

Occold Survey

2. SECTION A: VILLAGE LIFE

1. What three words do you think best describe Occold?			
Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question	100.00%	103
1	Rural		
2	Community Spirit		
3	Rural		
4	Friendly		
5	Passionate		
6	Rural		
7	Community		
8	Community		
9	Dull		
10	Industrial		
11	Unspoilt		
12	Quiet		
13	Rural		
14	Rural		
15	Quiet		
16	Friendly		
17	Friendly		
18	Community		
19	Calm		
20	Quiet		
21	Rural		
22	Rural		
23	Quiet		
24	Quiet		
25	Friendly		
26	Rural		
27	Quiet		
28	Rural		
29	Rural		
30	Community		

1. What three words do you think best describe Occold?

31 Friendly

32 Community

33 Quiet

34 Rural

35 Quiet

36 Friendly

37 Friendly

38 Community

39 rural

40 Quietness

41 Village

42 Sedate

43 Friendly

44 Village

45 Peaceful

46 Rural

47 Rural

48 Special

49 Friendly

50 Tranquil

51 Tranquil

52 Peaceful

53 Small

54 Beautiful

55 Quiet

56 Friendly

57 Friendly

58 Friendly

59 Untidy

60 Dormitory

61 Peaceful

62 Sociable

63 Small

64 Rural

65 Rural

66 Typical

67 Quiet

1. What three words do you think best describe Occold?

68	Friendly
69	Peaceful
70	Remote
71	Friendly
72	Quiet
73	Friendly
74	Friendly
75	Friendly
76	Quiet
77	Rural
78	Quiet
79	Rural
80	Rural
81	Rural
82	Rural
83	Quiet
84	Friendly
85	Rural
86	Quiet
87	Friendly
88	A
89	Rural
90	Friendly
91	Quiet
92	Peaceful
93	Supportive
94	Community
95	Rural
96	Stunning
97	Friendly
98	Rural
99	Friendly
100	Perfect
101	Small
102	Rural
103	Small

2	Open-Ended Question	98.06%	101
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1. What three words do you think best describe Occold?

1	Isolated
2	Isolated
3	Community
4	Rural
5	Quaint
6	Peaceful
7	Peaceful
8	Quiet
9	Uninspiring
10	Polluted
11	Quiet
12	Beautiful
13	Peaceful
14	Community
15	Pretty
16	Rural
17	Quiet
18	Small
19	Homely
20	Friendly
21	Small
22	Friendly
23	Compact
24	Small
25	Quiet
26	Friendly
27	Friendly
28	Quiet
29	Community
30	Friendly
31	Active
32	Rural
33	Small
34	quiet
35	compact
36	Agricultural
37	Active

1. What three words do you think best describe Occold?

38 Tranquil

39 peaceful

40 Rural

41 Community

42 Small

43 Rural

44 Beautiful

45 Rural

46 Tranquil

47 Community

48 Beautiful

49 Attractive

50 Rural

51 Well kept

52 Muddy

53 Rural

54 Friendly

55 Community

56 Rural

57 Rural

58 Rural

59 Cliquey

60 Friendly

61 Green

62 Friendly

63 Village

64 Quiet

65 Suffolk

66 Friendly

67 Well kept

68 Friendly

69 Unremarkable

70 Rural

71 Peaceful

72 ORAC

73 Traditional

74 Rural

1. What three words do you think best describe Occold?

75	Safe		
76	Friendly		
77	Sociable		
78	Quiet		
79	Clean		
80	Quiet		
81	Friendly		
82	Friendly		
83	Caring		
84	Quiet		
85	Friendly		
86	Welcoming		
87	Lovely		
88	Quiet		
89	Unspoilt		
90	Picturesque		
91	Community		
92	Rural		
93	Peaceful		
94	Pleasant		
95	Active		
96	Quiet		
97	Sociable		
98	Peaceful		
99	Rural		
100	Friendly		
101	remote		
3	Open-Ended Question	95.15%	98
1	Green		
2	Wild life		
3	Historic		
4	Quiet		
5	Neighbourly		
6	Friendly		
7	Safe		
8	Rural		
9	Scenery		

1. What three words do you think best describe Occold?

10	Treeless
11	Friendly
12	Unspoilt
13	Isolated
14	Friendly
15	Small
16	Peaceful
17	Safe
18	Quiet
19	Historical
20	Good Pub
21	Quiet
22	Rural
23	Hidden
24	Community
25	Quiet
26	Quaint
27	Organised
28	Character
29	Village
30	Peaceful
31	Hope
32	Friendly
33	friendly
34	rural
35	Quiet
36	Country Village
37	Picturesque
38	friendly
39	Community
40	Pleasant
41	Small
42	Quite
43	Friendly
44	Picturesque
45	Quiet
46	Peaceful

1. What three words do you think best describe Occold?

47	Lively
48	Accessibility
49	Friendly
50	potholes
51	Family
52	Welcoming
53	Family
54	Peaceful
55	Unspoilt
56	Quiet
57	Peaceful
58	Peaceful
59	Isolated
60	Community
61	Small
62	Village
63	Rural
64	Rural
65	Quiet
66	Characterless
67	Village
68	Freedom
69	People
70	Underdeveloped
71	Commujity
72	Friendly
73	Quiet
74	Supportive
75	Home
76	Community
77	Friendly
78	Location
79	Active
80	Rural
81	Friendly
82	Unspoilt
83	Rural

1. What three words do you think best describe Occold?

84	Village
85	Community
86	Community
87	Community
88	Vulnerable
89	Quiet
90	Attractive
91	Picturesk
92	Supportive
93	Ambience
94	Welcoming
95	Beautiful
96	Friendly
97	Community
98	potential

answered	103
skipped	7

2. What three things do you think are important to help Occold thrive in the future?

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	1	100.00%	103
1	More village events		
2	Sporting facilities		
3	Appropriate Development		
4	Maintaining the school		
5	More people/houses		
6	Protection of farmland from development		
7	To stay as it is, not over develop		
8	Limited expansion		
9	A village shop		
10	Large-scale incentives and projects to increase plant and wildlife diversity.		
11	Community		
12	Communication amongst the community		
13	Services - pub etc		
14	Community working together		

2. What three things do you think are important to help Occold thrive in the future?

15	Control development
16	Increasing school population
17	Retain and attract younger people.
18	School
19	Community events that target all age groups
20	Village Shop
21	More active ORAC committee
22	Affordable housing
23	A little shop would be handy
24	Money
25	Transport links
26	Maintain grass verges
27	More community ownership
28	A sense of community - via events + village hall
29	To retain its rural aspects and character
30	Pathways (particularly Church Street)
31	Community Spirit - working together
32	Groups with Children
33	Shop/post office
34	Public Transport
35	Local amenities like the public house and school
36	Good community connection to those outside main village
37	Public transport
38	Good community
39	protect its peaceful agricultural setting
40	Pub
41	I think it should be valued as a country village.
42	Good primary school
43	Not to build to many houses
44	Not to over develop
45	Keep its size
46	Ability to attract new residents
47	To keep its character and size
48	Smaller, cheaper housing for young people who wish to stay in the village
49	Access to pub/village hall for community events
50	To maintain its village atmosphere and air of tranquility
51	Lowered speed limit on bullshall road

2. What three things do you think are important to help Occold thrive in the future?

52	More affordable housing so that the preschool could actually be viable to open and the school won't be at risk at closing in a few years' time
53	Shop
54	Road safety
55	Continued excellence of the school
56	Remain an attractive peaceful rural village
57	Support school and pub
58	Keep amenities
59	Organisations to work together for the village not for themselves
60	More houses
61	Pub
62	Football pitch
63	Shop
64	ORAC - social events
65	Sustainability - facilities - ie pub, school, village hall
66	The School
67	Affordable housing
68	Remain quiet
69	Carefully considered housing
70	Keep primary school open
71	Improve sense of community
72	Good community Spirit
73	Village store
74	ORAC
75	More things for children to do
76	Maintain great activities and clubs
77	Ensuring appropriate development in keeping with the character of the village
78	Have enough kids for school to stay open
79	Mobile post office banking
80	Keep school open
81	Community engagement
82	Demographic change
83	School
84	Shop
85	Better mobile and internet
86	Public transport
87	Rural community feel
88	Regular bus service

2. What three things do you think are important to help Occold thrive in the future?

89	Keep places open		
90	Affordable housing		
91	Keep pub		
92	Community		
93	More amenities		
94	Maintain a population with a demographic that supports village assets - school, village hall, pub		
95	Transport		
96	The pub, village hall, church as foci for the community		
97	Leave it alone		
98	The school - attracts young families to live in the village		
99	School		
100	Keep the village pub		
101	Keeping a sense of community		
102	School		
103	Facilities for children and young people		
2	2	96.12%	99
1	A post office		
2	Teenage facilities		
3	Local pound		
4	Reducing volume and speed of through traffic		
5	Local committees		
6	Biodiversity		
7	Retention of conservation area		
8	Affordable housing		
9	More frequent and reliable public transport service.		
10	To not be a commuter village ie ghost town		
11	Respecting the land		
12	Transportation- buses		
13	Sustainability (in all senses of the word)		
14	Retain the pub		
15	Increasing a wider range of housing		
16	Provide more facilities.		
17	Open spaces and community facilities		
18	More social events for different seasons I.e. summer fare, fireworks night etc		
19	Pub remains open		
20	Good links between all village organisations		
21	Engagement of young people		

2. What three things do you think are important to help Occold thrive in the future?

22	Speed bumps in the main village road
23	Development
24	Better infrastructure
25	Good school
26	Parish council to have a bigger voice locally
27	The Pub
28	To retain its character
29	Spaces for wildlife
30	Improved street lighting - school - Bullshall road section
31	Groups with elderly
32	Pub
33	Good transport links
34	Small shop
35	Pub to remain open
36	Road safety
37	keep its core facilities - school, village hall, pub - possibly adding to these
38	Coffee Mornings
39	I think any new builds should incorporate large gardens to appeal to people who really wish to live in the country rather than a town.
40	Activities with community. Use of village hall. Good play equipment.
41	Not to do any big developments of wind farms for example or any other energy developments
42	To make sure any development is in keeping with the village
43	Community involvement
44	Maintaining public transport links
45	To remain separate from Eye and not become generic
46	Smaller bungalows for the elderly people to downsize enabling them to remain amongst friends
47	Schooling
48	Not to be overtaken by housing development. Be proud of our villlage and its villlage statement.
49	More dog poo bins
50	A small village shop
51	Post office service
52	Crime safety
53	More social/community events
54	BUs service
55	Public transport
56	Shop
57	Occold fc home
58	Bus

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59	Pub
60	Post office
61	More families with children - for school and pub
62	Road - transport links
63	Community Projects
64	Pub being used
65	Remain friendly
66	Community events
67	Turn the pub into a chinese restaurant/takeaway
68	More amenities
69	Pub
70	Building a welcoming community
71	School
72	Better sports facilities for children and adults
73	Keep pub
74	Improving / maintaining facilities - school/church/pub/village hall
75	Community events
76	Outreach nurse and doctors
77	Keep pub
78	Appropriate development
79	A number of affordable homes
80	Bus service
81	Playgroup
82	Community shop
83	Library service
84	Community shop
85	Shop and post office
86	Better transport
87	Young population
88	Keep village hall
89	Local services - buses/mobile library
90	Control over scale, style and location of future developments
91	Use of current facilities
92	The school
93	Don't build
94	The village hall - provides a hub for a variety of activities to suit all ages and attracts people from outside the village
95	Village Hall

2. What three things do you think are important to help Occold thrive in the future?

	96	Keep the village school		
	97	Making it safer ie traffic speed footpaths		
	98	Pub		
	99	Facilities and events for families		
3	3		91.26%	94
	1	A shop		
	2	Continued controlled development		
	3	Meeting the needs of the community		
	4	Preserving and enhancing amenities		
	5	Good pub		
	6	Resident amenities (community shop)		
	7	School		
	8	Better public transport		
	9	Safe walking and cycling opportunities into neighbouring villages to access services.		
	10	Pop up shop like thorndon		
	11	Minim development		
	12	Remaining a small village		
	13	Supporting each other		
	14	Retain the school		
	15	Keeping the pub and activities going		
	16	Address infrastructure issues e.g. lack of pavements and surface water drainage.		
	17	Appropriate housing		
	18	Looking after green spaces and ditches to help mitigate future flooding		
	19	Village events		
	20	Return of traditional village events eg: village fete		
	21	Maintenance and expansion of facilities		
	22	Pavements would be great		
	23	Community Support		
	24	Village shop		
	25	Good village hall and pub		
	26	More promotion and advertising of local events		
	27	Activities and initiatives		
	28	To maintain bus connections		
	29	Investment in Occold Primary School		
	30	Set aside - woodland waling + dog runs free area		
	31	Village Hall		
	32	Affordable housing for young people		

2. What three things do you think are important to help Occold thrive in the future?

33	More community events and classes
34	Village hall to thrive
35	Protection of open countryside
36	better options for cycling, walking and public transport
37	Friendship
38	How can we help the present residents to encompass what we can have to offer? I only saw younger residents during the pandemic. Maybe forest school would encourage younger people to realise what Occold has.
39	Upkeep of open area and public rights of way
40	To keep a good core of village community.
41	To try to control traffic speed through the village and around the school
42	Strict controls on planning
43	Occold is very close to two towns with all amenities available - its value lies in the fact that it is different, small, quiet and it needs to stay that way.
44	More people to join existing clubs etc enabling them to meet up with their neighbours and make friends. This would help to combat loneliness and depression.
45	Communications - facebook page
46	Leave it as it is.
47	Affordable housing for young people
48	Roads to be made safer either side of the school
49	The pub
50	Amenities
51	Development of amenities
52	Improve roads and road surface
53	Variety of activities in vh
54	People to mix more as a community
55	village hall for schooling of children
56	School
57	Village hall
58	Social events
59	Public transport which runs more frequently or some form of shop / post office
60	Housing
61	Improved Infrastructure
62	Locals participating in village life
63	Remain rural
64	Maintain village identity and feel
65	Cheaper council tax
66	More public transport
67	Village involvement

2. What three things do you think are important to help Occold thrive in the future?

68	Increased activities for people who work 9-5
69	Housing
70	Modernisation
71	Pop up post office farm shop cafe
72	Bus, post office library
73	Improved broadband and mobile
74	Housing for youth
75	Village amenities
76	Youngsters
77	Shop
78	School
79	Avoid large scale developments
80	More activities in village hall
81	Charity for village to support each year
82	School
83	Pavements
84	Rural services - village hall, transport, library van
85	Control traffic speed
86	Better mobile/broadband
87	Secure services such as mobile post office, mobile library, bus route etc
88	Affordable housing
89	Homes for young families
90	Support of village residents in local activities - encouragement of volunteering to help run local organisations ie parish council, village hall etc
91	Pub
92	Keep the village hall
93	Community activities
94	Full emphasis on maintaining and building the school, this is a heart of excellence and the heart of the village

answered	103
skipped	7

3. Features you value most? Please identify the features you either do or would value most in our village. Please tick one box for each feature

Answer Choices	Highly value	Neutral	Least value	Response Total
Rural atmosphere	93.58% 102	6.42% 7	0.00% 0	109

3. Features you value most? Please identify the features you either do or would value most in our village. Please tick one box for each feature

Open spaces within the village	76.85% 83	23.15% 25	0.00% 0	108
Village history and heritage	54.63% 59	42.59% 46	2.78% 3	108
Ecological habitats	78.70% 85	20.37% 22	0.93% 1	108
Sense of community	89.72% 96	10.28% 11	0.00% 0	107
Quietness and tranquillity	87.16% 95	12.84% 14	0.00% 0	109
Public footpaths and bridleways	87.96% 95	11.11% 12	0.93% 1	108
Historic views	50.00% 52	47.12% 49	2.88% 3	104
Separation from other villages by open countryside	79.63% 86	12.96% 14	7.41% 8	108
Our village hall	86.24% 94	11.01% 12	2.75% 3	109
Our playing field	80.73% 88	17.43% 19	1.83% 2	109
Our Primary School	80.73% 88	16.51% 18	2.75% 3	109
Preschool	59.62% 62	34.62% 36	5.77% 6	104
Our Church	60.19% 65	33.33% 36	6.48% 7	108
Our places of worship	33.33% 35	55.24% 58	11.43% 12	105
The Beaconsfield Arms	82.57% 90	13.76% 15	3.67% 4	109
The Occold Magazine (The Oracle)	74.31% 81	24.77% 27	0.92% 1	109
A village shop	70.48% 74	21.90% 23	7.62% 8	105
A Post Office service	72.12% 75	20.19% 21	7.69% 8	104
			answered	109
			skipped	1
Please identify any other valued things below: (39)				
1	Effort made by the pub to run events			
2	Cafe Updated playground			
3	Community Groups			

3. Features you value most? Please identify the features you either do or would value most in our village. Please tick one box for each feature

4	The rural atmosphere, open spaces, ecological habitats are all things we would/should be able to value if farming/land management would permit. The industrial farming practices that prevail however are continuing to destroy these things year on year. Quietness and tranquility is destroyed by the constant noise that comes from the operation of the Research Station, and the speed of the vehicles driving through the village. A village shop and post office would be extremely valuable.
5	The lack of village shop is important, if we had a shop we'd have more passing traffic, which we don't want.
6	Dog run free area?
7	Appearance of the village eg. grass verge maintenance
8	Public transport links: High value.
9	A village shop as in Thorndon would be appreciated
10	Keeping roads and verges free from litter
11	Website could be formatted better
12	A local science employer which does not currently disadvantage the village + ORAC
13	Community events - ORAC
14	Lorries often come down narrow lane at Barric Lane
15	Low light pollution
16	Being on a reasonably frequent bus route Good parking provision at the village hall means the village doesn't suffer too much on-road parking problems especially for events Clear boundary between village and countryside - protects really rural feel Active clubs and groups in the village The common land around Benningham - beautiful, peaceful place for wildlife and people The marked Quiet Lanes
17	We don't actually have a village shop or postoffice but we used to some time ago.
18	A lot depends on people willing to manage these values. What control eg shop post office, like pie in the sky. Not being overlooked by other housing. Privacy is important.
19	The size of this village with the variety of homes existing. Excellent shops in Eye and DBS.
20	Bus service
21	Paths/walkways/pavements. The Egg shed Local farms (entertainment for children)
22	Preservation of dark skies
23	More public transport
24	Speed limit, weight limit, chicanes for safe walking in village
25	A reliable, frequent public transport system
26	Low crime rate
27	Support wildlife Continue community events/socials
28	Library service, cricket club, doctors, farm shop, tea room coffee shop
29	Community shop Tennis court
30	Good communication

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31	Maintenance of drainage systems to reduce flooding risks.
32	Great primary school
33	Open spaces like the playing field
34	A shop
35	Public transport
36	Village shop and post office: wishful thinking these days Website, facebook group.
37	Views and openness, safe environment, no large housing estates
38	Post office service would be fantastic
39	Bus service

4. What are your feelings on Village issues? Please tell how you feel about the following village issues that have been raised with the Parish Council. Please tick one box for each issue

Answer Choices	Agree it's an issue	No opinion	Disagree it's an issue	Response Total
Speed of traffic throughout the village	79.82% 87	11.93% 13	8.26% 9	109
Volume of traffic through the village	33.33% 36	41.67% 45	25.00% 27	108
Car parking in the village	24.07% 26	36.11% 39	39.81% 43	108
Provision of bins for dog waste	30.28% 33	30.28% 33	39.45% 43	109
Provision of bins for general waste	26.61% 29	45.87% 50	27.52% 30	109
Maintenance of verges and hedges	45.37% 49	31.48% 34	23.15% 25	108
Maintenance and accessibility of public footpaths and bridleways	63.30% 69	22.94% 25	13.76% 15	109
Maintenance and effectiveness of road signs	44.04% 48	37.61% 41	18.35% 20	109
Suitability of sports facilities	22.94% 25	55.96% 61	21.10% 23	109
Public transport services	36.45% 39	43.93% 47	19.63% 21	107
Library facilities	25.00% 27	50.00% 54	25.00% 27	108
Post office and banking facilities	69.52% 73	20.95% 22	9.52% 10	105
Street lighting	36.45% 39	28.97% 31	34.58% 37	107

4. What are your feelings on Village issues? Please tell how you feel about the following village issues that have been raised with the Parish Council. Please tick one box for each issue

Risk of flooding from surface water	83.33% 90	11.11% 12	5.56% 6	108
			answered	109
			skipped	1

If you wish to add to your answers or have any further topics to add to this section, please comment in the space below: (52)

1	Notice of shoots occurring and which pathways and bridleways will be unusable. Maintenance of drains
2	Dog bin to be placed on bulls hall rd. pathway along the street
3	Safety walking children to and from school is an issue and also safety for pedestrians generally. The lack of pavements, speed and volume of traffic make it dangerous for small children and the lack of street lighting makes it dangerous for pedestrians after dark.
4	Farmers/land managers/owners spray toxic chemicals on the fields directly surrounding the village without warning or signage. Walking is unsafe and footpaths are impossible to connect without using lanes and B-road where vehicles including cars, farm vehicles and HGVs drive illegally over the speed limit with apparent impunity. This makes walking and cycling terrifying. Hedges and road verges are routinely flayed in the name of management and are being continually damaged and impoverished year on year. Dogs are routinely permitted to foul the footpaths and verges. More needs to be done in the effectiveness of road signs to make drivers observe speed limits for the safety of all of us living in the village.
5	Over development has destroyed many of the items listed above in other villages. Selling the idea of bold and brave modern designs was a mistake made in the 60s right through to the 80s. Let's not wreck what we have - see elmsett as a prime example where the community is split by overdevelopment bringing in those that buying a dream and in the process killing the very ethos of village life
6	The surface water is a concern. I am conscious of clearing the ditch/bank outside my property but I have one particular neighbour who is ignorant to this!
7	I think we are easily forgotten on Dublin Road as I know we are only just in the village. Our house was close to being flooded out. Unfortunately the garage and sheds were flooded. Maintenance and enforcement of ditch maintenance is an important one for us. Also same goes for the cars. Several people from the main village are happy to speed past ours.
8	Street lighting on Bulls Hall road specifically
9	Light pollution, in particular the harsh, white glow from Eye industrial areas
10	Car parking issues during school drop off and pick up times. Also the lack of a safe road crossing during school times.
11	We obviously need more doggie bins as we frequently find dogs mess in our front garden
12	Village has an issue coping with traffic and weather - particularly since new builds
13	Footpaths need monitoring. Most OK. Gate across Redhouse lane needs removing to reestablish footpath
14	Move road signs leading up to school. Crossing opposite pub to school is an issue.
15	Transport for the shopping elderly Hospitals Dentist no mention of buildings in Barric Lane large lorries often come through village Factory can be very loud. noisy
16	Path/Pavement needed on B1077 Castle Hill to allow safe pedestrian access from the cottages in that part of the village to the village facilities and bus stop.
17	Speeding is a continuous issue and flooding is an issue near junction with B1077 after heavy rain

4. What are your feelings on Village issues? Please tell how you feel about the following village issues that have been raised with the Parish Council. Please tick one box for each issue

18	We live outside the main village (Castle Hill) and current speed limit is too high plus there has been an increase in heavy lorries
19	Mobile library, mobile post office and a small shop would be great for those without cars / reduce car journeys School drop off gets congested requiring drivers to be careful Speeds and careless driving in lanes around the village makes walking and cycling more dangerous especially for children The roads to Eye and Thorndon are dangerous for walking and cycling with high verges etc.
20	Flooding is a huge problem for me. My property has ditches on three sides and while I understand that farmers and neighbours wish to have dry land they have directed their overflow onto me . Since October I have 4 pumps almost continually going from my pond adjacent to my house. This is not good for my electricity bill or anything that will be struggling to live in the pond. I no longer have frogs or tadpoles or kingfishers.
21	High water table in places, more rain. People not clearing up after their dog. Littering within the village and outskirts. No matter how many bins we have peoples attitudes would have to change.
22	The provision of bins for dog waste is adequate. Getting the dog owners to use them is a problem.
23	Post office closed in Eye but available in Diss. Same with banks. Flooding has not been an issue over time.
24	Some ditches really need sorting out
25	Traffic during summer time can be an issue re speeding. Parking can be difficult in summer time. Post office and banking facilities would be very helpful not usually a problem but has been this year 2024.
26	Lack of pavements is unsafe for children walking to school Lack of a local shop is a big loss to the village
27	Potholes
28	Post office and banking is a nationwide problem
29	Speeding traffic is dangerous. Why can't police do a speed camera
30	Safe crossing from school to vh
31	Speed of traffic entering 30mph zone outside village. No repeaters on main road (rusted away) highways contacted but no joy
32	Parents at primary school pick up parking illegally and thinks they own the road.
33	Police presence
34	Post office and banking services unlikely
35	Wish people use dog bins Surface water
36	Fed up with flooding to front of our property Fentwell House, Mill Road. Causes loss of shingle and broken pathway to house.
37	Maintenance of roads
38	The provision of drainage for surface water is inadequate. The addition of Cedars Rise is case-in-point the cause of flooding of Cedars Cottage.
39	Brighter street lights needed. Another light at junction to old rectory gardens
40	Flooding on beaky highlighted the issue
41	Potholes and road maintenance

4. What are your feelings on Village issues? Please tell how you feel about the following village issues that have been raised with the Parish Council. Please tick one box for each issue

42	Later bus service between occold and diss if only in summer Car sharing forum Results of this survey to be made available to villagers
43	Need for footpaths
44	Speed camera - mixed feelings in village on speed camera and it doesn't always work! in the wrong place, should be nearer school, people pass it then put their foot down to speed up right near the school!!
45	Mobile post office / banking and library facilities would be helpful - see Thorndon
46	Pitch maintenance is an issue
47	Could a mobile post office come to village hall car park - maybe once a fortnight? I believe that is important to capitalise on Occold's rural setting and sense of "place" to support and promote green areas as being integral to the health agenda eg embed green activities in the community by laying out all the ways they can get involved with green areas from reporting, to maintaining to promoting. 2. Support the rights of way improvement plan
48	Car parking at school collection times and when there is a funeral or wedding in the church. Ditches and drains maintained there would not be an issue.
49	Regarding speeding, although we would welcome enforcement cameras, could we have the existing signs improved? This would include road surface signs, and perhaps additional signage.
50	A priority must be to ensure there is no flooding in the village again. Provision of new drainage is imperative SCC must ensure that ditches not assigned to highways or residents are maintained - eg the ditch beside the footpath between Causeway and Redlingfield Road.
51	It would be nice to have a community taxi or community coach etc
52	Agricultural vehicles through the village are one of the most dangerous in the village, as they are huge and often go through at night well over 20mph filling the road. With two schools and children in the village and no pavements this needs addressing.

3. SECTION B: THE ENVIRONMENT AND OUR GREEN SPACES

5. Local landscape and environment as a backdrop to our daily lives. Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with these statements. Please tick one box for each

Answer Choices	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Response Total
I value the wildlife and biodiversity within Occold parish	61.47% 67	34.86% 38	3.67% 4	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	109
The open views across the fields and woods are important assets to the village	74.31% 81	18.35% 20	6.42% 7	0.92% 1	0.00% 0	109
Green spaces and open areas should be protected from development	74.07% 80	14.81% 16	7.41% 8	3.70% 4	0.00% 0	108
Our walls, hedgerows and mature trees need to be protected	73.39% 80	17.43% 19	9.17% 10	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	109

5. Local landscape and environment as a backdrop to our daily lives. Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with these statements. Please tick one box for each

We have plenty of footpaths and bridleways to use and enjoy	30.56% 33	37.96% 41	12.96% 14	14.81% 16	3.70% 4	108
Our footpaths and bridleways are clearly marked	14.02% 15	34.58% 37	24.30% 26	23.36% 25	3.74% 4	107
I would like to see more recycling facilities in the village	23.85% 26	30.28% 33	31.19% 34	12.84% 14	1.83% 2	109
Wildlife should be encouraged by the retention and management of green spaces, hedgerows etc	64.22% 70	27.52% 30	6.42% 7	1.83% 2	0.00% 0	109
Tree and bulb planting on verges should be encouraged	43.40% 46	19.81% 21	21.70% 23	12.26% 13	2.83% 3	106
Low light pollution at night is a valuable asset to the village	57.94% 62	22.43% 24	12.15% 13	6.54% 7	0.93% 1	107
					answered	109
					skipped	1

If you wish to add to your answers, feel that specific green or open areas within the village should be protected from development, or have any further topics please comment in the space below. (32)

1	<p>The street lighting on Bullshall Road from the school to Redlingfield Road is not adequate. There needs to be more lights on that road as it doesn't feel safe at night.</p> <p>I do think it's good that the lights turn off at night to save electricity</p>
2	<p>Common land within the village is a community asset that many are unaware of</p>
3	<p>Tree and bulb planting on verges can't happen as there isn't any pavements. so for safety they need to be accessible to pedestrians.</p> <p>Low light pollution is good however this shouldn't be used as a reason not to enhance the current level of street lighting. The current situation makes walking as a pedestrian after dark very dangerous.</p>
4	<p>The street lights in the village are absurdly bright from dusk, all through the night and into the early morning, and are undoubtedly causing damage to bird life, bats, moths etc.</p> <p>Land owners/managers continually refuse to maintain/reinstate public footpaths across their land. It's a constant battle that takes place through Suffolk Highways Reporting tool to get footpaths reinstated. I believe this deters many potential walkers from using them.</p> <p>The wildlife and biodiversity in Occold parish is woefully absent due to the removal of hedgerows and trees and the management of patches of scrub land only for rearing shooting birds; pheasant and partridge etc.</p> <p>Our large trees in the village are being cut down without recourse to the Council.</p> <p>Our local landscape is being devastated by the building of industrial chicken units, large scale mono-crops of damaging crops like sugar beet, and chemicals that are sprayed continuously without warning or signage.</p> <p>Farm vehicles thunder along the small lanes at ridiculous, disrespectful speeds sometimes continuously for consecutive days.</p>
5	<p>Light pollution is a massive problem and coming from Eye industrial estate. I'd love to see more bulbs and trees as long as they are native and trees have been planned and considered. Also allotments would be nice and a community garden maybe</p>
6	<p>Footpaths are great - we just need everyone to use them like they did during Covid - as that keeps them maintained.</p>
7	<p>Occold has few footpaths and those that exist, are poorly maintained - not reinstated after work on the fields etc.</p>
8	<p>Bulb planting on verges but not enough space for trees.</p>

5. Local landscape and environment as a backdrop to our daily lives. Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with these statements. Please tick one box for each

9	As an environmental consultant with good knowledge of landscaping, ecology and related items together with in depth experience of the planning process I would be more than happy to assist the village in giving advice and input into this element if needed.
10	Particularly with light pollution- at this time of year especially I think it's quite dangerous the little amount of light we have in the village- if there were a couple more street lights about but they were timed to go off later in the evening it would prevent a lot of moaning about people who don't wear high-vis coming back from work/school
11	Ditches need to be cleaned regularly
12	The common land on Benningham Grange to Benningham Green area. Farmland outside the original building line. And linear development. The old allotment fields.
13	Field behind Old Rectory Gardens should be protected or made into a green space for community. The footpath that runs along it is used as a quiet space for walking.
14	The addition of a woodland space for walking + sculptures would be welcomed
15	Barric Lane can be very noisy. Factory should be screened by hedges / trees to cut down noise level Some buildings look ugly often feel Barric lane not part of the village
16	A more modern approach to verge and hedge maintenance should be adopted to encourage re wilding rather than the aggressive hedge cutting which just 'tidies things up'.
17	I would love to see that the oak trees are protected.
18	Some mature trees may not be safe. Trees on verges may stop road vision and planting bulbs is not natural.
19	Recycling - clothing bank needed Tree and bulb planing would need to be managed - who would be responsible for the trees in the future?
20	More bridleways would be useful. All open and green areas should be protected. Always!!
21	I would like to see bulbs planted on verges (I am happy to plant) but not trees. There is the issue of who is responsible for the trees and therefore has liability if they cause an issue. They also need to be maintained, you can't just plant them and ignore them for the next 30 years.
22	Some footpaths appear obstructed/ not clearly marked.
23	More hedgerows on field boundaries
24	The playing field needs to be protected from development.
25	Hedges and trees next to roads and paths should be kept trimmed back
26	Footpaths not maintained by land owners
27	Establish a village pond in the corner of the playing field
28	Bulb and tree planing on verges would be nice but the farm vehicles and lorries wreck them regularly. Foot path signs are clear but get knocked over by farm vehicles and rot at the base and fall down. Country Council are pretty good at sorting out problems. Issues are easily reported on the website.
29	Occolds landscape and environment contribute to developing healthy and sustainable communities.
30	Open spaces between Old Rectory Gardens and Redlingfield Road should be protected.
31	Green spaces and open areas should be protected from development: depends who they belong to. If agricultural fields are sold for local housing, I would not be opposed. If wildlife rich areas were built on, I would be opposed.
32	There is very little wildlife and biodiversity in the village, this needs to change. Suffolk as a county has very poor husbandry of the landscape with few mature trees or hedges, Occold is the same and has almost zero habitat apart from private gardens. Community and wildlife spaces can go hand in hand and there exist now, several obvious and immediate opportunities. Planting trees and plants for biodiversity should be encouraged, bulbs are pretty but of no support to wildlife. Ivy has the highest calorific and habitat value to wildlife, so should be prized. There is only one green space the playing field but this could be managed better for everyone and enhanced for all members of the community. There are very few

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footpaths of any great worth, most around or across ploughed fields which is not ideal for walking. There is only one reasonable stretch of walk and that is immensely short. However, there is huge potential to create something not dislike Thornham Magna walks and re discover the derelict paths into Eye, to make them wonderful and have their own space not just to be ploughed up and make them largely impassable.

4. SECTION C: AMENITIES, LEISURE AND TOURISM

6. Facilities for pedestrians and cyclists Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with these following statements. Please tick one box for each

Answer Choices	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Srongly disagree	Response Total
More pavements would enhance pedestrian safety	41.67% 45	25.00% 27	21.30% 23	10.19% 11	1.85% 2	108
Pedestrian safety in the parish is a concern	41.67% 45	27.78% 30	18.52% 20	9.26% 10	2.78% 3	108
Cyclists' safety in the parish is a concern	21.90% 23	20.95% 22	40.95% 43	11.43% 12	4.76% 5	105
Better provision of pavements or safe pedestrian areas is required for elderly and disabled users and those with children	43.93% 47	28.04% 30	21.50% 23	5.61% 6	0.93% 1	107
The arrangements for children to arrive and leave the school are adequate	1.85% 2	16.67% 18	37.04% 40	27.78% 30	16.67% 18	108
					answered	109
					skipped	1

If you wish to add to your answers or have any further comments on this topic, please use the space below: (45)

1	The pavements are not wide enough for a double buggy to be used, which is the same width as a wheelchair. The road safety of children arriving and leaving the school is atrocious- parents take no responsibility and allow their children to walk in the middle of the road, which they model themselves, and do not move. The pub car park is not a public footpath or public car park and unless people stop using it as one money should be given from the village to pay for maintenance.
2	Parking at school pick up and drop off should be restricted to the village hall car park and not the streets
3	Walking and cycling is dangerous because of the way drivers insist on driving through the village with little care and disrespect for fellow road users. I'd like to see road 'furniture' to physically slow vehicles down. It isn't only the elderly, disabled or those with children who suffer when walking.
4	Too many pavements would spoil the rural feel. I accept the need to improve road safety for all users - but most are just too impatient. If people (pedestrians and drivers) take their time around the school at arrival and drop off - it is workable. It's only a few minutes each day.
5	This is a key rural v urban issue. If you choose to live in Occold, it needs to be realised that it is a rural area and urbanisation of a village to match the urban expectations of some residents should not happen.
6	Restrict parking outside the school, provide speed humps and a pedestrian crossing.

6. Facilities for pedestrians and cyclists Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with these following statements. Please tick one box for each

7	I don't think it's pavements that are needed- just some teaching/rules about how people should conduct themselves on country roads!
8	People walking in the dark with no hi-viz
9	There is not enough provision for children arriving and leaving the primary school. Both parents and children are often walking in the middle of the road oblivious to the traffic. Very dangerous!
10	Noting statements above, - traffic calming initiatives may assist
11	Pavements where? A school crossing to playing field is needed. The school clearly do all they can in their situation.
12	The traffic and lack of pathways/crossings to the school makes dropping off/picking up kids very dangerous
13	The cost of providing pavements in this small village would be too much. Better to enforce the 20mph speed limit.
14	Barric Lane has ugly buildings and very noisy
15	Path/Pavement needed on B1077 Castle Hill to allow safe pedestrian access from the cottages in that part of the Occold to the village facilities and bus stop. This 60mph road has become increasingly busy and is very dangerous stretch of road for pedestrians.
16	We live outside of the immediate village and have quite a dangerous walk into the village as it is 60mph speed limit with no pathway
17	Not sure there's room for pavements or that they would be in keeping with the village, but more traffic calming measures may help. Cycle routes linking to neighbouring villages would be great.
18	As I don,t have school age children I an not qualified to give a opinion.
19	If parents parked properly there wouldn't be an issue.
20	I think that a20mph through village is adequate for pedestrian safety.However this should be INFORCED with better restrictions I.E a raised pedestrian area on the corner of the school and around the road between school and pub and Baptist church. Also various raised areas throughout village as this would actually slow traffics down like they have done in various urban areas where a 20mph is in force.
21	The main street has never had a footpath, however traffic is using the village as a cut-through, often speeding and this needs to be addressed.
22	In the interests of safety for both drivers and children attending and leaving school could be made a lot safety with proper and adequate pavements.
23	Pick up and drop off around school is unsafe. Lunchtimes at the school are too as the children have to cross the road to get to the field. A zebra crossing would be helpful.
24	No point in quiet lanes. People who obey would already do so, people who don't still don't. Waste of money. Publicity stunt
25	Zebra crossing and speed humps near school
26	Safe crossing from school to vh
27	Street light on the street, last pole before redlingfield rd.
28	We walk in the village a lot and the lack of pavements can make it dangerous, especially with the number and speed of vehicles passing thorough. However, some pedestrians put themselves in danger by not wearing high vis and walking on the wrong side of the road. It seems quite a lot of people don't know that you should walk facing oncoming traffic.
29	More use of hi viz jackets and means to slow drivers
30	Parents park inappropriately Parents walk about with no regard to traffic
31	School pick up difficult to navigate as a pedestrian with so many cars

6. Facilities for pedestrians and cyclists Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with these following statements. Please tick one box for each

32	The area around the school is dangerous around both pick up times.
33	Why does Hartismere bus collect from school and block road when we have a bus stops in village
34	Footpath along the length of the village is required for safety. Zebra crossing between the village hall and the school Traffic calming measures
35	Pedestrians should be encouraged to wear high vis
36	Potholes
37	People walking in dark with dark clothes
38	No room for payments. Control the ignorant drivers
39	Pavements are a good idea but would destroy the existing fabric of the village
40	when you move to Occold you are aware it is a rural villae with no pavements, your safety is your responsibility. If we have pavements, they should be fore EVERYONE!
41	I'm not bothered about pavements if there is good lighting. I think as soon as you in pavements it will encourage people to drive quicker and if 2 cars pass they'll have to go up the pavements.
42	We need school beacons
43	Use hall car park rather than parking outside school - and sometimes over the prohibited zig zags.
44	Parents should use the village hall car park to pick up their children.
45	This subject goes hand in hand with traffic management, the pinch points need to be addressed and ideally add places where traffic has to stop. For pedestrians it is awkward at night, especially in the winter. However, street lighting I don't feel is the answer as that turns into an urban landscape, whereas we have incredible skies to be rejoiced. Existing paths could be enhanced away from the roads and some new ones added to help alleviate this scenario. Footpaths should be high on the agenda as the high-Vis jacket has become the "national dress" of Suffolk due to the lack of them. There is almost nowhere to walk all year round apart from on roads and that is a great pity. Occold could lay down a network of paths around the village, with hedges, (this is a must) for year round community use and enjoyment. So many paths around here are across fields where the hedges have been ripped up leaving a clay quagmire for much of the year and a walk devoid of interest. We can harvest the bounty of seeds in the autumn and plant new hedges and woodland for generations ahead, with the school and community help at little to no cost. It just needs the will.

7. Your views on tourism and leisure Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with these statements. Please tick one box for each

Answer Choices	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Response Total
Walks on our footpaths should be better publicised	16.67% 18	36.11% 39	36.11% 39	10.19% 11	0.93% 1	108
Tourism should be encouraged in Occold	4.63% 5	25.93% 28	41.67% 45	22.22% 24	5.56% 6	108
More leisure facilities should be encouraged	9.26% 10	40.74% 44	40.74% 44	8.33% 9	0.93% 1	108
Proactive support of leisure activities should be encouraged	12.04% 13	47.22% 51	36.11% 39	3.70% 4	0.93% 1	108

7. Your views on tourism and leisure Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with these statements. Please tick one box for each

An Occold Football Club 'home pitch' would be a welcome addition	24.77% 27	28.44% 31	37.61% 41	5.50% 6	3.67% 4	109
Vehicle charging point to support tourism is needed	6.42% 7	20.18% 22	45.87% 50	18.35% 20	9.17% 10	109
					answered	109
					skipped	1

If you wish to add to your answers or have any further comments on this topic, please use the space below:
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1	A sports/football club would bring so much value to the village
2	I'm not sure tourists would enjoy Spring/Summer/Autumn in Occold as the fly problem from the industrial chicken units all around the village is horrendous and apparently without solution, making it miserable when trying to enjoy a garden or opening windows in the summer heat. Tourism in terms of accommodation shouldn't be encouraged when there are not sufficient homes for people to live. Land owners/managers wilfully refuse to maintain footpaths across their land, so this matter would need to be addressed before tourists are invited with any degree of success.
3	I work for Suffolk Wildlife Trust and have had 3 chargers installed under the plug in Suffolk scheme. It cost nothing and the new scheme should have better maintenance fees. Let me know if you would like any details.
4	Research centre has a football pitch that is not used anymore?? Other facilities there that the village could share?
5	Occold is hardly likely to become a tourist destination - a week in Florida or a week in Occold? - umm, let me think about that one!
6	Do not see Occold as a tourist destination
7	Don't think there's need for large-scale tourism, but encouraging people to visit the pub and local B&Bs would be good
8	I would not describe Occold as a tourist destination.
9	A variety of clubs could be added in the village hall for the local community. A 'home pitch' for football may increase traffic noise at weekends.
10	A pool table in the local pub would be an asset. We used to have 2 teams playing in the local league.
11	These facilities are supplied by petrol stations already where everyone else goes. This would also bring more through traffic to village.
12	The Occold Football team already have the village playing field - another seems superfluous to needs.
13	Not sure occold should be a tourism destination Leisure facilities to be tailored to the locals interests
14	We moved to Occold for a quiet life, no tourists please.
15	Tourism requires something to come and have a look at. Village walks, vibrant pub always encourages people to come - cycle routes too.
16	Actively promote Occolds location and easily accessible network of footpaths to rambling/walking groups. Promote Occolds location with easy access to cultural/heritage and AONB between Bury St Edmunds / Ipswich and Norwich together with coastal locations.
17	The footpaths do not offer anything worthy of publicity, though the future potential is there. There is nothing for tourists in the village, but again something could be created to enable this, a fabulous truly Suffolk only food market perhaps or boogie jazz piano festival etc.. anything is possible. Football is a sport well provided for almost everywhere and any facility would compete with those. Why not support another sport or leisure pursuit to help define Occold. Even a small lido would be fabulous and need not cost much. It could start with perhaps a thermometer shape, one/ two lanes and a play pool

7. Your views on tourism and leisure Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with these statements. Please tick one box for each

bubble with a simple changing shed. Many facilities become over thought and costs escalate, but one can always start small. With all the hot weather set to continue a small community Lido with the hall / or pub doing refreshments could be a must have calendar item for local families.

8. Services and amenities Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with these statements. Please tick one box for each

Answer Choices	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Response Total
More consideration should be given to the needs of young people in the village	28.70% 31	39.81% 43	29.63% 32	1.85% 2	0.00% 0	108
More consideration should be given to the needs of older people in the village	20.37% 22	38.89% 42	35.19% 38	4.63% 5	0.93% 1	108
We need an improved broadband connection	47.71% 52	12.84% 14	30.28% 33	8.26% 9	0.92% 1	109
Our mobile phone network coverage needs to be improved	48.62% 53	22.94% 25	23.85% 26	4.59% 5	0.00% 0	109
We need communal electric vehicle charge points in the village	9.17% 10	28.44% 31	37.61% 41	14.68% 16	10.09% 11	109
More opportunities to socialise and interact with others would be welcome	9.35% 10	45.79% 49	42.99% 46	1.87% 2	0.00% 0	107
A dedicated space for networking and development would help me to interact with other home workers	4.67% 5	14.95% 16	54.21% 58	21.50% 23	4.67% 5	107
Small business units would be welcomed	6.42% 7	21.10% 23	32.11% 35	23.85% 26	16.51% 18	109
Development of redundant farm buildings would be welcomed	13.76% 15	41.28% 45	28.44% 31	11.93% 13	4.59% 5	109
Small scale / domestic renewable energy projects in the parish should be encouraged (ie wind, solar, battery storage, biomass etc)	34.26% 37	32.41% 35	23.15% 25	5.56% 6	4.63% 5	108
Larger scale renewable energy projects in the parish should be encouraged (ie wind, solar, battery storage, biomass etc) but outside the village housing areas	22.02% 24	11.93% 13	16.51% 18	33.03% 36	16.51% 18	109
					answered	109
					skipped	1

8. Services and amenities Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with these statements. Please tick one box for each

If you wish to add to your answers or have any further comments on this topic, please use the space below:
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1	A mobile post office service would be appreciated. Not everyone drives and public transport is expensive and unreliable. There is a huge amount of business provision in this immediate area of North Suffolk with the development next to the Research Station in Occold Village, and the Eye Airfield. Erecting more buildings necessitating more of our valuable, fragile, natural landscape to end up under concrete with the inevitable increased traffic and noise and odours.
2	I would not want larger scale biomass project as this would greatly increase traffic. Well planned solar and wind would work well. Battery storage works if the requirement for storage is needed.
3	Youth facilities are not the issue - but having a team committed to work with / host suitable facilities is Our mobile signal (O2) is fine but others vary Business unit on Barric Lane OK as these would not add to traffic coming through the village centre Development of any redundant buildings would be beneficial - especially if into low cost housing.
4	Again - urbanisation of Suffolk villages?
5	Wind power turbines depend on positioning. Solar power anywhere on rooftops, not on agricultural land. Biomass ? Need more information to express and opinion
6	Development of farm buildings would be welcomed - depending on the development
7	We need to have Fibre to the home as soon as possible.
8	Community energy projects would be good, and farms should be able to have turbines etc Anything very large scale (eg a large solar farm) should be beyond view of the village
9	I have a problem with broadband and mobile connection.
10	Point 7 - dedicated space for networking: Community centre could be used as a dedicated working area for networking. Point 9 - dev of farm buildings - This would create more through traffic in village.
11	Our provision for old and young is good
12	Dev of redundant farm buildings only where access is viable
13	Cafe tea room Bowling Green tennis court adjacent to village hall
14	Developments should be subject to early stage agreement with those immediately affected
15	There are clubs for pre-school and elderly in Occold but nothing for middle aged people at work. (Coffee mornings/soup lunches/craft afternoon.)
16	It would be useful to consider the feasibility of a village cooperative/micro generation scheme.
17	Small business units, depends where. Good to bring employment to village. We do not need large windmills and fields of solar panels. Leave the fields for food produce.
18	I think ORAC do a very good job
19	There exists an enormous potential to make the pub, hall, field and school a real hub, whereas at the moment they are disparate and orphaned from each other. The pinch gate which many mums have to go through between the pub car park and hall car park is frankly bizarre. How could a mother get a pram through here, many mums must have children at the pre-school and the Primary. The hedge here could be removed and seats put outside thereby opening it up to welcome the view and draw us in both directions. Anyone then dropping or collecting from school could sit and chat outside whilst keeping an eye on playing children whilst the pub gained trade too and made their business more viable. The pub could also pivot towards additional facilities, perhaps simply with the egg shed and then a few more simple items along with coffee and work environments. We could collect food waste and have our own biodigester.

8. Services and amenities Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with these statements. Please tick one box for each


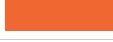



To have a village solar or wind plant must surely be worth looking at, the village could become a mini utility company which would also become a boost for attracting investment and new people and families. Every new house should have solar tiles with a grey water system. It would be possible to make the village self sufficient.

5. SECTION D: HOUSING IN OCCOLD

9. Do you think Occold needs more housing? Please tick only one box to select either Yes, No or Unsure If you answer Unsure, go to Question 12. If you answer No, go to Question 13.

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		38.53% 42
2	No		36.70% 40
3	Unsure		24.77% 27
		answered	109
		skipped	1

10. If you answered “yes” to Q9, how many new houses do you think we need in the next 20 years? Please tick only one box

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Between 1 and 5		6.82% 3
2	Between 6 and 10		20.45% 9
3	Between 11 and 15		22.73% 10
4	Over 15		20.45% 9
5	Unsure of numbers		29.55% 13
		answered	44
		skipped	66

11. If you answered “yes” to Q9, what importance do you attach to the following reasons for new housing in the parish? Please tick one box for each

Answer Choices	Important	No opinion	Unimportant	Response Total
To enable young people to afford to remain in the community	93.62% 44	6.38% 3	0.00% 0	47
To meet the wider need for more housing	53.33% 24	28.89% 13	17.78% 8	45

11. If you answered “yes” to Q9, what importance do you attach to the following reasons for new housing in the parish? Please tick one box for each

To enable older people to move to suitable accommodation	75.00% 33	22.73% 10	2.27% 1	44
To add to the social mix of the community	55.56% 25	33.33% 15	11.11% 5	45
To fund improvements to the community	48.89% 22	31.11% 14	20.00% 9	45
To make the village more attractive to new people	48.89% 22	28.89% 13	22.22% 10	45
To make the village more attractive to businesses/shops	53.33% 24	20.00% 9	26.67% 12	45
To boost the clientele for the pub	59.09% 26	31.82% 14	9.09% 4	44
			answered	47
			skipped	63





Other reasons? Please tell us here or add comments. (12)

1	New houses require infrastructure for the people living in them. Water/waste, internet connectivity, the over stressed medical services, education provision, open community spaces, the number of vehicles on our tiny lanes.
2	First time buyer / social housing development to enable local young people to stay here. Tackling the issue of permanently empty (10 years plus) dwellings that could be family homes. Not sure how we do this without the government forcing the issue. Not referring to second or holiday homes here but actual empty dwellings.
3	The pub is a very important asset but there is little evidence of use of the pub by people moving into the village. There is also little evidence that development in villages leads to the reinstatement or development of facilities.
4	More attractive for a small shop but not larger businesses.
5	If there is no affordable housing the village will become an old people's village
6	Where would these young people work that we hope to attract to the village? They would presumably need a car .
7	See section 3
8	If housing for the elderly to downsize into were built there would be houses on the market for others to buy without the need to build larger homes for allcomers.
9	Boost amount of pupils at the school to stop a repeat of Stoke Ash. The school cohort has gone from 70 to 49 in two years.
10	Important to keep pub open
11	People in the village do not use the pub regularly - or only a few. This has been the case for many years - not just these landlords. Occold isn't the best place for older people to move to as there are no facilities - medical centre, transport etc.
12	Before any housing is considered, one has to consider the facilities. The school is the absolute prize of the village and for that to continue I'm sure some new homes would be useful. New homes should be allowed to be contemporary and of vastly mixed in design and certainly not modern old style pitch roof houses. My house for example, one of the new houses, has a classic pitch roof with trusses. The trusses make the loft largely unuseable, and no house systems are within it, so one has to question what it is for? It makes the house higher than required and uses additional materials which make the build more expensive. There are many well proven options for flat and slight angular pitched roofs today. It is the mix of styles that is exciting, whilst maintaining the detail and craft vernaculars of the past.

11. If you answered “yes” to Q9, what importance do you attach to the following reasons for new housing in the parish? Please tick one box for each

The pub has huge possibilities if they are interested, but simply remaining to offer the traditional fare is tough today and why pubs are closing in vast numbers.

12. If you answered Yes or Unsure to Question 9, what scale would you prefer any future developments to take? Please tick any that apply

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Single dwellings		47.76% 32
2	Medium developments of 6-10 dwellings		31.34% 21
3	Small developments of up to 5 dwellings		64.18% 43
4	1 or 2 larger developments of 11+ dwellings		8.96% 6
		answered	67
		skipped	43

Please add any comments, including the type of accommodation you would prefer to see. E.g. detached/bungalow/apartments/community schemes/self build/eco build etc (33)

1	To be in keeping with the village character and architecture
2	Self build/eco buildings. Any properties must offer sensible sized gardens to young families.
3	First time buyer or retirement bungalows (max 2 bed homes). We have plenty of larger housing stock.
4	There has been no affordable housing built in Occold for many years, whilst social housing has been lost. Young people cannot afford to live here - they move out and people with money looking to retire, move in.
5	More social housing to encourage families and enable people to remain in the community
6	Two bedroom bungalows and houses.
7	No particular strong opinions on this- the community will naturally grow so I am not against it, but maybe ensuring particular features of the houses will make them more welcome in the village (I.e. not blocking anyone's view!)
8	Some plots of land for sale with/without planning permission for people (especially first time buyers and older people) to build according to their need. Self build and eco build also great ideas.
9	Small bungalows, starter homes for young people
10	1 2 Detached Bungalow
11	The most important criteria is affordability. The last development on Cedars Rise was totally out of character with the rest of the village and not at all suitable for young people in the village, I wouldn't want any more housing like that.
12	Individual properties that add to the character of a Suffolk village which are built to a high standard regarding insulation, heating.
13	First time buyer properties - bungalows.
14	Bungalows, and small house for first time buyers

12. If you answered Yes or Unsure to Question 9, what scale would you prefer any future developments to take? Please tick any that apply

15	Detached bungalows
16	Several units suitable for starter homes or retirement rather than more large family homes
17	Starter homes, semi detached 2 bed bungalows, flats.
18	To blend in with current
19	First time homes
20	Bungalows for elderly and houses for younger. Not 500k houses
21	Larger no. Ticked to enable affordable housing. Eco features should be applied to new housing
22	Bungalow
23	Affordable 1 + 2 bedroom houses/flats in the main / eco build would be good.
24	Affordable housing
25	Bungalows eco builds affordable
26	Assorted
27	Affordable
28	Eco build
29	Eco build detached Infill housing
30	Compatible with the predominant local arch vernacular
31	Bungalows
32	Bungalows, smaller houses for first time buyers option.
33	<p>I think the answer to this for me is the style of development and what it will bring to the village. For any new development it would be great to ensure a portion includes some space for wildlife and community. These need not be huge, but will add tremendously to the village offering.</p> <p>It would be interesting to draw a plan of what the village could look like, with new houses, paths and community areas. If a grand plan existed, the future could be exceedingly exciting. Without this, the village will simply be left to receive plans from people outside the community with possibly less community focussed objectives.</p> <p>A mixture of homes for young people, possibly owned by the village and some larger developments with interlinked paths away from the roads could be amazing.</p>

13. Sites for new housing What do you consider the most important factors to be considered when identifying sites for new housing in Occold? Please tick one box for each

Answer Choices	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Response Total
Sites should be 'brownfield' i.e. previously developed	41.35% 43	39.42% 41	13.46% 14	2.88% 3	2.88% 3	104
Sites should be 'greenfield' for example farmland	4.00% 4	5.00% 5	13.00% 13	24.00% 24	54.00% 54	100
Sites should be within the Occold village built up area	14.42% 15	36.54% 38	28.85% 30	14.42% 15	5.77% 6	104
Development should not impact on historic buildings or their settings	47.57% 49	33.01% 34	14.56% 15	1.94% 2	2.91% 3	103

13. Sites for new housing What do you consider the most important factors to be considered when identifying sites for new housing in Occold? Please tick one box for each

Sites could be in the gardens of existing properties	5.88% 6	26.47% 27	32.35% 33	15.69% 16	19.61% 20	102
Important views into and out of the village should be protected	51.92% 54	25.00% 26	19.23% 20	2.88% 3	0.96% 1	104
Field and open space views in the village should be protected	57.28% 59	21.36% 22	16.50% 17	4.85% 5	0.00% 0	103
					answered	105
					skipped	5

Please tell us other factors that should influence location of development sites? (27)

1	Not on farmland or open spaces that surround the village.
2	Any development must be in keeping. See nppf. Sadly ignored
3	Please don't over develop in the village or develop on open land. A sense of space, views and feeling close to nature is so important. If building is needed please cluster with more densely populated roads.
4	Additional traffic, flooding. Rural homes should also have a decent sized garden. Developers are too greedy
5	Drainage and flooding
6	'Important views into and out of the village should be protected' - yes indeed - the the best example of this NOT being the case with recent development in Occold are the monopoly houses on entry to our village from Eye.
7	View from existing properties should not be compromised by any new developments.
8	The amenities and infrastructure is not robust enough for additional people - schools, drs, drainage etc
9	Sites could be in back gardens not in front of the building line. Small affordable for the next generation ot get a start - not big 4 or 5 bed houses for retirement from Citys.
10	Increase traffic through village could be an issue if more houses were built walking already hazardous roads for pedestrians more dangerous
11	Site location should be sitable for the age brackets. If young families - close to amenities. If elderly , bus stop + library (mobile) pull up in front.
12	No building outside neighbourhood plan
13	Noise level/screen by trees etc
14	Should offer affordable housing options for young families and those on low incomes and be in the interest of the village, not the profit of the property developers.
15	A lot of the field views are due to removal of hedges, which would be great to see returned
16	Although I understand that we don't want to encroach on the agricultural land I don't want gardens to become tiny. I value that what a village has to offer is very different. We should be careful to preserve our villages as a different option to a town. In my opinion we should have choice to live in a city town or village. We need to think carefully, Just because I have lived in a city I don't expect the same facilities in Occold.
17	Property should fit within the village not be standout as unvillage like. eg the new houses you see when entering the village. Be sympathetic not stopping other houses access to light and view.
18	The neighbouring properties or land owners should always be considered and have a say on any potential impact on their own lives.
19	The village will be ruined with more housing.

13. Sites for new housing What do you consider the most important factors to be considered when identifying sites for new housing in Occold? Please tick one box for each

20	You can not buy a view. Village needs to develop within reason
21	Shouldn't negatively impact on others quality of life - thinking particularly about the area behind Cedar Cottage
22	Disagree with further development
23	wider impacts need to be considered - drainage, highways access, lack of local amenities - schools / drs / dentist / shops etc
24	Accessibility should not be affected. Garden grabbing is a no. Edge of village small areas acceptable
25	What views?
26	See answer to 5
27	Sadly, there are few areas around the village that could be left off the map on grounds of their existing status as none are SSSI, a national park or have old habitats or woodland. The farmland especially is of no value to protect. What should be protected are spaces to allow some spaces to flourish for community and wildlife to avoid huge density and enable key vistas to be maintained. Field and open space views are everywhere in Suffolk and of no unique value. Indeed housing adjacent to fields is not ideal due to the sprays and hazards from farming, but that is the only option here.

14. Thinking about the design and arrangement of buildings, what makes Occold distinct and characterful?

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question	100.00%	66
1	A mixture of buildings that have a small village/hamlet aesthetic		
2	The variation		
3	Historic buildings as a setting, greenery and hedges, views, mature trees,		
4	Open views from many of the properties		
5	Varied ages and styles of buildings. The church and conservation area.		
6	I don't regard Occold as either distinct or characterful.		
7	Old buildings well looked after around a central green and church. Buildings in size proportion that don't dominate and overwhelm. Large gardens that offer green spaces, hedges and trees to support birds and wildlife, where habitat has been removed on the farmed land. The most recent development at Cedars Rise on Church Street have been unsympathetically to the character of Occold being disproportionately large and tall.		
8	Apart from cedars rise all other developments have followed the style of the existing dwellings. Cedars close for example was a planning stipulation. Modern carbuncles age and date and as before noted we are pulling down 60s fashion statements		
9	The small number of inhabitants, the nature of the smaller properties and character properties.		
10	That fact it's small with a mix of houses and people of all ages. If it grows too big without suitable facilities it will lose its charm.		
11	Retaining a rural feel		
12	Occold is an ancient Suffolk village. We cannot 'make' a characterful village - it already is - we need to protect what we have inherited and not ruin it with buildings that do not fit in a Suffolk village.		
13	It reflects Suffolk style		
14	The church and period properties.		

14. Thinking about the design and arrangement of buildings, what makes Occold distinct and characterful?

15	No opinion
16	The mix of very old cottages and newer builds that merge together
17	Surrounded by large open green spaces
18	The existing range of different properties.
19	A varied mix of character and modern houses. Lovely countryside.
20	Low key village properties
21	Variety
22	Apart from new builds - homes are all different, yet fitting with history and local area
23	Occold needs to keep the families in the village or the population will just become OAPs. We need a broad selection of ages to remain a healthy society.
24	A variety of mixed individual houses.
25	Houses are all different and unique - we don't want a village of boxes. Properties have large gardens to encourage wildlife.
26	Most developments are in keeping with surroundings no major eyesore stand out properties.
27	Design of old and new mostly fit in
28	Good design within keeping with the village
29	Mix of individual styles from different eras.
30	It's not built up. The church is a lovely centre point for the village. The large open playing field and playground.
31	Small rural core of cottages around the church Not built up - hedges along most of the roads through the village - many houses have quite spacious gardens
32	I'm not sure , many buildings have been demolished over the years.
33	Lots of individual properties. Small estates leading off the main roads. Gardens with hedges. A mixture of houses and bungalows old and modern.
34	The centre of the village is especially attractive as this has traditional old houses,cottages. This could be considered on Any new building developments.
35	Retains its history and development
36	It is not overdeveloped. You can see the history in the age of the older properties.
37	Occold should remain a small village with all of its character and wildlife.
38	Traditional and not grid fashion
39	Church pub village hall provide a central hub
40	Until a couple of years ago most were in keeping with a small village. Newish properties have been built discreet. Now 8 properties overlooking others!
41	It dosnt. Especially with the new developments cedars view
42	A mix of styles
43	Its a hodge podge of old and new, no big estates, lots of variety in the type of housing.
44	No opinion
45	Variety of buildings
46	Rural /no further housing developments

14. Thinking about the design and arrangement of buildings, what makes Occold distinct and characterful?

47	Mix of types, except cedars rise, that blend in well
48	It's green spaces, open fields, quietness, and tranquility
49	Mix of property
50	Church
51	Great village feel with activities clustered around pub school etc
52	The age and variety of house sizes and designs. As Occold is able to trace its heritage back to the Domesday Book, it is inappropriate to have large developments of modern housing (eg Cedars Rise).
53	Lost to unimaginative developments. Church is an asset
54	Apart from Cedars Rise the development/housing is unobtrusive and evidence of a gradual expansion.
55	The school and pub and village hall proximity that forms the centre of the village
56	Older properties, a mix, a green village streetscape
57	No large estates Individual housing
58	No cars parked on Church Street
59	Church Street has some character which should be preserved. Other roads within the main village have no particular merit.
60	Mixed housing stock and styles
61	Its character views
62	Diverse range of property types.
63	The feel that it is not built up
64	The church and the older properties are characterful
65	Very few houses with the same design
66	The school in the heart of the village, with the pub and village hall. More could also be done with the Church to help it become more of a community space.

answered	66
skipped	44

15. Design principles: What principles should guide the design of new houses?

Answer Choices	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Response Total
Use of modern energy efficient design and eco-friendly technology	56.86% 58	29.41% 30	12.75% 13	0.00% 0	0.98% 1	102
Have access to superfast broadband	41.75% 43	34.95% 36	21.36% 22	0.97% 1	0.97% 1	103
Have off-street parking	64.71% 66	29.41% 30	5.88% 6	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	102
Be innovative in design	12.87% 13	14.85% 15	48.51% 49	20.79% 21	2.97% 3	101




15. Design principles: What principles should guide the design of new houses?

Have a garden	47.57% 49	40.78% 42	11.65% 12	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	103
Be in keeping with the look and feel of the village	71.15% 74	19.23% 20	7.69% 8	0.96% 1	0.96% 1	104
Be limited to two storeys	72.28% 73	16.83% 17	5.94% 6	2.97% 3	1.98% 2	101
					answered	104
					skipped	6









If you wish to add to your answers or have any further comments, please include below: (13)

1	If newbuild is to be encouraged, it should not comprise the 4 bed boxy cookiecutter homes of the type that are presently being developed in Eye by Persimmon etc. The village would be greatly improved by good, enterprising design and by the use of unusual or diverse building materials.
2	Buildings in size proportion that don't dominate and overwhelm. Large gardens that offer green spaces, hedges and trees to support birds and wildlife, where habitat has been removed on the farmed land. The most recent development at Cedars Rise on Church Street have been unsympathetically to the character of Occold being disproportionately large and tall.
3	Wherever possible, traditional materials should be used eg. pantiles whilst making the property eco friendly.
4	Fittin in with current housing - design/style
5	Use of traditional small scale individual design the buidling regs will ensure energy efficiencyl
6	AS above Cedars Rise development is not in keeping with the look and feel of the village and block views.
7	Developments must have good drainage which does not negatively affect the village and hedging to surround it
8	No innovative square boxes
9	Against new housing
10	A nod to the vernacular
11	Or like the new houses
12	Looking at large developments in nearby villages, I think huge building projects ruin small villages personally
13	See answer 12. Innovative design must be paramount and possibly to think about south facing surfaces for solar and wind.

16. Ownership status: To meet the needs of our community what ownership status do you think is most appropriate to include in any future development? Please tick all boxes you feel apply

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Owner occupier		93.07% 94
2	Shared ownership		45.54% 46
3	Tied Housing (linked to employment)		23.76% 24

16. Ownership status: To meet the needs of our community what ownership status do you think is most appropriate to include in any future development? Please tick all boxes you feel apply

4	Privately rented		47.52%	48
5	Shared ownership (housing association)		27.72%	28
6	Residential care home		11.88%	12
7	Sheltered housing		21.78%	22
8	Rented from the Council		33.66%	34
9	Rented from a housing association		31.68%	32
10	Rent free (ie family property development/annex)		31.68%	32
11	Other (please specify):		1.98%	2
			answered	101
			skipped	9

Other (please specify): (2)

- 1 I don't believe we need further building but rather repairing and renewing existing property
- 2 Community land trust

If you wish to add to your answers or have any further comments, please include below: (7)

- 1 Housing needs to be afforded by young people and those doing crucial and beneficial work for society that is low paid.
- 2 Please limit local authority or social housing.
- 3 Unclear!
- 4 None of the above
- 5 The need for housing has to be balanced with the existing character of the village and the availability of local amenities.
- 6 Council and housing association are the same?
- 7 Housing is / has become prohibitive to many and beyond lifetime mortgages are here. Many children today will likely never be able to afford a home and paying possibly the bulk of your earnings to hopefully eventually own your home, if you reach retirement is a little crazy. A home can be many things, but it certainly doesn't need to be a vast detached property with many rooms. I feel mixed housing is key, as that reflects society and as a community it should welcome everyone on all levels of earnings, they will all be of huge wealth to Occold of tomorrow. Small houses and indeed tiny homes are hugely interesting, even container villages. Much could be achieved in creating a small development of tiny homes with space and a work hub, possibly village owned for low income people and makers. The skills many of these people have are immensely valuable. valuable

6. SECTION E: ABOUT YOU AND YOUR HOUSEHOLD

17. What is your postcode?

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18. Are you completing this survey as a Household or an Individual? Please tick only one box

Answer Choices	Response Percent	Response Total	
1 Household	62.96%	68	
2 Individual	37.04%	40	
		answered	108
		skipped	2



19. What are the ages of those that normally live in your household? PLEASE WOULD ONLY ONE PERSON PER HOUSEHOLD COMPLETE THIS QUESTION Please tick only one box per line

Answer Choices	Under 16	16-24	25-40	41-67	68 and over	Response Total
Person 1	0.97% 1	2.91% 3	12.62% 13	53.40% 55	30.10% 31	103
Person 2	2.53% 2	2.53% 2	11.39% 9	56.96% 45	26.58% 21	79
Person 3	31.25% 10	34.38% 11	15.63% 5	15.63% 5	3.13% 1	32
Person 4	47.37% 9	31.58% 6	0.00% 0	21.05% 4	0.00% 0	19
Person 5	66.67% 2	33.33% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	3
Person 6	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0






19. What are the ages of those that normally live in your household? PLEASE WOULD ONLY ONE PERSON PER HOUSEHOLD COMPLETE THIS QUESTION Please tick only one box per line

Person 7	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0	
						answered	104
						skipped	6






20. Is this your primary residence?

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total	
1	Yes 	98.15%	106	
2	No 	1.85%	2	
			answered	108
			skipped	2

21. If you answered "yes" to Q.20, how many years have you and your family been permanently resident in Occold? Please tick only one box

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total	
1	Less than 5 	26.17%	28	
2	6 to 10 	13.08%	14	
3	11 to 15 	12.15%	13	
4	16 to 25 	18.69%	20	
5	Over 25 	29.91%	32	
			answered	107
			skipped	3

22. How many cars are there in your household? Please tick only one box

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	0 	1.85%	2
2	1 	27.78%	30
3	2 	37.96%	41
4	3 	20.37%	22
5	More than 3 	12.04%	13

22. How many cars are there in your household? Please tick only one box

	answered	108
	skipped	2

23. What forms of transport do you use? Please tick only one box per line

Answer Choices	Main form of transport	Frequently	Occasionally	Never	Response Total
Car	93.46% 100	4.67% 5	1.87% 2	0.00% 0	107
Motorbike	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	10.61% 7	89.39% 59	66
Public transport	4.88% 4	4.88% 4	56.10% 46	34.15% 28	82
Bicycle	1.30% 1	12.99% 10	41.56% 32	44.16% 34	77
Walking	10.34% 9	63.22% 55	22.99% 20	3.45% 3	87
Taxi	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	36.76% 25	63.24% 43	68
Car share	4.41% 3	5.88% 4	23.53% 16	66.18% 45	68
Other (please specify below)	10.00% 2	5.00% 1	10.00% 2	75.00% 15	20
				answered	109
				skipped	1


Specify other forms (6)

1	Bicycle used for exercise but not for transport
2	Company vehicle due to work
3	Work van
4	Tricycle
5	Would use public transport if car unavailable
6	Van








24. Do you run a business from your home address? Please tick box only

Answer Choices	Response Percent	Response Total
1 Yes	17.59%	19





24. Do you run a business from your home address? Please tick box only

2	No		82.41%	89
			answered	108
			skipped	2

25. What is your employment status? Please tick box only

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Working full time		36.11%	39
2	Working more than one job		1.85%	2
3	Working part time		18.52%	20
4	Not working, looking for work		0.00%	0
5	Not working, not looking for work		3.70%	4
6	Not able to work		1.85%	2
7	Full time parent/carer		0.93%	1
8	Retired		37.04%	40
			answered	108
			skipped	2




26. Do you normally work from home? Please tick one box only

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		15.38%	16
2	No		35.58%	37
3	Sometimes		21.15%	22
4	Not in work		27.88%	29
			answered	104
			skipped	6













27. Do you intend to move from Occold in the next 5 years? Please tick one box only

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
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27. Do you intend to move from Occold in the next 5 years? Please tick one box only

1	Yes		6.60%	7
2	No		73.58%	78
3	Maybe		19.81%	21
			answered	106
			skipped	4

28. If you answered yes to Question 27, what are the main reasons for wanting or needing to move? Tick all that apply

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	To move closer to family or friends		25.00%	4
2	To be closer to work or a new job		0.00%	0
3	To escape living on a dangerous or noisy road		6.25%	1
4	To move to a larger home		0.00%	0
5	To move to a smaller home		37.50%	6
6	Wanting to move to a new build home		0.00%	0
7	Wanting a bigger garden		0.00%	0
8	Wanting a smaller garden		25.00%	4
9	Wanting an easier home to maintain		37.50%	6
10	Wanting to rent a home		0.00%	0
11	Wanting to buy a home		0.00%	0
12	To make it easier to receive care/support		0.00%	0
13	To move somewhere closer to a shop/shops		31.25%	5
14	To move somewhere closer to a GP/ hospital/ dentist		25.00%	4
15	Retiring		18.75%	3
16	To move to a home with better accessibility		18.75%	3
17	To provide care for family/friends		6.25%	1
18	To move to a different school catchment area		6.25%	1
19	To move to an area with better public transport		25.00%	4

28. If you answered yes to Question 27, what are the main reasons for wanting or needing to move? Tick all that apply

20	I have no access to private transport		0.00%	0
			answered	16
			skipped	94

Other reasons? Please tell us why you are thinking of moving: (11)

1	To move to a place with wider social and intellectual perspectives. To be able to use a bike for shopping etc and thereby to reduce car use.
2	Flooded. Poor due diligence by the planning department and agreeing that water flows up hill contributed to our flooding. No mitigation implemented on developer and so ends our time in a village that we hoped to stay in for ever God forbid the eagerness to develop leads to more issues for others.
3	We have come close to flooding a couple of times. It's also an old home and it takes up all of my time. We may never move though as we do love it around here.
4	To be closer to the sea
5	Better internet for work and leisure is my biggest issue
6	The B1077 has becoming very very busy with an increasing number of heavy vehicles too.. To walk my dog, get to the bus stop and walk to the village I have to walk along this road that has no pavement. In December is was forced off the road by a speeding driver and broke my wrist. This road section needs to be a maximum 30mph with a wide footpath
7	Partners work location is Kings Lynn
8	We love our home and our village. We work hard and want a quality of life. We would be forced to move if there is development.
9	Moving would come about due to ill health only!
10	If flooding outside our front door not sorted, by highway, will strongly think of moving
11	Getting older, big house, maintenance is a constant issue