

Fressingfield Neighbourhood Plan review

Full results of the Neighbourhood Plan Housing & Environment household survey, March/April 2025

324 responses to the survey. 907 surveys were sent out (36% response rate). 241 were returned as hard copies.

Note: raw data has been included in full and put in alphabetical order.

Part 1: ABOUT YOUR HOUSEHOLD

Opening question

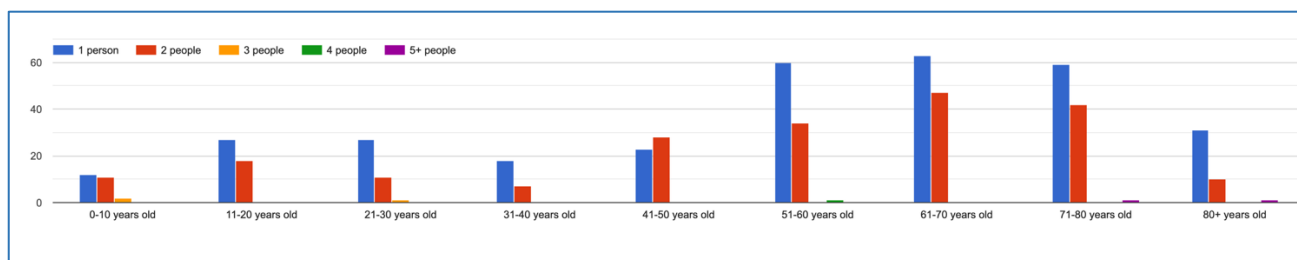
Please tick. I am an adult (over 18) and reside in the parish of Fressingfield.

Summary of the data: All respondents have declared they are an adult (over 18) and reside in the parish of Fressingfield.



(1) How old are the people in your household? (please specify numbers in each age group.)

Summary of the data: The answers are slightly older than the population profile of Fressingfield indicating that a slightly older demographic has responded to the survey.

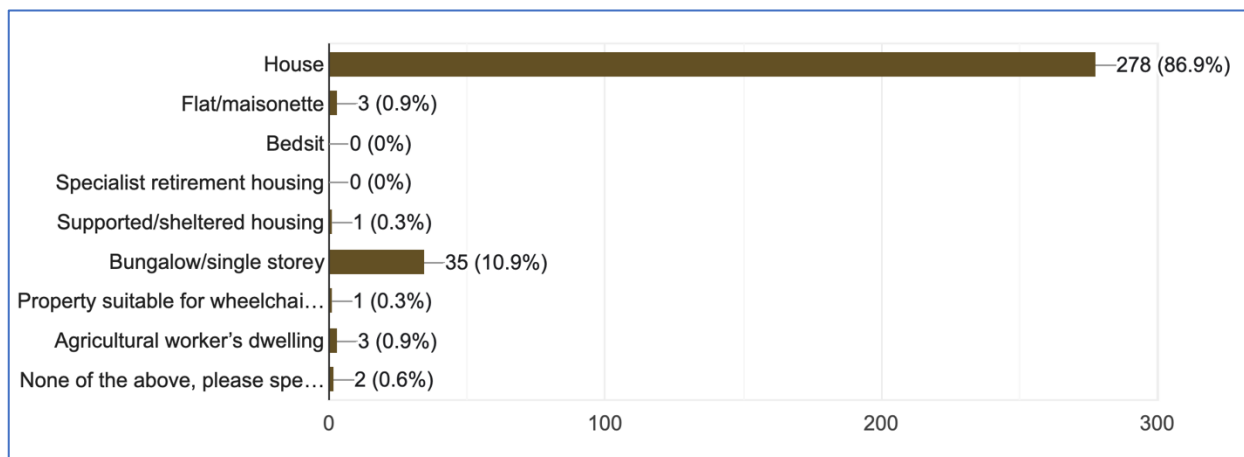


(2) Please tick ✓ below to describe your current home.

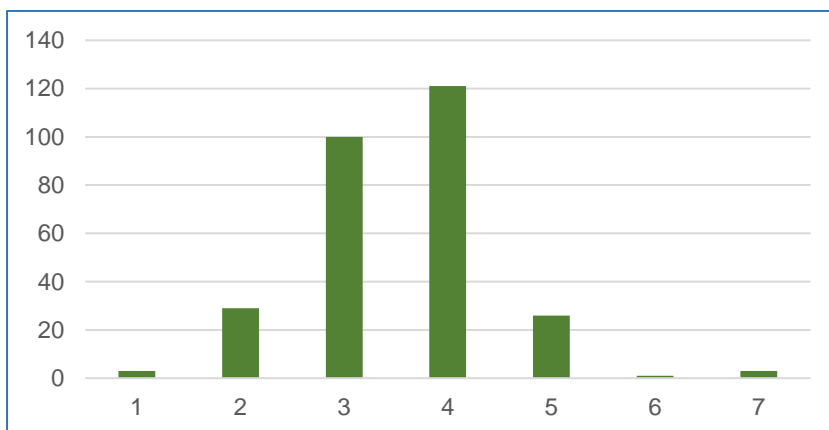
Summary of the data: The majority (86.9%) of respondents live in houses. A further 10.9% live in bungalows/single story homes.

Most people live in 3 or 4 bedroom properties. Answers in order

- 3 bedrooms ticked by 100 respondents;
- 4 bedrooms ticked by 121 respondents;
- 2 bedrooms ticked by 29 respondents;
- 5 bedrooms ticked by 26 respondents;
- 1 bedroom ticked by 3 respondents;
- 7 bedrooms ticked by 3 respondents.
- 6 bedrooms ticked by 1 respondent;

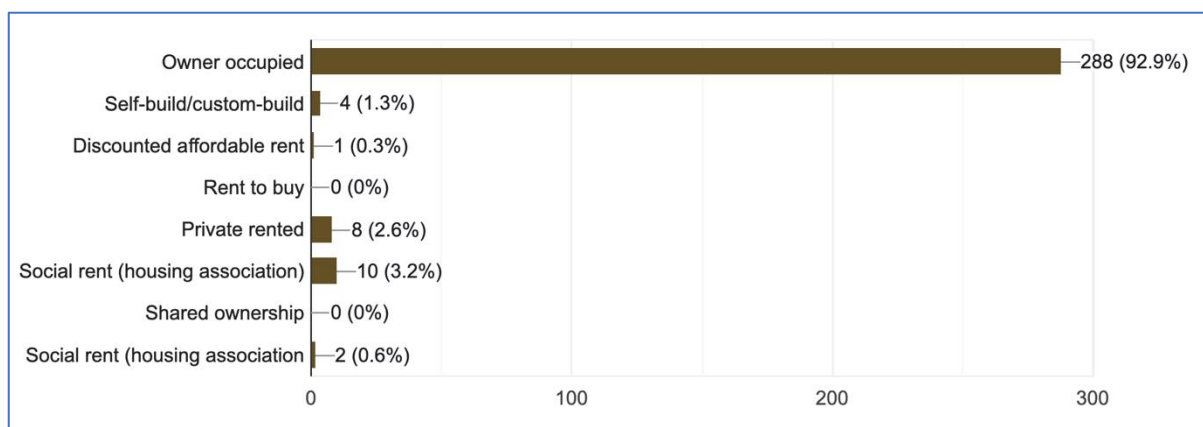


Number of bedrooms



(3) Which of the following would best describe your current home? (please tick ✓ one or more boxes)

Summary of the data: The majority, 288 (92%) of respondents describe their homes as owner occupied. There are 10 respondents in social rented (housing association) homes, 8 in private rented, 4 in self-built/custom-build and 1 in discounted affordable rented homes.



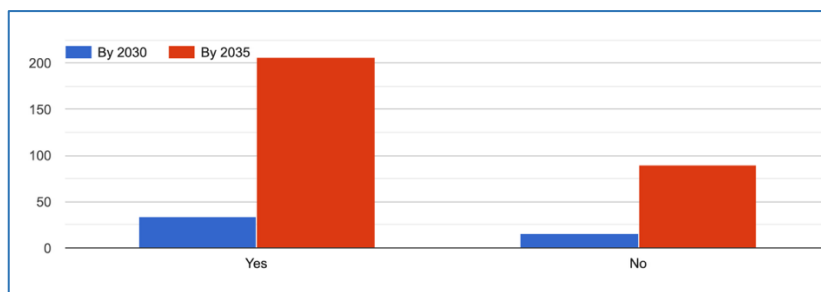
Others, please state: with attached farm land; live with the owner; annexe; conversion; conversion; agricultural owner – business; farm house - belongs to the company; what are you implying re agricultural worker's dwellings?; council; agricultural holding in the wider parish; council; PRIVATE!; in trust for sons. I live rent free but responsible for good repair etc; prefer not to answer; prefer not to answer.

Part 2: HOUSING NEED

(4) Please indicate whether you or a member of your household (i.e. yourself, older children or dependents etc.) **is likely to need a home in the parish within the next 5-10 years. My current home is likely to be suitable for all the people that are currently living in it, for the next 5-10 years.** (please tick ✓) If answering YES to both, please go to question 8.

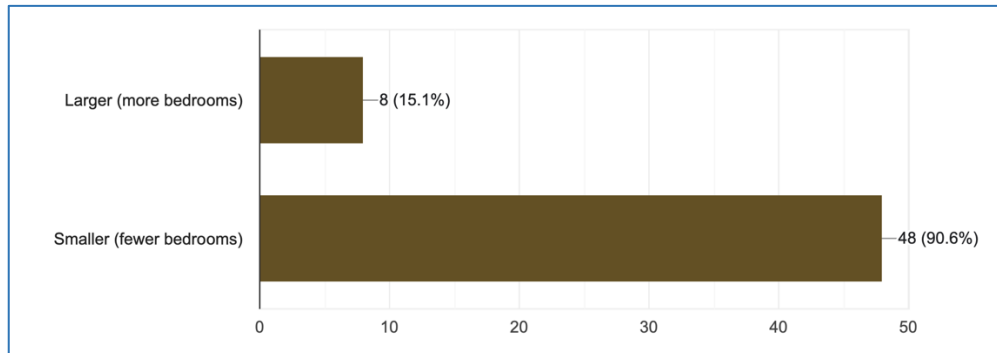
Summary of the data: The data indicates that the majority of respondents consider that their home will still be a suitable home in the next 5-10 years, however, more may be looking to move within the next 10 years than the next 5 years.

- By 2030 (in the next 5 years) 34 respondents said their home will be suitable. And only 16 said their home would not be suitable.
- By 2035 (in the next 10 years) 206 respondents said their home will be suitable. And 90 said their home would not be suitable.



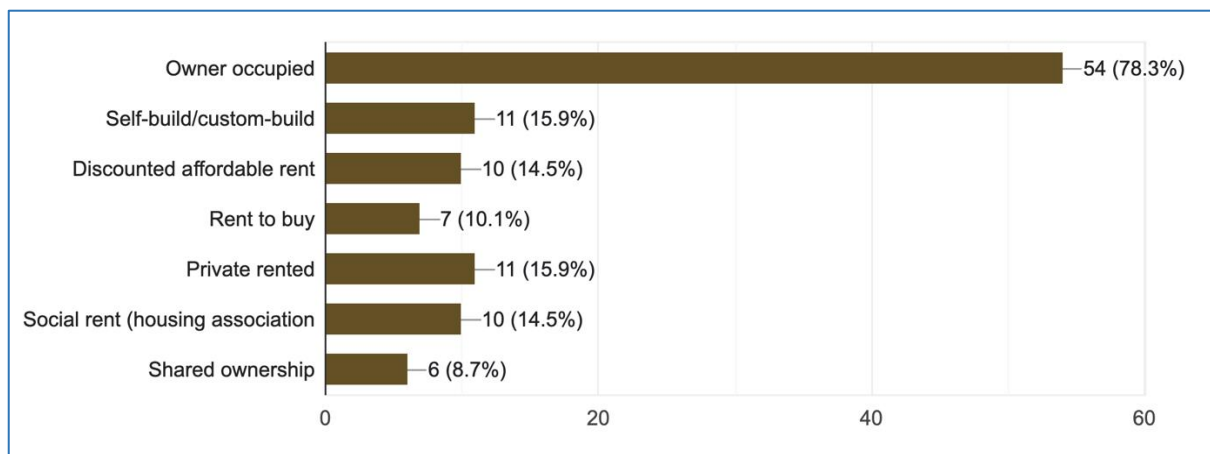
(5) Are you looking for a larger or smaller place to live? (please tick ✓ all boxes that apply)

Summary of the data: For those possibly looking for a new place to live, the majority of respondents are looking for smaller homes (90.6%).



(6) If the following were available in Fressingfield parish, which would you be looking for? (please tick ✓ all boxes that apply)

Summary of the data: Tenure of housing – for those possibly looking for a new place to live, the majority (54 respondents) are looking for an owner occupied property. There is also interest in self-build/custom-build, discounted affordable rent, rent to buy, private rented, social rent (housing association) and shared ownership.



Other, please state

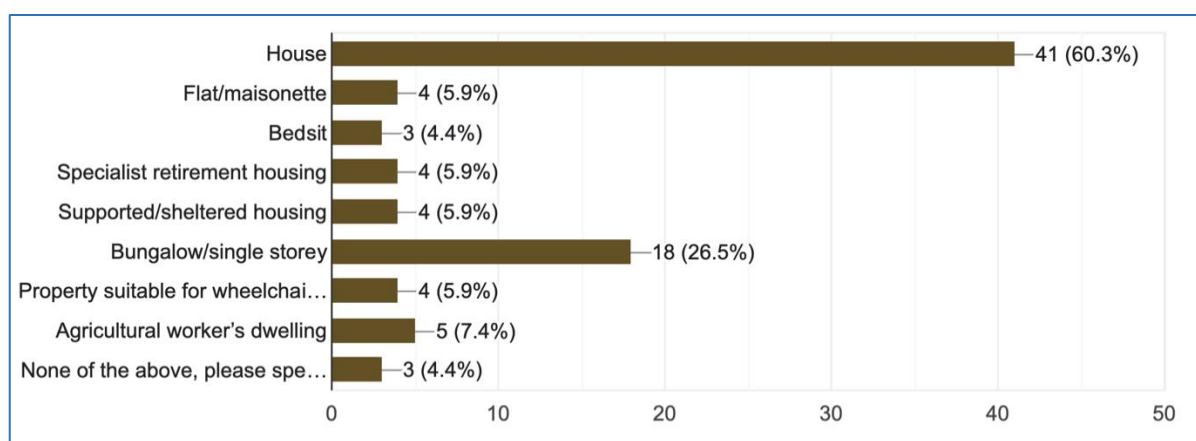
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- A care home if desperate!
- Agricultural dwelling
- Can't answer Q 5 and 6 as not planning to move within Fressingfield
- I am not looking
- I don't need housing in future
- No in Fressingfield as there is no public transport
- NONE OF THE ABOVE
- Not in the village - we don't want a village home

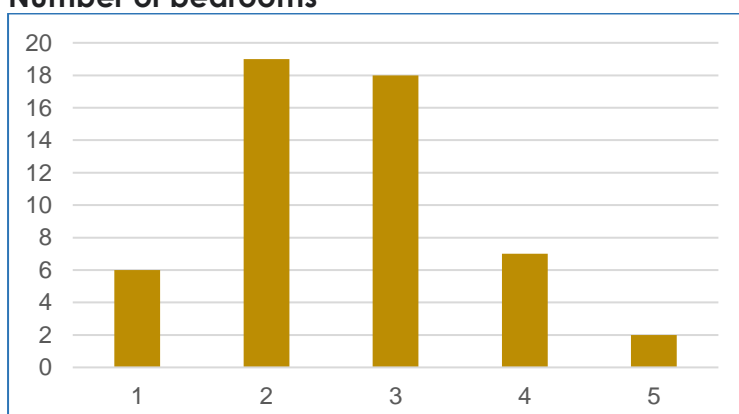
- Not in village envelop - redundant farm buildings
- Not locally
- Not looking
- Not looking
- Not looking
- Question 4 makes no sense
- Requirement is for our children (teenagers now) not us

(7) If you, or a member of your household, are seeking a new home in Fressingfield parish within the next 5 years, please tick ✓ the type of property you think you would be looking for.

Summary of the data: Type of housing – for those possibly looking for a new home the majority (41 respondents) are looking for a house. There is also interest in bungalows/single storey homes. There is some interest in flat/maisonette, bedsit, specialist retirement housing, supported/sheltered housing, property suitable for wheelchairs, agricultural worker's dwelling. The majority are looking for 2 and 3 bedroom properties.

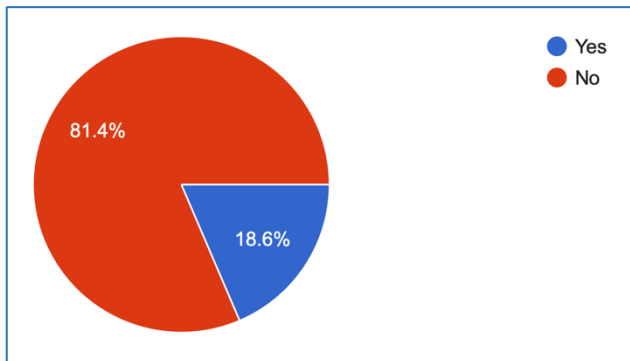


Number of bedrooms



(8) If suitable accommodation were available would any close relatives (e.g. sons, daughters, parents, other family members) not presently living in Fressingfield, wish to live in Fressingfield?

Summary of the data: There is some interest in close relatives living in Fressingfield if accommodation were available (57 respondents). There is a range of interest regarding size and type of accommodation – mostly 2 and 3 bedrooms, some houses and some bungalows, including Affordable Housing.



Please describe what size and type of accommodation they are looking for.

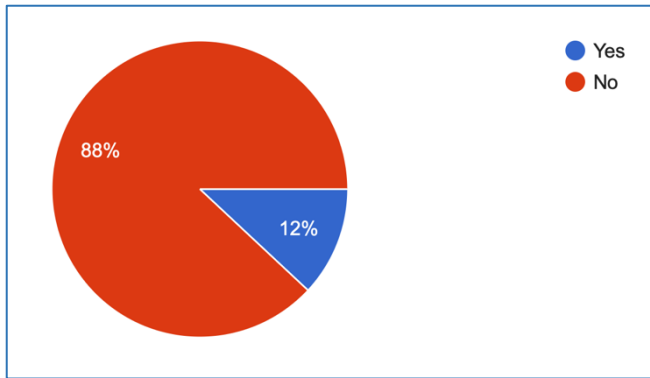
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- 1 bed affordable rent
- 1 bedroom bungalow
- 1 or 2 bed
- 1-2 bed
- 1-2 bedroom apartment/house
- 1-2 bedroom apartments
- 2 bed bungalow
- 2 bed bungalow
- 2 bed house
- 2 bed house
- 2 bed house or flat
- 2 bed house, possible 3
- 2 bedroom
- 2 bedroom bungalow
- 2 bedroom house
- 2 bedroom house
- 2 bedroom house
- 2 bedroom house or flat for wheelchair users
- 2 bedroom property; new starter home
- 2 or 3 bed
- 2 or 3 bed
- 2-3 bed house
- 2-3 bed house
- 2/3 bed house
- 3 bed
- 3 bed family home semi-detached house
- 3 bed house
- 3 bed house
- 3 bed house to rent with parking and garden
- 3 bedroom family home
- 3 bedroom house
- 3 bedroom house
- 3 bedroom with garden
- 3 bedrooms with garden

- 4 bed house
- 4 bedroomed detached
- affordable 2 or 3 bed house
- Affordable house to buy with 3 bedrooms parking and a garden big enough for a family
- Affordable houses; more bungalows
- Affordable housing
- Affordable Housing
- Affordable housing
- bungalow
- House
- house
- House 2 bed
- House 3 bed
- House or bungalow - 2 bed
- House with 3 bedrooms
- I am not looking for any??
- I have a disabled son and as his condition worsens he will need to live closer to us in a single storey bungalow dwelling.
- N/A
- N/A
- NA
- New starter home - 1-2 bedrooms
- None
- None
- Not in the village - there a redundant farm buildings that can be used
- Not looking
- Old agricultural cottage/building. 3-4 bedrooms with character. Somewhere with solar wind turbine/biomass boiler
- Owner occupied home
- Single person /starter homes
- They are not looking
- They are not looking for any type of accommodation

(9) Have any other members of your family moved out of the area because they are unable to find or afford to buy or rent accommodation in Fressingfield?

Summary of the data: Whilst the majority of respondents said no 88% (250), there are 12% (57) that said yes they have members of their family that have moved out of the area because they are unable to find or afford to buy or rent accommodation in Fressingfield.



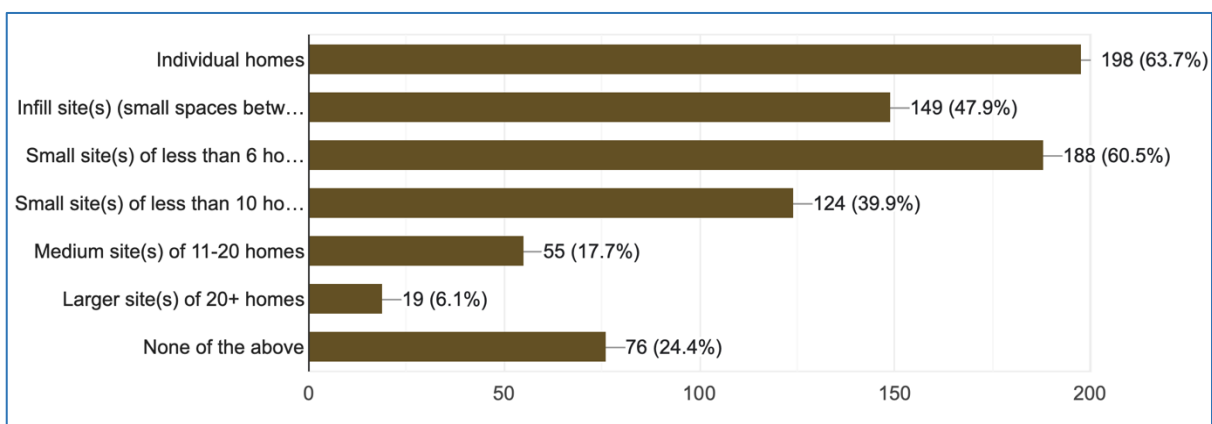
Part 3: SCALE & LOCATION OF NEW HOUSING

(10) If Mid Suffolk District Council were to allocate more housing to Fressingfield in the future, how should that housing be distributed in the parish? (please tick ✓ AT LEAST 3 boxes)

Summary of the data: Over 60% of respondents said housing should be distributed as individual homes and/or small sites of less than 6 homes. There is least interest in large sites(s) of 20+ homes.

Comments included:

- Concerns about infrastructure (roads, drainage, sewage, public transport, medical services, electricity, broadband). Upgrades must happen before any new development is allowed
- Objection to further large scale housing, seen as damaging to village identity, rural character and community feel.
- Support for controlled sustainable growth
- Affordable Housing is needed, with caution. Concern that large development may not deliver Affordable Housing
- Preserving village character – rural setting, community spirit and environmental features
- Criticism of past and current developments
- Scepticism about the consultation process



**Comments
(raw data)**

- Affordable housing becoming very necessary
- All houses to look different
- Already a large village for amenities in such a rural area which it needs to remain
- Antiquated sewage systems that cannot withstand the pressure of heavy rain
- Any larger developments could not be accommodated by current infrastructure and utilities
- As long as it doesn't cause problems for existing homeowners
- Assumption: All developments have adequate drainage and access
- Can't see how extra housing will help as infrastructure is struggling already.
- Careful thought has to be given with regard to the infrastructure of the village i.e. school, doctors, when adding extra houses
- co housing
- Concerns regarding infra structure deficit.
- Daft question, if I tick none of these which others should I fill in
- Difficult to answer Q10/Q13. It all depends on the needs of the local population.
- Don't need any more housing
- Don't need new houses in Fressingfield. Can't sell the ones they are building in New Street (was)
- Due to a complete lack of transport and infrastructure
- Filling in spaces (infill site) is intrusive and building too many houses stops a small community village being just that. Keep villages as villages not towns.
- Fressingfield cannot accommodate any further housing
- Fressingfield cannot sustain any more housing
- Fressingfield does not have infrastructure to support more housing of any kind. No buses. No work in surrounding areas. No capacity in the surgeries around. Drainage system already not coping - regular flooding with sewage on Low Road.
- Fressingfield does not need more houses of any category. Employment and infrastructure does not support more residents
- Fressingfield has enough housing. There is no public transport, medical centre is full
- Fressingfield is a village and is already a big village. It does not have the facilities to deal with anymore houses
- Fressingfield is a village its already has met its housing quota for the NDP, more housing will ruin its rural setting, character and quality of life.
- Fressingfield is a village not a town. Infrastructure is not there . Environmental impact, sewage, flooding, tree loss, light pollution
- Fressingfield is already too big. It does not have sufficient amenities to accommodate additional housing
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- Further significant building in the village would not be sustainable with the current infrastructure.
- Growth of the village increases community and helps diversify the village and to help make it a nicer place for all
- Have concerns about infrastructure deficit...pressure on doctors surgery, sewage already spilling over when it rains. More houses means more cars on the roads, roads already full of potholes, public transport non existent.
- Hope that if more houses are built in the village it will not change the lovely outlook of Fressingfield.
- How can one tick at least 3 boxes when 'none of the above'
- I believe we don't need anyone homes. The latest development has been a nightmare!
- I don't think the village requires expanding.
- I think sustainability should be a key factor of any new development i.e. no reliance on fossil fuels for new homes.
- ideally leave it as it is

- If all houses with current planning permission were built I feel that would be sufficient . But if a few more needed , infills and small sites would be most suitable.
- If we need affordable housing larger sites would have cheaper housing available
- Individual plots or infill brownfield sites would be preferable
- Infill or small development will fit in better with the parish and not destroy its character. It will also allow facilities like shops and doctors to be scaled to fit such incremental development.
- Infrastructure (sewage, roads, public transport, doctors surgery) already under strain to cope with numbers
- Insufficient infrastructure for medium/large developments especially sewage and grey water disposal. Medical centre has not capacity for new patients and school has limited capacity.
- Is there much point in this exercise when the half completed housing estate in Wingfield Road was permitted . Did the parish council raise any objections to overcrowded and badly designed, badly built estate. If there were no objections by the parish council what on earth is the point of having one. If the objections were raised there should have been more information given.
- it has to have parking and visitor parking if houses in a cluster
- Keep the sites small but affordable
- Large developments change the very nature of a village. We are not opposed to new development in principle but would oppose larger scale ones.
- large scale developments are not suitable for a small village if it is to retain its identity
- Look at Harleston for more houses and infrastructure better than Fressingfield
- Mid Suffolk District Council should be encouraged not to allocate more housing in Fressingfield. The sewerage/water infrastructure cannot cope as it is. The same applies to electricity supply/broadband. Are the same facilities shared with other parishes.
- More facilities needed before more homes and finish other builds that have been abandoned
- More houses to attract more people and expand the village
- More housing should not be allocated in Fressingfield. Such proposals do not take into account a struggling infrastructure and local resources
- MSDC are well aware of the history of feeling within the community because of our distance from appropriate resources and lack of adequate infrastructure . We rely on our PC to fight on our behalf against any such assumption on the part of MSDC that we can continue to attract working families or sustain estate influx.
- No further housing
- No further housing is sustainable with current infrastructure . No public transport, electricity supply dips and cuts out over winter, sewage egress problems, flooding problems, poor broadband making homeworking very difficult. Shared facilities with adjacent parishes and proposed development in these parishes will place even great strain on already over burdened infrastructure system.
- No more houses
- no more houses in Fressingfield
- Only if infrastructure is improved to provide for additional inhabitants first
- only way new build could even be considered is if infrastructure improved. Currently it is not coping .
- Our present building sites do not seem to cope with access or drainage. The abandoned New Street site is an unfinished eyesore and Priory Road (single lane and partly unmade road) STILL has to put up with traffic to the Scout Site due to unfinished road to building site
- People mostly move here when older. Younger people tend to live in areas with more jobs
- Please stop building the 5 bedroom houses that people can't afford. Where are the small 2 up 2 down houses?

- Question 4 is very badly worded. To confirm I don't need any more housing in Fressingfield
- Realistically to gain any affordable housing it would need 11-20 homes to make cost effective. However, the preference would be for smaller sites.
- Roads in very dangerous conditions all around - more traffic - more accidents
- sewage system***is inadequate now let alone with new building of homes of any number!!!Manhole covers blow off on a regular basis leaving sewage strewn about especially after heavy rainfall.
- Should planning permission be given for more houses it should include a significant upgrade to the infrastructure i.e. drains, electricity, roads etc
- Sites up to 15 would be in keeping with existing yard style developments
- small different to look at. No identical rows or lego houses
- space them out; let them breathe
- Subject to upgrading the Victorian sewage system which frequently causes flooding and distribution of raw sewage material onto the roads and into the beck
- Surgery and school cannot cope with more
- The half finished development on Wingfield Road is ugly and an eyesore and demonstrates that no further development should be permitted in the village on this scale.
- The services, infrastructure and amenities are not such that more people living in the village would add existing problems.
- The village already has an unfinished development of approximately 30 dwellings which are empty, plus a dozen properties for sale which includes 8 of the last development - still unsold. Why do we need more.
- The village infrastructure is inadequate for more housing
- There are still unfinished homes lying incomplete and abandoned. Also there is not enough space at the doctors to support additional households.
- There are three areas which make up the cost of residential property. The cost of site, building and margin. Bigger the site cheaper the plots, cheaper the cost of infrastructure - cheaper housing.
- There is a lot of housing development currently being undertaken in Harleston which is far more suitable location than Fressingfield
- There is not the infrastructure to home many more people in the village and the school and GPs are at capacity
- They should not allocate more housing in this small village
- This question is nonsensical if you are insisting on ticking a box how can one be 'none of the above' . Should say tick any that apply or all that apply
- To keep a community alive we need to evolve at an absorbable rate.
- To many houses already for doctors and schools to cope with also too many cars for small roads
- To many new houses already
- To many new houses already
- We have had our housing allocation met by the NDP. We don't want to become an urban large scale village
- What about infrastructure? The public transport, overcrowded medical centre
- When these sites are being built, parking spaces become such a big problem. New homes need to be more spaced out. All these big sites create these problems. Cars parked everywhere. Look at Harleston. Fressingfield is a village and should stay just that. In my opinion too many houses going up everywhere spoiling the rural countryside we have had enough.
- Why 3 minimum? Above is subject to clear independent evidence that the infrastructure (roads, public transport, sewerage and doctors surgery) is completely adequate as it cannot cope with current housing, let alone more.
- Younger couples will want to live where there are more facilities and jobs, not small villages housing should be built there

(11) The following sites have been put forward to Mid Suffolk District Council by their landowners for potential future development. No decisions have been made on whether any of these sites are suitable for development.

If Mid Suffolk District Council were to allocate more housing to Fressingfield in the future, which of the following would be the most suitable location(s)?

Please rank the options in order of preference, with 1 being least preferred and 6 being most preferred. Please use each number only once.

Summary of the data:

Support for the sites has been added up as follows, in order of support

- A. Land east of Stradbroke Road = 1021
- F: None of the above = 924
- C: Land south of Laxfield Road = 875
- D: Land at Post Mill Lane = 857
- B: Land north of Laxfield Road = 842
- E: Land west of John Shepherd Road = 753

Themes from the comments

- Strong resistance to large-scale development
- Concern about infrastructure inadequacy (sewage, roads, schools, doctors, transport)
- Concern about Red House Farm
- Negative comments about building on farmland
- Concern about losing the 'village feel'

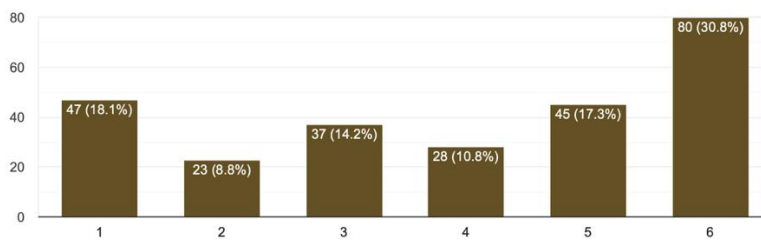
Analysis of sites based on the comments

- A: Least negative impact.
 - Good if it includes a shop (reducing traffic on New Street).
 - Vehicular access to the playing field helpful.
- B: Dangerous road access.
 - Would cause disruption to views/landscape.
- C: Same as B: safety concerns and landscape damage.
 - Concerns about sewage/drainage issues.
- D: Infrastructure already laid out.
 - Easiest/cheapest to deliver.
 - Negative: traffic issues on New Street.
- E: Very large site.
 - Access problems.
 - Heavy traffic concerns.



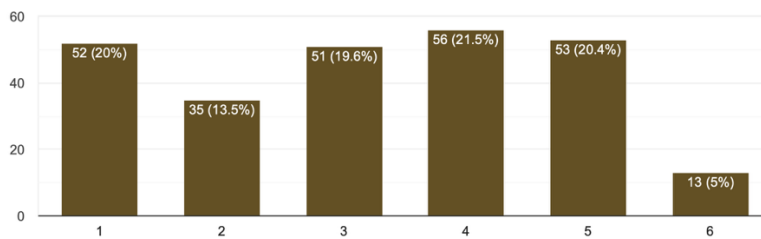
A. Land east of Stradbroke Road

260 responses



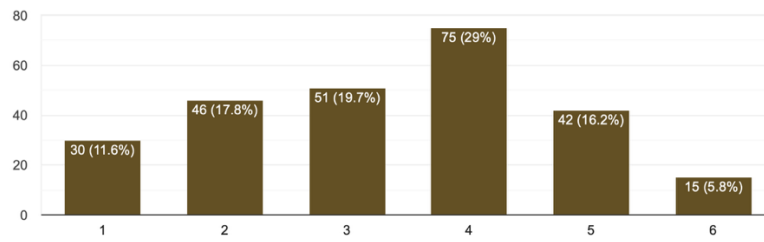
B. Land north of Laxfield Road

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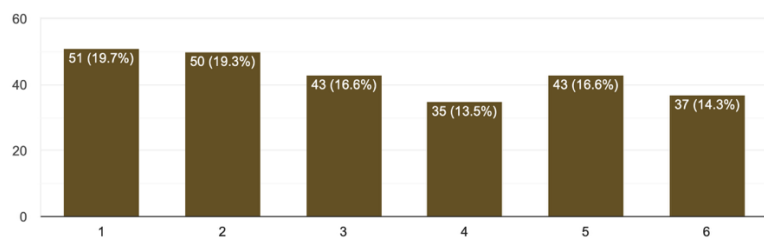
C. Land south of Laxfield Road

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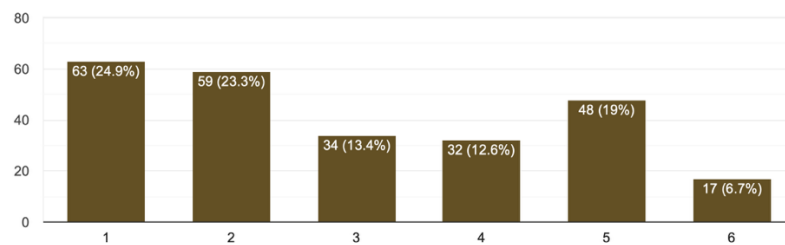
D. Land at Post Mill Lane

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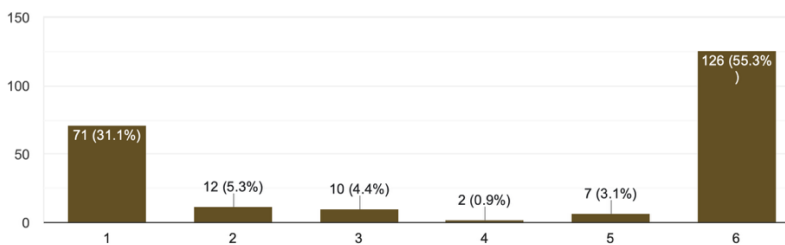
E. Land west of John Shepherd Road

253 responses



F. None of the above

228 responses



Comments

(Raw data)

- 1 or 2 sites only
- A, B and C based on what looks like vehicular access.
- A,B and C open up huge acreage of land which would be difficult to control in future. D has all the infrastructure in place and would be the easiest to deliver housing at a sensible cost.
- A: with a shop would be good and vehicular access to the playing field
- A/B/C would cause the most disruption of the current views/landscape
- Affordable housing for younger people starter homes - family housing.
- All of these developments are about increasing the wealth of the landowner not meeting the needs of the village
- All the above sites are greenfield agricultural land not brownfield. All the plans proposed by their landowners are for large scale development which are not sustainable nor needed.
- Already unfinished development by Carpenter's Yard. What is happening there
- any new housing on the collage would necessitate massive improvement on local infrastructure, public transport, schools, other activities (e.g. medical centre) which our cash-strapped council cannot afford
- Any or All of these sites would detract from Fressingfield's unique characteristics as a village
- Any significant increase in housing must be supported by expansion of the infrastructure - especially medical , facilities, community space for young people and teenagers and transport.
- as stated on previous page
- As we are a village and not a town we have had enough larger development in the village. Any new houses would be individual, as we don't have the work, transport, infrastructure etc for many more
- As we are new to the village we have no idea how many houses could be built on these sites or the impact on existing nearby houses so we are unable to answer
- At present there is a new housing development standing empty
- B+C much too dangerous along that stretch of road
- Before any development is approved, thought should be given to a) a lack public transport b) sufficient space in schools/doctors. New street now has to cope with heavy traffic/large lorries and farm vehicles.
- Building on agricultural land and outside of the settlement boundary should be avoided.
- Building outside of the current settlement boundaries and on arable fields should be strongly discouraged
- Can't see how extra housing will help as infrastructure is struggling already.
- cannot select preferences from the basic topographic/geographic data provided
- Consider a phased programme of building over the 20 year period. Post Mill is an " unfinished " site. The same with John Shepherd.
- Currently sewage from plots B & C no doubt would join the pipes system that flows downwards to Cratfield Road. When there's heavy rain, the water and sewage ups up from the manhole fills the road and then enters the rising water from the beck.
- D and E look large and would create heavy traffic in the village centre.
- D has all the infrastructure in place. E would be second on cost to build.
- development need sites need to take the effort on blocking sewage pipes into consideration
- Development sites need to take the effect on blocking sewage pipes into consideration
- Difficult to answer the above without some idea of the scale of development envisaged
- Don't think any more houses needed

- Don't want any more houses Village is getting to big
- Don't think we need more housing
- E - large development . The others can be small courtyard developments
- E - looks like a huge site. D is already earmarked and laid out roads
- E looks like a big plot
- existing woodland needs to be retained
- Finish the development next to Priory road
- Finish the houses half built and left
- Finishing Post Mill lane would be most obvious site
- Fressingfield does not need any more housing
- Fressingfield is currently a 'hinterland village'- only small scale limited development. IF development, better in a more sustainable location
- Gateway plots will result in the greatest perception of growth and will change everyone's experience of the village when arriving or leaving.
- Housing built on the edge of the village will cause less disruption and may mean less lorries thundering through the village.
- Housing developments should be driven by requirement not profit
- I believe D and E both have the infrastructure in place and would more easily absorb into the village
- I believe the land East of Stradbroke Rd would have the LEAST negative affect on the local wildlife and infrastructure/drainage etc of the village
- I do not believe any of these proposals should be followed. The current infrastructure including roads, schools and medical facilities are only just able to cope with the current population and housing.
- I don't believe any more housing should be allocated or built until the already existing development has been completed and sold
- I don't believe more housing is necessary. Site D would continue a site already started so makes the most sense to me without changing viewpoint or the overall look of the village
- I don't think there is a need for more large housing in Fressingfield
- I don't think there should be any further development at this time as the current development site remains unfinished and closed which i understand is due to lack of sales.
- I think you might find people number these in the wrong order as usually 1 is most preferred
- I wish more solar were put on new homes as it is more cost effective and cheaper for families long term
- I would oppose any development on any of these sites but the sites which would result in additional traffic on New Street i.e. D and E are a definite NO
- Ideally none of the above!
- If housing has to be built then the plots on the edge of town will cause less disruption.
- In addition the loss of good farmland on some of these sites would further erode food security and biodiversity. Furthermore properties under construction already are not being progressed and those completed unoccupied indicting no further need for housing in Fressingfield
- its ok building the houses but the roads, schools, doctors can't cope now
- Main roads accessible
- More space for new residents
- My preference is for no housing development
- Needs to be affordable
- No further development on New Street. Does Fressingfield need all the houses given the amount of development in recent years.
- NO MORE HOUSE
- No more large scale developments needed. Poor infrastructure, no public transport, health service over stretched, drains et

- No need for housing; doctor's full already
- No need for new housing. Doctors full already.
- No new buildings. The infrastructure is not there. This is a beautiful part of the world - amazing wildlife - why do you insist on destroying it?
- None of the above. The village already has development under construction that was being built by cowboys that have gone into liquidation
- none of these places
- None of these sites meets the criteria I have selected. All too large and would not be sustainable with the current infrastructure
- Not enough jobs available for people in this village. Too many cars
- One or two sites only
- One residents fence has been knocked over three times that I am aware of in the last three years, due to selfish careless drivers outside the shop. Further, a wall has been partially knocked down in the vicinity and another fence knocked down too!
- Only A considered suitable
- Our village can't cope with a influx of more developments our infrastructure is already overloaded + our sewage system is struggling to cope now without any more houses being added to our system
- Perhaps a development if required, could be sited next to Westhorne Farm where the outlet onto New Street/Top Road has good viewing in all directions for motorists. Should we not be looking at 1-2 bedroomed starter homes rather than the 3-4 bedroomed retirement homes.
- Please see comments to question 10
- Poorly written misleading question
- Post Mill Lane - possibly
- Post Mill Lane would be perfect from the point of drainage and if existing on the Weybourne Road could take traffic away from New Street
- See comment to question 10
- Site A - least obtrusive to any existing households
- Site A is preferable if the village shop is contained within the proposed site as this will relieve the traffic danger of New Street
- Site A: with move of village shop as was previously proposed to reduce heavy traffic /danger to pedestrians in New Street. if the infrastructure is available to support new development???
- Site is already started at Post Mill Lane
- Small developments on each site wherever possible. Small developments 'infill' in each even if initial cost of build is higher
- The access to E looks like it might be a problem
- The answers you receive will depend on where people live. Unhelpful question
- The current shop is located in New Street that has no footpaths for most of the road. When cars are parked outside the shop, they can often be parked sticking out in the road and it is very hard to see past them, when driving by to overtake. When van/lorry deliveries park up outside the shop, this makes the situation worse. Many people walk up and down along New Street on the road (as no footpaths). These include the elderly, people walking dogs and families with young children. It can be a dangerous road. In the last three years there has definitely been more traffic using New Street and New Street has its fair share of tractors, vans and lorries regularly using it. If Fressingfield keeps getting bigger then both foot traffic and vehicular traffic will increase - the road just isn't made for this!
- The current small shop in Fressingfield will not be enough to service a growing village.
- The Land at A would appear to have the LEAST negative impact on the wildlife and infrastructure of the village
- The only thing that would alleviate this is if a new, bigger shop were to be built on a site that also had some allocated parking for customers. In respect of the above

proposed sites 'A' would solve this, if an alternative shop was to be built as part of that site."

- The reason I have opted for 'none of the above' is that development in Fressingfield makes little sense to me.
- There are already several partly built houses in the village . It is ridiculous to consider further building while such remain incomplete and unoccupied. Further loss of farmland is to be deplored ; food security is vital.
- There are lots of houses that have been built in Fressingfield recently which puts pressure on the existing services. I appreciate the need for new homes but there needs to be a more concerted effort to improve and upgrade the existing over stretched infrastructure .
- There is no public transport available in Fressingfield.
- These are all major sites. If the answer to Q10 is individual homes or infill then none of these large sites are suitable . You have not provided any options for infill sites.
- They are all too big
- This a diverse question- opinion will depend on current location of domicile. The marked site are not to scale. No indication of house numbers on each site
- To be sustainable communities need to grow. Some housing is needed but not too much. Fressingfield could absorb more housing but I don't know what 'too much' new housing would be definitely 50 max.
- To not allow any medium size development is short sighted, as with this will come better infrastructure and hopefully we can keep our shop.
- Too big for the village - A-E
- Unable to select preferences from the basic topographic/geographic data supplied
- Village infrastructure is inadequate for more housing
- We do not need any of these. First it is vital that the new estate on New Street is completed and sold.
- We do not need further housing developments please listen to the villagers.
- We do not want more development
- We don't need any of these and certainly not until the development on New Street has been finalised and sold.
- We need a bus service
- We need small development not these. Our infrastructure just could not cope with more.
- We only support development in A because it has the least overall impact in terms of existing residents and, very importantly, not extending any linearity. There is already development on the other side of the road so this addition would make little difference. Also there is direct access on a main road.
- Where possible, builds individual homes or suitable infill sites should be given priority. Also, preferable are small developments between 2-6 houses of varying sizes, allowing for gradual expansion over time, in keeping with the style of the village. I object to developments of 20+ such as the Red House Farm one near Carpenters Yard. It is not in keeping with the rest of the village and is a poor example of a good build for our community.
- Why are the only options offered in Fressingfield? We are a large parish and no other land is offered . We need to spread the options
- Why are you considering building new houses on new plots when there are in development plots abandoned and unfinished.
- Why do we need more houses? We have no jobs, transport or infrastructure to support any new people.

(12) If you have any other general comments about housing, please comment below.

Summary of the data:

Key themes:

- Infrastructure constraints
 - Strong concern that current infrastructure (roads, drainage, GP surgery, schools, public transport) cannot support further housing.
 - Specific issues: flooding, sewage overflow, narrow roads, lack of pavements, and overloaded medical services.
 - Need for major infrastructure improvements before any more development is allowed.
- Affordable and appropriate housing
 - Support for small, affordable homes for young people, first-time buyers, families, disabled residents, and downsizers (older people).
 - Demand for 1-3 bedroom houses and bungalows rather than large executive homes.
 - Criticism that current "affordable" housing models are flawed because homes quickly become unaffordable when resold.
- Scale and quality of development
 - Preference for small, gradual, high-quality developments (e.g., 3-6 houses) rather than large estates.
 - Emphasis on architectural design being in keeping with the village's character.
 - Criticism of existing developments being 'ugly', cheap-looking, or out of character with the village.
- Environmental protection
 - Protect good agricultural land, wildlife habitats, and biodiversity.
 - Avoid development on flood-prone or sloped land.
 - Preference for brownfield sites (e.g., old poultry factory) over building on green fields.
- Finish existing development first
 - Strong view that unfinished developments (especially New Street) should be completed and sold before any new ones are approved.
 - Concern that market conditions (slow sales) show there is no demand for more homes at present.
- Community cohesion and future vision
 - Mixed views about growth:
 - Some want slow, steady growth to keep the village alive and support services like the school.
 - Others worry about over-development turning the village into a town.
 - Calls for a long-term strategic vision for Fressingfield's future, balancing growth with preserving rural character.
- Developers and profit motive
 - Deep distrust of developers, believing they are profit-driven rather than community-focused.
 - Criticism that developer promises (e.g., affordable housing, infrastructure contributions) are often broken or meaningless.
- Transport and connectivity
 - Total lack of public transport is a major problem now and a barrier to future growth.

- Some want public transport reinstated (e.g., a bus service) alongside any development.

Comments

(Raw data)

- Additional housing must be needs led. Some smaller and environmentally high standard developments are all that should be permitted. The half finished development going out of Fressingfield from New Street serves as a warning if new housing is developers profit led.
- Affordable housing should be for younger people (not just families). Some 1 bedroom houses and bungalows for older people and disabled residents
- All houses under development atm should be finished and sold before we consider any more. Market is very slow so why add to this.
- All should be subject to a holistic infrastructure plan and include mitigation for social projects and amenities., Footpaths should be included in the plan
- Any development should include single storey properties to enable older people to down size and stay in the parish. Gardens and parking
- Any housing should be sympathetic to its surroundings and include affordable homes, community homes
- Any new housing should reuse brown field sites such as the old poultry factory near Weybread or similar in this parish. Good agricultural land should not be lost for new housing in a village without the infrastructure to support it.
- Areas d and E are both closer to recently developed areas. A, B and C have not seen development for many years perhaps its time for redevelopment in these areas
- As per previous comments current infrastructure suggests further housing would be unsustainable ; additionally the medical centre is unable to cope with the number of patients as it stands. There is n public transport within the village. Further erosion of farmland and biodiversity would be wholly detrimental to the area and the country more broadly.
- Building on sloped land near Low street and Cratfield road should be avoided as these areas already flood and the current pressures already placed on sewage systems
- Can quality rather than quantity be a consideration and care given to the design of new home which are in keeping with the vernacular. Those most recently built near the Baptist chapel and next to carpenters yard are extremely ugly
- Can we dis-band the self-appointed group called SAFE, who do not represent the Fressingfield Community. If we want to support the primary school, which must be the most important part of the village, we need an influx of young couples, into affordable house, starting with the nursery and continuing through to senior school. The Doctors must gain from having a young healthy patient list as opposed to a group of old geriatrics who need most care.
- Developers are not interested in the needs of the local population but simply profit. The concept of 'affordable' housing is nonsense. It is just an excuse for developers to build. The houses they create are mainly designed to attract maximum profits. They are not for locals or the children of locals. No provision is made to improve local infrastructure and the lives of villagers are simply impaired. Affordable housing is an absurd concept in any case. Once a house is purchased and then sold on later its price reverts to the market value rendering it instantly unaffordable in the future.
- Finish existing site
- Flooding on Low Street and Cratfield Road are of a particular concern, particularly if building was considered on the fields upslope of these roads.
- For a village with little or no infrastructure , no public transport, no pavements. We have had all the development it can take

- For God's sake stop developing this village. The infrastructure cannot cope with what we currently have let alone more. Drainage, medical , school as examples
- Fressingfield does not have the infrastructure to support any more housing. More housing will contribute to more road congestion and more pollution. There is no public transport whatsoever.
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- Fressingfield experiences flood and sewage issues already. More people, cars, dogs are not sustainable. No jobs no transport no dentist.
- Fressingfield has already lost vital woodland and wild habitat to make way for a baptist chapel. This has not been replaced. Now more homes will be built there.
- Fressingfield is poorly suited for additional housing due to insufficient infrastructure such as roads and drainage
- Furthermore villagers have complained of an inability to secure doctor's appointments suggesting that the medical centre is at or beyond capacity already . Those in social housing have complained of an inability to get work without public transport in the village.
- Get the site by scouts sorted first
- GP practice already over subscribed - sewage regularly spilling into the Low Road
- Housing proposals are not about meeting a local need. They are profit driven. If the proposals were to build council owned homes for fair rental the proposal would have merit. This is about profit for speculators.
- Housing proposals should be led by affordable housing for those already in the village. Not by developers or landowner's greed.
- How are the possible developments which will add significantly to demand on the existing infrastructure e.g. sewage, road use, telephony, medical resources? We are already overloading these services.
- I do not think the village infrastructure (school, surgery, drains, roads,) can cope with further development without significant investment and nobody is taking into account the impacts of development in neighbouring villages has on our services.
- I strongly believe that Fressingfield as a village needs to continue to develop and to do that it needs a gradual increase in housing, especially houses affordable to either rent or buy for lower income families. So 1, 2 or 3 bed houses would be my strong preference
- I understand that development is sometimes necessary but I believe that such development should be in keeping with the village and its infrastructure villages should not be turned into towns by over development.
- I understand the need for housing in this area. In fressingfield there is a large housing development which has been left unfinished I assume due to insufficient sales. Any other development will strain an infrastructure and services that are already under pressure.
- i would like to continue to provide houses for young families at an affordable rent so they can stay (if they wish) within their home village
- I would like to see small houses to help my children get onto the property ladder and to have the option to live in the village. Currently, there aren't options that would be available for them. I am also looking for a larger house with either 5 bedrooms or a study and sadly have no options other than to look outside the village currently.
- If the parish doesn't grow (slow and steady) it will di
- if we are going to have more housing in the village we must ensure that there is enough amenities and public services to cater for all i.e. the doctors surgery, school size capacity, public transport. I believe none of this exists as we are let alone with more people and housing in the village

- Individual houses; infill and smaller sites of 3-6 houses is all that Fressingfield can cope with at present infrastructure, especially if you take into account development in other villages like Weybread who will use our facilities
- infrastructure has not been considered anywhere in this questionnaire sewage. Public transport etc
- Infrastructure needs to be in place to accommodate more residents i.e doctor availability , school places, dentist in surrounding towns, bus route.
- It is hoped the NDP will help ensure a better quality of design, including landscaping and ecological enhancement, than is evident in current development at Red House Farm and by the new Baptist Church.
- It would be better to chose brownfield sites not agricultural land - what about the half completed development on new street?
- It would be good to mandate the quality of housing, avoiding cheap identikit wimpy style developments; examples of well designed eco-passive affordable housing in Norwich
- Keep any development outside of the central areas (ABC preferred) ruins the look of the Conservation Area plus traffic pollution. Housing only for older people, first time buyers and special needs
- Maybe consider 2-3 bedroomed terraced houses which would perhaps be affordable for young people rather than houses for the wealthy and older generation!
- MDSC allocation of 122 houses is totally out of proportion with the needs of local residents. There are NO JOBS in Fressingfield to support the additional housing and the infrastructure is already unable to cope with existing/recent development. Lives will be put at risk as a result of more traffic on narrow roads and flooding.
- The Neighbourhood Development plan is, perhaps, a loaded title in that it indicates development is a foregone conclusion. I would suggest that the first step must be to have a strategic vision of what Fressingfield could or should be. Once a vision is defined and accepted, then we are able to consider all the aspects which would fulfil this vision. In formulating such a vision, it is important to consider what elements constitute the village at the moment. For example, the population demographics; is the vision to have an average lower age of the population. The vision may be to enhance family and community support through having related families living in close proximity; such a vision would inform the types of buildings required and may reduce the demands on state support. Many years ago, the village was largely self sufficient with the necessary business and shops which reduced the need to travel; is a vision to promote business growth or is a 'commuter' village a goal. Considerations such as these will help form a clear strategic position for the village and in true strategic fashion, should look to 10 or 20 years hence. Once such a vision is decided, then and only then, can the infrastructure and construction needs be decided. It is rather simplistic to just look at the number and type of houses that could or should be built, without consideration as to the consequences. As the national population ages and house prices or rental costs are beyond the reach of too many people, would the village seek to increase the number of younger residents. This might mean that provision of one two or three bedroomed properties would be sufficient. If this is combined with the priority for open and rural space, perhaps flats are more appropriate. A 'how many and what size' approach is unlikely to meet the needs or aspirations of local or future residents. A strategic approach would help us to understand and define what our village currently is, what we want to retain and how we want to support the next generation with better and affordable opportunities."
- More affordable housing for younger people to buy. Not large homes that no locals can afford. it is impossible for young people to afford any of the homes being built in the area.
- More facilities are needed or improved and houses that have not been finished before considering more

- Must have parking and preferably designed to get maximum sun in the winter. As an agricultural area we have clusters or redundant farm yards that could be repurposed. Laxfield has a good example.
- My children would love to stay in the village but there is no house type for them in the village. Another option would be for us to buy a 5 bedroom house with a study for my wife's work but also in Fressingfield these house types are not available.
- My husband and I fully support Development in Fressingfield if an improved infrastructure allows it to be sustainable
- My wife and I support development in Fressingfield if an improved infrastructure allows it to be sustainable
- Need small houses, some for social housing/disability. Its not just fit working people who live in the country
- New developments MUST NOT be started before existing ones have been completed.
- No capacity for large housing developments. Current projects not finished. Services are not able to cope. Roads/traffic would increase and be detrimental to current community.
- no need for more houses. More houses are driven by greed not need
- None
- Not able to sell properties on New Street (half built) despite being on the markets since May 2024.
- Not keen on estates of urban houses. Small developments of characterful but modern well designed housing appropriate to need. There are arguments about poor water management within the parish. This would need improvement and Anglian Water brought in at very early stages of development to work with developers in gaining the best solutions.
- Our village infrastructure would struggle to cope with any large development as we still have problems with sewage discharging out of manhole covers in parts of the village as the existing sewage system can't cope. Add more pressure on the doctors surgery and lack of any transport in our village including no pavements, narrow roads in parts which inevitably would lead to the risk to pedestrians.
- Please see question 10
- See previous comments
- sites should be considered for how they effect the flow (e.g. of traffic) in the village. Accom for both construction and the residential vehicle to site E would be difficult
- Small and gradual development will allow the parish to scale. Large developments will not allow the parish to respond immediately to requirements for addition facilities
- The development by new street Ajay's completely destroyed the road and nothing was done about it - the council must hold developers to higher standards & account for destroying the roads in the village with cranes, trucks etc. they have not been strong enough on this to date.
- The fields are a haven for wildlife, safe for deer, hedgehogs and wild fauna
- The general infrastructure in the village is not up to an increase in population e.g. sewage, flooding in the street (Low Road)
- The infrastructure e needs to be more improved before adding more houses
- The size of roads should be taken into account, Housing should be situated where the roads can accommodate the extra traffic. Speed limits should be in place on minor roads. The Council should take more into care to ensure builders can afford to finish a site instead of leaving an eyesore for residents to suffer. More warden assisted housing would be sensible for elderly residents.
- The village infra structure is currently unable to support any further housing development.
- The village infrastructure is not equipped to support more housing development.

- The village is already a large village . If you continue building it will become a small town i-fields and wildlife will be lost
- The village is not suitable for more development due to infrastructure - drainage problems, no pavements, lack of amenities - pressure on GP surgery no public transport, no employment opportunities
- The village needs more infrastructure development of local amenities i.e. for every home funding should go to the dr surgery to supplement expansion like the play area and shop. Building an infrastructure to support the local community
- The village needs to be alive, it cannot stay stagnate as many in SAFE would like it too. If nothing is built, Fressingfield will become occupied by retired folks only. A village that is thriving has a mixture of all ages, incomes and folks at different stages of employment. This way everyone is supported by each other and becomes a caring community.
- There are very few things for children to do here . What would more children do without more facilities
- There is no infrastructure to support more housing.
- There is no point in increasing housing until the infrastructure (most importantly medical facilities & schools) can be enlarged to accommodate the associated increase in population. Fressingfield can only just accommodate its current numbers now.
- There is no question of Fressingfield being able to cope with any more major development from the point of view of both infrastructure and character. The settlement boundary must be respected as well as the settings of listed buildings and the conservation area. Independent advice should be sought on the infrastructure to evidence our problems unassailably. There is already a reasonable mix of new and old housing, some of it in regrettable ribbon development form. Road safety is a major issue and should not be ignored in favour of making money from housing which does not meet identified need. Let the community have control, not the developers
- There is no reference to improvement in infrastructure especially given large developments approved in neighbouring villages (Weybread for example) with no commitments to community facilities. This means our GP school etc will come under increased pressure.
- There should be no further large scale developments without improvements to infrastructure and services like the surgery, school and public transport.
- This is a rural area and village and needs to remain so !
- This is a village with few facilities . Younger couples will want more to do so will move to larger population areas.
- This question has been written to mislead, surely the ranking should have been 1-6 not 6-1
- This survey is a farcical attempt at gauging public opinion with crafted questions to make it look as if people want more housing
- This survey should be anonymous. Please listen to SAFE (Supporters Against Fressingfield Expansion). The whole point of living here is to avoid the kind of suburban sprawl that has already destroyed e.g. Cambridgeshire.
- This survey takes no account as to whether developments are sustainable
- This village does not have the appropriate infrastructure to support any further development of more than one or two homes. No transport, full doctor's surgery, lack of pavements etc
- Too much new housing destroys village character and balance
- Total Lack of infrastructure to support more housing
- Very concerned about the further enlargement of housing due to already inadequate utilities, schooling, medical facilities and zero transport services
- village infrastructure is inadequate for housing number to increase
- We do not have the infrastructure for any more houses in Fressingfield. The sewage works (PUMPS) cannot cope now in winter the amount of water already coming off

developed areas is too much. Cratfield Road is always flooding with sewage as well.

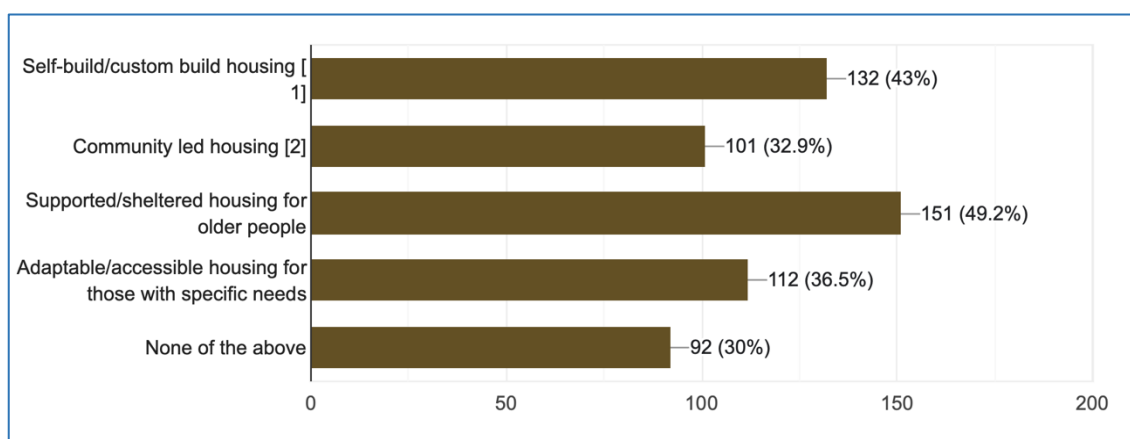
- We do not have the infrastructure to accommodate larger housing building projects. The services are full, flooding continues, roads are dreadful and traffic already increased.
- We do not have the infrastructure to support more homes
- We have enough affordable housing available to meet the needs of those who need it . But this is totally the wrong location for affordable housing. It needs to be near work opportunities and transport networks .
- We need 2 and 3 bedroom houses that people, young people can afford not large expensive houses that only people from Essex can buy
- We need to have more affordable housing if we want to keep our village school open
- Why are you not developing sites that are not being used? Rather than fields needs for food production. Families should be able to extend properties/convert unused buildings on property to be able to have multi generational living.
- With further housing, I feel that re-instating a bus service would be very important. The extra pressure on our EIP surgery is also a concern.
- Would rather not extend Fressingfield, the school and doctors can't take it

Part 4: OTHER FORMS OF HOUSING & DESIGN

(13) If a need were established, would you support the following forms of housing? (please tick ✓ one or more boxes)

Summary of the data: There is some support for the following (in order)

1. Supported/sheltered housing for older people
2. Self-build/custom build housing
3. Adaptable/accessible housing for those with specific needs
4. Community led housing
5. None of the above



(14) Which of the following do you think are important to be included in any new housing development? (please tick ✓)

Summary of the data:

Particular support for

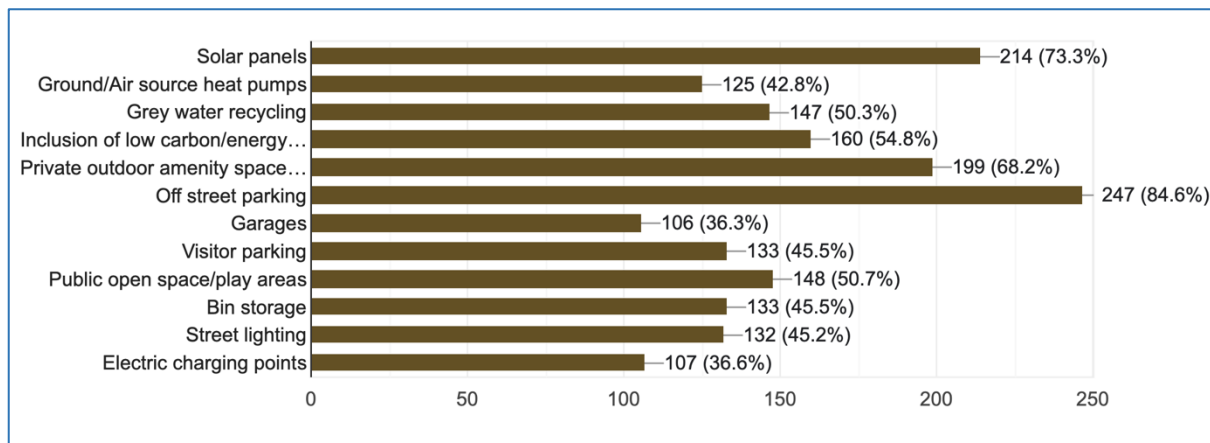
- Off street parking

- Solar panels
- Private outdoor amenity space
- Inclusion of low carbon/energy
- Public open space/play areas
- Grey water recycling

There is general support for all the options

Other comments (ranked key points by frequency)

1. No more housing development unless absolutely necessary
2. Protect village character (dark skies, rural feel, building style)
3. Infrastructure first (sewage, doctors, roads)
4. Environmental protection (wildlife corridors, swift boxes, trees)
5. Affordable, genuinely needed housing for locals
6. Careful design and layout to avoid cramming and urbanisation
7. Climate measures are important but must not make homes unaffordable or unsuitable
8. Community-led spaces like allotments and orchards preferred over formal parks
9. Limited support for electric vehicle measures, depending on wider policy
10. Scepticism about effectiveness or fairness of "Net Zero" requirements



Other, please state

(Raw data)

- A nice park with flower beds, trees and paths would be nice
- Above will become pretty standard. There needs to be choice available in what included.
- Against additional housing here so not applicable
- Although addition of solar panels and heat pumps may raise the house price. Houses need to be more affordable
- Biodiversity enhancements and street trees
- Crossed out solar panels, ground/air source heat pumps, grey water recycling, inclusion of low carbon energy measures, electric charging points
- do not need any new housing development
- Don't need any more housing
- Don't need any more housing
- Electric charging points can be put in by owners
- EV charging points depends on higher government policy on EV's, as do heat pumps, so difficult to answer locally.

- Explanation of how the infrastructure of our village would cope.
- Fressingfield is already a large village and the doctors can't cope especially when people come from Stradbroke
- house should be built to have the least impact both on energy and water usage but also on the flow / infrastructure of the village looking at services / shops / medical etc and choke points
- Housing for single people, young couples and families on low incomes
- I cannot think of a genuine case for extending and wrecking our village. Many of the suggestions above just encourage the land grab. An example of the muddled thinking, or perhaps just the wish list of a group of people with an agenda to ruin villages is the idea of solar panels and then street lighting. Really? And on the subject of street lighting, the subdued lighting in our village means we get to see wonderful star filled skies at night. We are not a town, we are a village.
- I consider this question not applicable given that in my comments above I have indicated that any further housing development is not sustainable
- In the light of previous comments , to whose satisfaction and to what metrics would a need be established.
- Individual houses need more parking spaces and bigger houses. New housing sites create a city atmosphere.
- Integral swift boxes
- Lack of infrastructure due to afore stated comments about sewage.
- Limited car parking but outside storage for e.g. bicycles. Maximise the amenity of existing village spaces and public buildings
- Make it good for the environment
- many of these are required as part of the building reqs/planning's
- Maximum density should be applied to avoid the cramming we have seen on some existing sites, e.g Carpenters' Yard
- More allotments so residents in new houses with virtually no garden space could grow their own fruit and veg. Community orchard?
- My objection to Open space/more play areas is that Fressingfield is situated in the countryside, with numerous footpaths, etc which already provide this.
- n/a
- No MORE HOUSES
- None of these provisions is necessary if housing stock is maintained at current levels. As a side issue street lighting would lose us stunning night views of the cosmos
- None of the above
- None of the above as not sustainable
- None of these things over any others. Current emphasis on providing eco-friendly boiler is counter productive . Green space fewer cars important
- occupier option - electric charging points
- Oil fired heating. It's better for the environment. Destroying the local environment to cut CO2 is madness when China is pumping it out to make cheap goods for us to buy. The accounting methods for "Net Zero" as defined by the government are absurd.
- Other forms of housing ok on a small scale
- Paths
- pavement/walking access; appropriate materials design elements for a village - i.e. no town houses. Rural outlook maintained. We do not want to live in a suburb.
- Pedestrian paths
- Private drainage to not overflow the overcapacity sewer system
- Public transport options
- Rented, truly affordable for low income families/individuals
- Solar panels - owned by house or builder? Low carbon has to be in new house; bin storage - own house , community of individual
- Solar panels on roofs

- Solar panels/grey water etc should be on buildings in cities/all sky scrapers and offices. No to electric charging points
- Street name plates
- Swift boxes should be included on new builds
- Swift bricks, wildlife corridors/planting of trees and shrubs
- The houses should be designed with a high level of insulation in order to maximise the investment in renewable energy sources.
- The question makes no reference to design in terms of 'in keeping' with rural Suffolk house designs, historic reference etc
- There is a shortage of play areas for children. There are no safe places for children to ride bikes etc. A tiny space squeezed behind the s/c is not good enough.
- Unless the site is unsustainable, biomass boilers can be used. Change is happening fast - if we don't allow green energy, some homes will not be heated.
- Unlikely that any of the above will be included in any large scale development unless compulsory
- Village sewer waste infrastructure needs to be addressed as well as improving the current playing fields to incorporate a proper village hall unconnected to a church
- Virtually all are desirable therefore question pretty pointless.
- We already have all these
- Why do you need to ask. Built in swift, swallow and owl boxes, space between houses for gardens and wildlife rather than crammed together
- Wind turbine for the parish

Part 5: BIODIVERSITY & GREEN SPACE

(15) If land became available in the parish, would you support the following? (please tick ✓ all that apply)

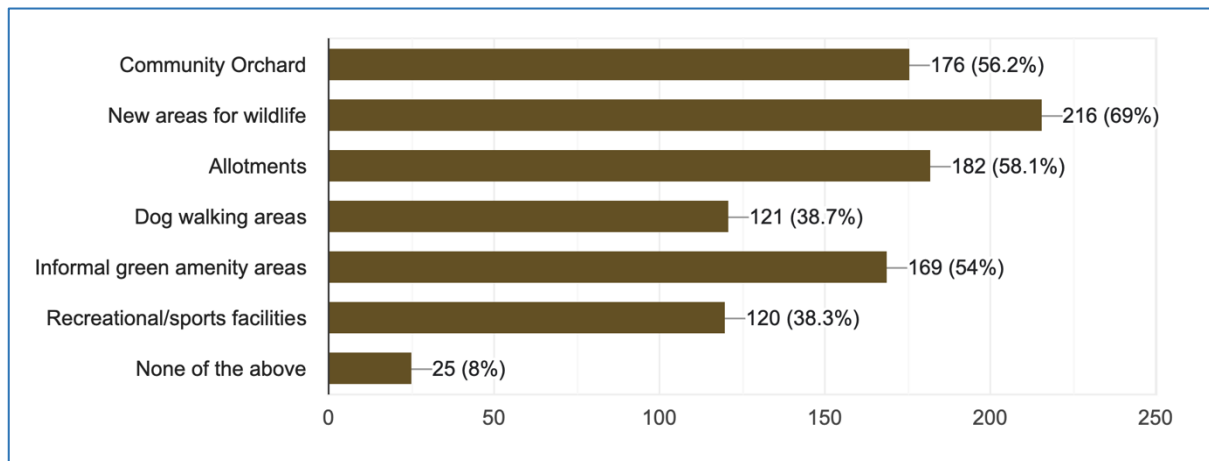
Summary of the data: Considerable support for green spaces as follows, in order

1. New area for wildlife
2. Allotments
3. Community orchard
4. Informal green amenity areas
5. Dog walking area
6. Recreational/sports facilities
7. None of the above

Other ideas from the comments include

- Allotments
- Youth club
- Community park with benches, flower beds, and trees (maintained by volunteers)
- Public social space (like European village squares with places to sit)
- Community-owned woodland patches
- Community orchard (some resistance mentioned)
- Tree planting (woodland preferred, individual trees also suggested)
- Raised bed/amenity space on the old coal yard site
- Turn old coal yard into a green space plus village car park
- Ponds or lakes (to balance paving and support wildlife)
- Maximise SUDs (Sustainable Drainage Systems) to support wildlife
- Small enclosed dog walking area
- Off-road dog walking areas and safer pedestrian footpaths
- Proper park with paths, trees, flowers

- Accessible green space linking with existing footpaths (e.g., west of John Parish Lane)
- Brownfield site development prioritised over greenfield
- Protect and maintain existing farmland (no greenfield loss)
- Waste bins and dog bins around new spaces
- A second village car park



Comments

(raw data)

- Allotments with an agreement to partially supply the shop(s)
- Youth club for young people
- We already have areas to walk dogs, relish wildlife and have allotments. We don't need housing developments to introduce these things.
- Something on the old coal yard site, an unnecessary blot on the landscape. turn into a large raised bed for an amenity space, to avoid the underground contamination. could be leased if not available for sale.
- If the land is unsuitable for agriculture, woodland should be considered
- Maximise the capacity of SUDs to support wildlife
- I do think it is a sad indictment on the village, when the Croquet club has more support than the traditional football/cricket, played by young people!!
- I have never come across a community orchard (lets keep to the basics)
- Pavements
- Don't need these
- Encourage brownfield sites in village centre (old coal yard) to become green area plus proper village car park
- Other tree planting , wooded areas if different to community orchard
- Already got sports fields
- Public social space like european village squares, places to sit
- tree planting; the village needs trees protected and maintained by developers
- There is little amenity; green land/trees here
- None at the expense of farmland
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- Too much paving for driveways and gardens . Pond or lake would be excellent
- Increasing paved areas in private property and intensively tarred areas. Ponds and lakes also
- pavements

- Is the proposal to increase the size of Fressingfield so much that the Q15 options are necessary? As a rural village many of the options are already available to residents.
- a community park with benches and flower beds maintained by village volunteers for ALL the village to enjoy would be nice
- a community park for all villagers to use with benches & flower beds & trees looked after by the village FOR the village
- Fressingfield Parish is desperate for some communal green space that is accessible by foot. The land west of John Shepherd Road would make an ideal spot and link with existing footpaths. Community orchard, woodland, green space, ponds etc could all be combined to make a haven for wildlife and boost the villagers' mental health and connection to nature
- Who will be responsible for them. If parish council what would be the cost?
- Don't know enough about these to be able to comment except solar panels
- As long as they were managed and looked after
- Please see below but the above list is easily 'doable' and would bring immediate benefit to our community not least quality of life and outlook.
- I would buy it!
- We already have allotments, areas of wildlife and dog walking area. How would building on our village increase these?
- A small enclosed dog walking area would be useful for those unable to do long walks
- Off road walking areas for dog owners . I live outside the village and have plenty of off road paths but those in the village use narrow roads which can be dangerous.
- Integrating all the above would be preferable
- I strongly support creating patches of community owned woods. We have very few woodland areas in Fressingfield and they are great for biodiversity and the climate.
- A proper park with paths, trees and flowers
- The playing park area is ridiculous, they had money to improve it and it was wasted; it should have all been moved up to the sports field where there is plenty of space and could have included a small 5 a side football cage instead they wasted every penny on cramming stuff that is rarely used.
- The village already has these
- Already requested overleaf
- The children need somewhere to play where they can reach without having to walk on dangerous roads
- Not sure where all this would be located. If we are losing so much to make way for more housing
- This is a nonsense question . Housing development would take away land in the parish not put more in!
- How would land become available except by destroying what already exists or is this possibility raised as a sweetener for more development.
- Another village car park; waste bins and dog bins. More trees please - woodland preferably but individual trees dotted about the place would be good.
- Alongside Area A adjoining the recreation ground
- No future developments should be built on any green field sites on existing wildlife meadows
- New medical centre with adequate parking
- Larger medical centre with adequate car parking for emergency services, staff and patients, plus walking access. Pedestrian access to improve safer walking in the village
- Improvement of village hall; village shop with better parking; car park for Doctor's surgery
- Green amenity and sports facilities already exist. Better use should be made of what we already have e.g. sports club could do with improvement
- Make better use of the village's existing facilities

- Community centre ages 10-18 and 60/70 - 90/100

Part 6: RENEWABLE ENERGY

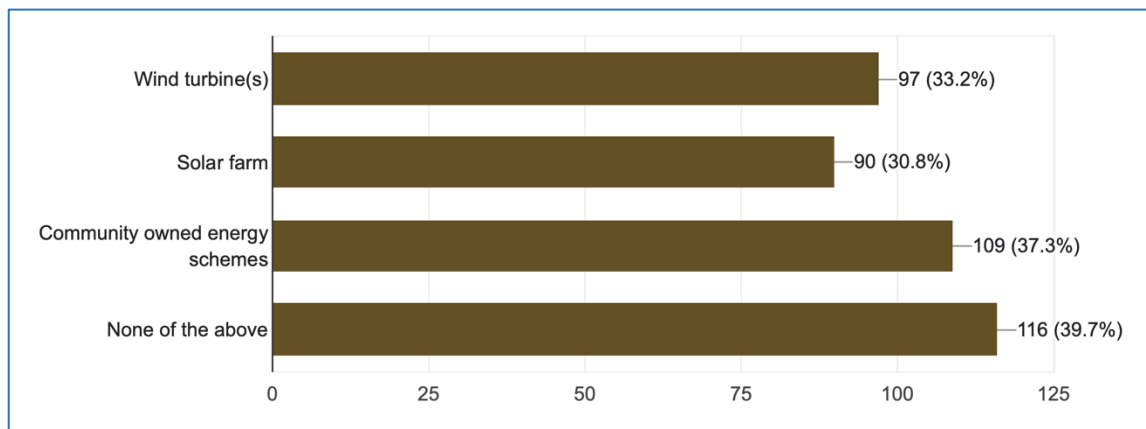
(16) Energy generation and security are likely to be issues which gain importance over the next 10-15 years. If proposals for energy generation are to be located in the parish what forms should these take? (please tick ✓ all that apply)

Summary of the data: In order of preference

1. None of the above
2. Community owned energy schemes
3. Wind turbine(s)
4. Solar farm

Other comments (summarised)

- Strong support for solar panels on existing buildings
- Opposition to large-scale wind and solar farms
- Preference for small, localised, community-led energy solutions
- Desire to protect agricultural land
- Scepticism about future development and infrastructure
- Demand for community involvement and best practice



Other, please state

(Raw data)

- 1. As the Labour party intends to run a muck through planning I hope this survey can have some relevance. 2. How can there be any more building in this parish, when they have been started and not finished and we are told that the infrastructure would not stand it only 2 years ago.
- A wind turbine and or solar farm would be appropriate if sites well beyond housing NOT within sight or sound of the village
- All 3 options crossed out
- All in proportion to the size of the village
- Any development should have energy and generation at the heart of the installation - design
- Any proposals need to be widely consulted upon and developed with best practice of specifications at the time.
- Crossed out all energy options
- Depends on type of turbines and solar farms. If huge and intrusive then no.
- District heating ground source instant recovery

- Do not require anymore housing in the village
- Further out, away from the immediate village. There should be land sought from landowners for the installation of RE schemes that are 'collective' and available for the wider community.
- Good luck
- Ground source heat such as bore holes?
- I've ticked wind turbines and solar farm only on the basis these would be smaller local sized developments
- in keeping with latest tech; developments for the benefit of Fressingfield community
- Individual generator/storage to be included onto any new build property
- Install solar roof panels
- Land should be used for food production especially as this is a rural area with good agricultural land.
- Larger centralised schemes are more efficient and effective. Similarly micro generation delivers energy directly to users with less views impact than the methods suggested above.
- Larger schemes more centralised are more efficient.
- Local scheme for solar panels on existing roofs and a MUST HAVE approach for any new builds
- More help with personal solar panels on roofs which would make more savings for residents.
- not clear what a community owned energy scheme is
- Oil fired central heating avoid the hideous monstrosities of solar or wind farms. Nuclear is good, but we do not have the roads or water supplies to support it. Wind and solar provide no energy security at all! They are completely unreliable.
- small solar on roofs, on garages, on allotments
- solar farms not suitable
- Solar panels
- Solar panels ! Roof tops, battery storage
- Solar panels on existing structures
- Solar panels on existing structures could be useful
- Solar panels on household roofs should be funded rather than charging us to use electric from ugly solar farms
- Solar panels on houses
- Solar panels on housing
- Solar panels on housing should be a priority. Why cover farmland with solar panels when there are house roofs just waiting for panels and battery storage
- Solar panels on new houses
- Solar panels on new houses rather than a solar farm
- sufficient car charging points
- Suffolk Council seems to have gone back on their original rejection a few years ago regarding building in this area
- Support for householders to understand what is possible for their own homes. Perhaps grants from the PC to support such installations for those on low incomes
- There is an abundant amount of energy available without devastating the countryside with wind turbines, pylons or solar farms
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- There should also be the pre-approval of solar panels and energy efficient heating measures on all house in conservation areas
- These should be on every building in every city. Wind turbines destroy habitats and kill birds. These are short terms solutions that are not even viable. Each property would benefit from a small wind turbine. Far more efficient .
- This may be a national decision over which we have no say. Solar panels and battery storage essential.

- We are building Sizewell C
- We are close to Sizewell - that's enough
- We are now building Sizewell C
- We can't eat energy - we need to grow more veg and have a farm shop
- Wind turbines and solar farms wouldn't even touch the edges of extra power requirements of building on our village.
- You couldn't possibly have wind turbines or solar farms of sufficient size to make any difference. Indeed the point is; by not allowing these developments we don't need extra power in the village.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP

(17) Any further comments

Summary of the data:

- Infrastructure strain: There is widespread concern that the village's existing infrastructure — including sewage systems, medical services, roads, parking, and broadband — cannot cope with additional development. Residents strongly advocate for significant infrastructure improvements before any new housing is considered.
- Resistance to large-scale development: Many residents oppose further large-scale housing developments. They fear overdevelopment will erode the rural character of Fressingfield, cause loss of agricultural land, and strain already limited services.
- Support for limited, targeted growth: Where development is accepted, it should be small in scale; high quality; aimed at meeting local needs — especially affordable housing for young families, supported accommodation for the elderly and disabled, and opportunities for self-builds or smaller developers.
- Demand for improved amenities: residents call for investment in social infrastructure, including new shop and café; enhanced medical centre and parking; youth and elderly community spaces; public green areas such as parks and orchards.
- Distrust in consultation and governance: several respondents express scepticism about the transparency and fairness of the consultation process. They urge the Parish Council to ensure more open communication, better engagement, and reassurance that all voices are being heard and respected.
- Environmental protection: strong support exists for protecting the countryside, agricultural land, historic character, and biodiversity of Fressingfield. Calls were made for tree planting, preserving hedgerows, and expanding green spaces.
- Connectivity and public transport: improving digital connectivity (broadband access) and restoring public transport links, especially to Harleston, are seen as essential to support both current and future residents.
- Balancing tradition and vitality: while many want to preserve the village's existing character, there is also recognition that carefully managed growth — with proper services and infrastructure — is necessary to keep the village vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable for all generations.

Comments

(Raw data)

- Any development should be in keeping with the nature of the village. The village has seen a lot of large new build estates in the last 10-20 years with no improvement in infrastructure. Further large scale development would put further pressure on these services. Development of arable fields risks the village continuing to spread and a loss of prime agricultural land.
- Any development should be small scale and geared towards the elderly and disabled.
- Any new developments should include upgrades to infrastructure. Fast broadband is important and should play its part in plans. Ability to fill in online leaves this survey open to misuse unless ip addresses are being collected and multiple completions are software barred.
- Before any new development could take place the sewerage system needs an upgrade and consideration needs to be given to the fact that it is already extremely difficult to get an appointment at our over loaded Medical Centre, a lot of the streets have no proper footpaths and New Street in particular, which is a busy street is and quite narrow.
- Bring new shop, dr surgery and coffee shop. Social places for all ages i.e. 10-18 , 18-30 and 50/60-90
- Community owned schemes rarely work as they prove very expensive for the few who partake. Poor infrastructure precludes future development.
- Confused as to why the village infrastructure is not part of this survey current sewage systems cannot cope unable to get a doctors appointment
- Developers are predatory and circle around English villages attempting to wear down the will of the residents to resist their money driven incursions into our lives. Fressingfield is a beautiful ancient village. It does not need to be a town. Harleston is on our doorstep and serves as a town very well. These developments are driven by nothing more than money making.
- Do not require anymore housing in the village
- Don't destroy a perfectly lovely place to live.
- Due to the duration of property for sale in the village including new build there appears to be low demand for more housing in Fressingfield
- Fressingfield already has enough houses with those already planned for. Infrastructure (sewage etc) cannot cope with more.
- Fressingfield is a small village with limited access drainage etc there are thousands of empty spaces in Norwich which need using first. There is not need to ruin the countryside
- Get the infrastructure in place and operational before adding stress to the existing problem
- Great to be able to make one's views known
- Hopefully any necessary development would not be a repeat of the current (halted) appalling attempt to provide new housing on the outskirts of the village.
- Hopefully no further developments any time soon and if there is not on any green land.
- I do not trust the motives behind this questionnaire and think the outcomes have been pre-decided by the PC
- I do think we need more housing for young families if the village is to survive as a thriving, family orientated place to live. SAFE are a dangerous group who are influencing the demise of Fressingfield. I accept it may not be the FPC's fault but I do feel they need to assert themselves at the local authority planning department, who seem to list to SAFE over and above FPC.
- I realise the parish council has limited powers but please listen to people and communicate your decisions more widely and accessibly . Appreciate PC members coming to the produce markets and the annual parish meeting is a good event.

- I think it is very important you address the issue of pavements. At present there are lots of areas where there are no paths beside the roads - very dangerous for parents with prams/small children and for dog walkers and the frail and elderly . The more people we have the more traffic there will be and the chance of accidents will increase.
- I would like to know what the landowners will be giving the village after making a fortune from current and future developments of their land.
- I would suggest that consideration be given to the historic aspects of the village and how , or if, they should be retained or enhanced and not suffocated with development.
- Improve infrastructure for additional housing. if more is built there need to be investment - no improvements have been made with any recent developments. Please improve your communications about what you are doing - most people I speak have no idea what Parish Council is doing/achieving. However very pleased to see the annual forum and attendance at produce market.
- Increase in village head count ,must be matched with proper facilities i.e. medical shop, road, footpaths, lighting
- Infrastructure currently inadequate for existing population.
- It is a shame that the building opposite the fox and goose is unused - this could be a great asset to the community
- It is totally misleading to state "it is likely that Mid Suffolk District Council will publish additional housing numbers for Fressingfield soon" - The council has already announced that 122 new houses should be built and this should be mentioned prominently on the front page of this survey, on the Parish Council Website and Parish Council Notice Board. There is no excuse for avoiding full disclosure and transparency when consulting on an issue of this importance.
- It makes me sad that the SAFE organisation has a perceived 'loud' voice in our village. I worry that MSDC will take their constant objections as a reflection of all of the residents of Fressingfields views!
- It would be good to avoid a ring of poor quality housing around the village as is happening in so many areas and instead support self builders or small developers to do good quality infill or small developments.
- Make the park bigger i.e. move the park up to the top of the field to allow for more space. Make a beer garden out of the space where the park used to be. Expand the village and build more houses. Put more stuff into the village to entertain and attract young adults and children
- Maybe you could have said this was funded by grant money rather than precept.
- Mid Suffolk District Council formally adopted the Fressingfield NDP following an election. The plan covered up to 2036. Therefore why is a review needed, & if changes are to be made to the NDP will there be an election for its approval?
- More housing for local people to afford to buy young people growing families etc not just for people moving into the area
- More housing is needed close to towns, public transport links and where jobs are to be found - NOT in the countryside
- More housing is needed where there is good public transport links, where there are jobs to be found which is not in Fressingfield
- More housing means more people and the car park at the medical centre is usually full so we would need a larger car park and medical centre. The roads are becoming much busier in the village and we have few pavements/paths
- More parking room at the dr surgery
- No more building
- No more houses; this village has completely changed and not for the better
- Please don't build more houses; its hard enough to get a doctor's appointment
- Recognise that the parish should not stagnate but should support the needs of all generations. Parish has a disproportionately elderly population. On one hand this needs catering for with single storey and supported accommodation but also it

needs to attract younger families and couples. Less expensive 4 bedroom houses and more affordable 2-3 bedrooms.

- See 10, 11 and 14 comments
- Small commercial areas for employment, new shop, (garage - petrol pumps, builders all gone out of the village)
- Thanks for this survey. There is an error in Q 4 because you cannot answer both timeframe questions. Please correct
- The infrastructure in Fressingfield is clearly too fragile to have more development
- The main street is already very dangerous (no pavements/double parking etc) - without any more houses - 20mph
- The NDP is great but many of the green big ideas will happen outside the village envelope. Housing may well be developed in the wider parish, not be counted in the 'village' numbers.
- The Parish council must hold developers to account for their actions. The developers of the site on New Street destroyed the road and have left the site a total mess that is an eye sore for the village. All involved should be ashamed at how this particular site has gone.
- The present infrastructure cannot accommodate any large increases in housing numbers, particularly sewage a major concern.
- The residents of Priory road gave their full support to the building of the scout facility with the understanding that access would be via New Street. Now the building site has shut down when will the agreement be honoured. We are all furious at the constant traffic access.
- The whole survey appears to be designed to allow the Parish Council to claim certain types of development are supported by residents; this is clearly not the case. In part at least it comes across as dishonest
- There has been a great deal of development over the last few years with village amenities not being able to keep up, one significant area is the medical centre that is already under increased pressure
- There has to be homes for those who never work due to physical or mental problems - and who's families live in the parish. Agriculture is dangerous - accidents happen.
- There is no mention of connectivity in this plan. The Internet is a crucial utility for many households now and should be considered. Whilst the village may have good connectivity, many parts of the parish have not. Working from home is far more common and connectivity is a key factor in choice of house and for the planning of new 'houses'.
- There is sufficient new building in Harleston. There is no need beyond greed to be spoil Fressingfield
- This is a waste of time because none of listen to what local residents want anyway
- This questionnaire demonstrates serious bias
- This survey only has two sections for Environment out of 16!. We need more trees (+ TPOS) hedgerows and green space
- This whole survey is clearly constructed to give evidence of support for housing development where none exists. As such it is biased and fundamentally flawed.
- TO keep the village 'alive' we need space for local people to live - affordable housing is extremely important for people who live and work locally rather than focusing on houses for wealthy retirees or dormitory living. The infrastructure and services (eg Drs and sports and social clubs) need more support. Future development should budget buildings a community not just decriable houses>
- Village amenities - a larger medical centre and car park and safer access to the village stores needs consideration for the village to grow
- Village amenities will require improvement to accommodate INCREASED NUMBERS - LARGER GENERAL STORE, MEDICAL CENTRE, ADDITIONAL STREETLIGHTING
- We do not have the infrastructure to cope with significantly more building in the village . At the moment the sewage pump on the Harleston Road is regularly being

attended to help it cope with existing demand. We need a major overhaul. What capacity does the electrical system have at the moment?

- We need a bus service to Harleston as a lot of people don't drive
- We propose a Gary Deeks memorial orchard
- Whatever is built , there must be infrastructure to support it and all the services such as GPs schools shops etc plus transport on a daily basis
- You cannot keep building houses in areas with no shops, no public transport, very poor quality roads, health centre under pressure, school places limited, big concerns re flooding.