctors - too many say they can't get an appointment - Build out play areas |

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	- Community arts and sports for youth and the elderly. Make the most of the Brownfield and enjoy those views (by build) and good community space. - Provision for home schools to share the locations enjoyed by Brooklands for Black and Countryside Education settings.
99	I just hope this is not an exercise to just tick boxes, but is a genuine attempt to protect and improve village life. Currently this is not a village I recognise – too much development, increased traffic, no consideration given to speeding vehicles. Let's go back to good old fashion values rather than be guided by diversity or wokeism. Another issue that is destroying the peace and calm of village life, the motorbikes that every Wednesday use the A137 as a race track and cause considerable noise pollution. Revving engines, speeding and no consideration for residents.
100	All the additional housing developments are threatening to obliterate Brantham as a village – enough is enough! If additional housing has to be allowed greater thought should be given to more appropriate sites, rather than claiming farmers' fields! e.g. Church Lane would be ideal!
101	We are restricted to which broadband provider we can have due to the size we live on. The speed and provision is good but may not be the most cost effective. The road network is shocking, the pot holes on roads are crazy and have caused chipped windscreens and blown tyres. Brantham is a lovely place to live with a real sense of community. I always try to support local events and have been so impressed by the cost and organisation of events at the Brantham Football Club.
102	We need to remember that Brantham is a village and for these people including myself who have lived here for majority of my life for one reason being it's a village. Change is needed going forward, but the existing infrastructure will certainly need to be expanded to cope, or it will crumble. Priority would need to be addressed to the traffic calming along the A137 through the village introducing 20MPH zones. And a possible pedestrian crossing to allow parents with children to cross safely. Ban all lorries through the village
103	Stakepark proposal plans Serious concerns on antisocial behaviour of teenagers hanging around in the park near BLC. When younger children have used it during the day. Encourages loitering, littering, use of drugs and cigarettes, alcohol etc - after hours which would put children during the day at night - who would keep this clean and maintain this space and moderate safety. This will encourage antisocial behaviour and older individuals which locals to the park do not want and will make the evenings feel less safe. Money raised for this could have been used to improve village safety instead. Very disappointing. Motorbikes and cars racing down factory lane Externally loud and disturbing - 60mph and have to no speed prevention. Police have had reports but continued actions and noise for local individuals backing onto the lane at night and late afternoons.
104	Really want to stress the crossing option on A137. Stacey is key. Predestrian option to walk from Manningtree station to Cattawade under the bridge is unsafe to walk way is not light appropriately.
105	Tress need to be regularly monitored - re safety around junctions and properties We need to make sure we are all looking after what we already have before we start adding extras.
106	We live near the Brantham Bridge. It has 20 mil uneven vehicles always speed both sides of the bridge saying 20 miles an hour and remove the incorrect 30 sign at the bridge at manage Station Bridge vehicles Connie crash into it low bridge need better warning Sign instead of the bridge could do with a hide fire clearance where a split

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107	We have been shocked at the level of new housing being built in our village. It is really disproportionate to the size of the village and many of the houses are out of reach of local Young's neighbourhood plan is required as it seems local views have not been adequately considered.
108	Brantham has changed massively in the last 20 years Really concerned about our water pressure it's already inconsistent some days Concerned about sewage Why do we need more people here? It's already full doctor's appointment (our own) hospitals, parking etc Would like to preserve our countryside see the wildlife m, keep it dark, be able to have water for our property and not keep damaging our roads
109	It's important to have neighbourhood plan to go somewhere in protecting the village from excessive development. With the neighbourhood planning in place residence can have a say recording further development Green space facilities, although such plan wouldn't stop development, the obtains of local residence will be considered.
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AI generated summary of the comments:

Overall themes

The responses strongly emphasise a desire to **keep Brantham a village rather than allow it to expand into a town**. Residents repeatedly value its **green spaces, countryside, wildlife, views, and community feel**, and many are worried that further housing development will damage these qualities.

Main concerns raised

- **Overdevelopment / housing growth**
 - Strong resistance to more large-scale housing, especially on **greenfield land**
 - Preference for using **brownfield sites** (especially Factory Lane) before any countryside is built on
 - Worries that Brantham is becoming too large and losing its identity
- **Infrastructure not keeping pace**
 - Concerns about lack of:
 - GP surgery / healthcare
 - Dentists
 - School capacity
 - Parking
 - Public transport
 - Drainage / sewage / water pressure
 - Road maintenance
 - Many comments say no further housing should happen without major infrastructure improvements
- **Road safety and transport**

- Frequent calls for:
 - Safer crossing points on the **A137**
 - Better pedestrian/cycle access to **Manningtree station**
 - Traffic calming, 20mph zones, speed enforcement
 - Action on HGVs, speeding, potholes, dangerous bridge/crossing areas
- Parking around schools, shops, leisure facilities, and village hall is also a major issue
- **Protecting nature and green space**
 - Strong support for preserving:
 - fields
 - footpaths
 - wildlife habitats
 - countryside setting
 - Some want more biodiversity measures such as **wildflowers, tree planting, and less mowing**

Community priorities

- Support for more **facilities for children and young people**, though views differ on the **skatepark**:
 - Some support it as youth provision
 - Others oppose it due to fears of antisocial behaviour and poor location
- Calls for:
 - improved play areas
 - allotments
 - community facilities
 - activities for young adults
 - stronger support for existing village organisations

Tone of the feedback

The overall tone is:

- **Protective** of Brantham's rural character
- **Concerned** that decisions may ignore residents' views
- **Sceptical** about whether the neighbourhood plan can really influence future planning
- But also **hopeful** that the plan could help guide better, more balanced development

One-sentence summary

Residents largely want Brantham's neighbourhood plan to prioritise protection of the village's rural identity, green spaces, and community character, while tackling serious concerns about road safety, infrastructure, healthcare, and the impact of further housing growth.