

## **BOTTESFORD PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTATION RESULTS**

Dear Resident,

Last November a questionnaire went to every household in Bottesford, Easthorpe, Muston and Normanton seeking views on the future of the Parish of Bottesford - particularly from a housing development point of view.

The replies received will be used to inform the final Neighbourhood Plan and help determine the future development of the Parish.

All replies have been treated confidentially, but below you will find a copy of the questionnaire showing the results and the comments received.

The results are the total returns voting for 'Strongly Agree' across the range to 'Strongly Disagree' and a listing of the comments received.

A start was made to edit out any clear comment duplications but it was found that this was not worthwhile due to the wide range of valid comments received.

At the close of the 5<sup>th</sup> January we had collected almost 360 questionnaires, which is about 20% of the households in the Parish. Not everyone made comments and some did not answer all the questions which is why, if you add all the responses, they will not all give the same total.

For those that missed responding on this occasion there will be a further opportunity when we issue the Neighbourhood Plan for comment.

The Steering Group wishes to thank all those who gave their time in filling in the form and making comments, you will see that these comments range across the spectrum but in general there was substantial support for the criteria and proposals in the questionnaire, although some of the proposals certainly need more clarification.

The Steering Group also wishes to thank those that offered to act as collection points for the questionnaires, namely

Select Convenience Shop, The Co-op, Taylors the Butchers, Zaro's and the Parish Office, not forgetting the Parish Councillors in Easthorpe, Muston and Normanton that acted as drop off points for residents of those villages.

Yours sincerely

Bottesford Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

# **Bottesford Parish Neighbourhood Plan.**



## **Consultation Questionnaire Results**

## Background

**The 2011 Localism Act of Parliament gives every parish the opportunity to write its own Neighbourhood Plan to influence the planning and housing development within its own boundaries.**

Over the past 15 months a Steering Group of 25 local residents has been working together to write this Plan. We are a representative group of the Parish residents including farmers, business people, local retailers, school workers, parents, people of all ages (our youngest is 12 and our oldest over 75) and we are from all four villages - Bottesford, Easthorpe, Muston and Normanton. A love of these villages has brought the team together with a determination to see the Parish develop and thrive and not to be spoilt in the process. This Group has been gathering the views of the local residents in order to write the Neighbourhood Plan.

A Neighbourhood Plan cannot stop housing development. In fact, it is clear that Melton Borough Council will be expecting the Parish to find land for approximately 220-250 homes over the next 25 years.

However, a Neighbourhood Plan has significant influence on the type of development. It can help make sure that development happens in the right quantities, at the right speed and in the right places so that the needs of the Parish are met and the character of the villages is not spoilt. Quite a job!

The Steering Group recognised the challenge and importance of this task. It therefore sought external help from professionals who have a world-class track record at supporting parishes through a similar process.

**They brought in the Design Council / CABE** (the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment) who are experts in the layout of villages and planning. The lead advisors, Professor Colin Haylock (former President of the Royal Town Planning Institute) and Brian Quinn (co-editor of the influential Building For Life), were able to give clear advice on how to describe and document what it is that makes Bottesford Parish special.

The CABE advisors visited the Parish, studied the layout, met with local people at three separate workshops, presented their findings to the Steering Group and helped define the rural character of the villages.

The Steering Group also commissioned **Hamilton-Baillie** – a world authority on managing traffic, and building high quality public spaces in towns and villages. They have unique expertise in street design to improve safety, congestion and access. They surveyed the flow of traffic, bicycles and pedestrians at peaks school times and quieter times through the day, making recommendations on road layouts.

The Steering Group then discussed the consultants' ideas and findings with architects, planning specialists, other Neighbourhood Plan teams, Melton Borough Council and, most importantly, with the residents of the Parish. Additionally, over the past months there have been several workshops and two Public Meetings at the Village Hall.

We are now asking you to give your opinions on the principal outcomes of these activities.

## SECTION ONE – BUILDING DEVELOPMENT

### The Criteria For Good Building Development in Bottesford.

With the help of residents and advisors, the Steering Group has defined 18 criteria to identify the type of development that we consider to be acceptable. We are asking for your views on each of these criteria.

Here they are....

#### Issue 1. Remain a Village.

Residents have told us that they want Bottesford to remain a rural village and that they do not want Bottesford to become a town.

**Statement:** Housing developments need to be sympathetic to the village character and style and should use types of materials, signage, road surfaces, street furniture, etc of a village and not those more associated with suburban and urban settings.

**Do you agree or disagree with this statement?** (please tick one)

Strongly Agree	Mildly Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Mildly Disagree	Strongly Disagree
333	13	6	4	1

**Please use this space to give us any further thoughts about this issue....**

Bingham is just a sprawl, we don't want to be like Bingham  
 Village should not be seen as Grantham or Bingham overspill  
 Bingham was a village at one time, now look at it. Knowing this we moved here.  
 I like the quietness of a village which is why I live here  
 Anybody who including new residents who live in Bottesford does so because they have chosen to live in a village. Further building on greenfield sites will be contrary to their wishes.  
 People come from all over to visit our village for its quaintness, if it were to become a town it would lose this status.  
 New housing should be very limited in number, or Bottesford will no longer be a village – think of the number of extra cars.  
 Will developments have adequate new roads to accommodate all the additional cars  
 Preserve our heritage and values.  
 Bottesford's infrastructure would not support a town.  
 The visual impact of NOT following this criteria is significant, and out of place in a rural village.  
 Bottesford is already a town  
 Bottesford needs 50 dwellings per year for viability  
 Village needs to develop in order to remain a viable entity with local employment and not just a satellite of Grantham/Nottingham  
 National builders should be checked at design stage to ensure any 'off the peg' house styles proposed fit in with the village architecture  
 Bottesford doesn't have a typical style there's room for unique building.  
 School View should be our model for affordable housing.  
 One bedroom properties too?  
 Avoid a future Barratt's barrack' style development in straight lines. Street scenes and layout should be appropriate to rural character and setting.  
 It is about place making and developers should be told what is expected at the earliest stage.  
 Style and character of the parish has been determined by development over the centuries.  
 Furniture is standard throughout the country and there are now far too many

signs, Materials might change in 30 years but shouldn't we concentrate attention on layout, open spaces and tree planting.  
 The Neighbourhood Plan is trying to stifle the economy(312)  
 Government policy will probably ruin all our aspirations.  
 Sympathetic is an ill defined word, suggest maintain and sustain

**Issue 2. Housing Needs.**

Our engagement process has shown that the needs of the local residents should be the priority, whilst bearing in mind that people will want to move to the Parish from outside.

Our engagement process has further shown a need for 2-3 bedroom homes for first-time buyers (e.g. children of residents), residents' families and older residents who are looking to down-size.

**Statement:** The Neighbourhood Plan should ensure that all developments are targeted towards the housing needs of local people as an absolute priority.

**Do you agree or disagree with this statement?** (please tick one)

<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Mildly Agree</b>	<b>Neither Agree nor Disagree</b>	<b>Mildly Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>
<b>261</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>

**Please use this space to give us any further thoughts about this issue....**

Priority is for local peoples' needs  
 Attracting outside people to the Parish can bring vitality, new ideas and investment  
 Anybody has the right to settle in Bottesford  
 Children born in the local area must be a priority here.  
 To believe that children should automatically live in the village they grew up in is an old-fashioned idea given that these days people need mobility to seek out the best job opportunities.  
 Affordable housing for children who grew up in the Parish  
 Yes to 2-3 bed homes for first time buyers, not certain that children of residents will be a large market.  
 Today's populations are more mobile  
 Buildings of all types so as not to upset the population profile  
 Need for 1 -2 bed flats in houses or low rise blocks for young and old  
 Some 4/5 bed homes for families with older children or where parents work from home or where a more exclusive residence is desired.  
 Existing properties are struggling to sell e.g. School View  
 3 bed homes should be the maximum size for new build  
 Without up-sizing opportunities the housing market fails  
 Allow owners to develop their houses to their changing needs  
 Not just 2-3 bed homes  
 4/5 bed homes should also be built to give the Parish a good socio-economic balance  
 Development needs to maintain a mixed viable community with a range of incomes and accessible and desired local facilities. This target will not achieve this.  
 Older people downsize to bungalows, none are being built  
 "Older residents do not require 2/3 bedroom town houses, bungalows would be more in keeping with their requirements."  
 Midland Housing Survey shows a need for bungalows.  
 Elderly rarely move out of their large homes to downsize  
 Good quality well-designed bungalows near the village centre are essential for

people looking to downsize.  
 Will houses be truly affordable and will priority be given to local people.  
 Cheaper houses on Barratts' development bought for rent by investors?  
 Need for affordable 3-4 bed homes for families  
 Local people are important but so too is affordability. Currently an affordable property is about £175,000. Perhaps we should abandon the phrase 'affordable properties' in favour of first-time buyer properties. We cannot allow developers to build so called affordable properties at sky-high prices of £175,000 as at The Wickets. (Belvoir Rd)  
 Will this happen look at the Wickets prices  
 What will the need be in 30 years, we are an aging nation and there will be a need for an sheltered, accommodation /care home in the village in that time.  
 Nursing home (private) needed and serviced retirement apartments.  
 Consider increasing number of single householders and those needing affordable care provision.  
 There is a different need in different parts of the village. A more specific statement is required.  
 How has need been identified, who has been part of the engagement process?  
 Staged growth is incredibly important for the well-being of all residents.

**Issue 3. Staged growth.**

Historically the Parish has grown slowly. Slow growth means that facilities and services as well as the "social feel" of the villages can adapt to increasing numbers in a natural and comfortable way.

**Statement:** The requirement for 220-250 new homes should be built in staged developments, spread uniformly over the next 25 years rather than built in short-term, large-scale spurts of big development which would give no time for our community and services to react.

**Do you agree or disagree with this statement?** (please tick one)

<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Mildly Agree</b>	<b>Neither Agree nor Disagree</b>	<b>Mildly Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>
<b>313</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>

**Please use this space to give us any further thoughts about this issue....**  
 25 houses per year would not be unreasonable  
 50 houses sounds too much for Bottesford Better if infrastructure improvements lead the development  
 Not more than 6 buildings by any one builder.  
 220-250 homes that are to built in Bottesford seem excessive irrespective of the time-scale. Would the infrastructure support this large increase?  
 10 homes a year makes sensible maths. Developers should be tied in to this strategy.  
 Developments since the 1970s have not been slow growth and infrastructure is already overloaded.  
  
 Facilities have not kept pace, same as 30 years ago. Facilities in place before houses  
 Infrastructure improvements needed, sewerage system, water supply  
 More shops needed, a clothing outlet and another Chemist  
 Schools, health services and roads would need to adapt.  
 School and pre-school would not cope with a huge impact at once.  
 Public Toilets required

Major infrastructure improvements more problematic with numbers of small schemes.  
 Larger developments in a specified area more desirable  
 It depends if you live near a site you wouldn't want it dragged out over a long period.  
 Resist the large-scale objectives of the national house-builders.  
 In the past developers have deliberately developed in phases to avoid contributing to the infrastructure of the village.  
 Better amenities funding with larger schemes.  
 Small scale development encourages integration in the community  
 Population increasing and land in short supply, better to have a big development than try to find a constant supply of small sites  
 The Wickets' has already used up the next 5 years' allocation. Will planners change the target?  
 There is a need to remember that, as well as more homes, more crop-yielding fields are needed to sustain any population increase.  
 Obviously planners don't agree permitting a large development and adding to flood risk.  
 Danger that land will be earmarked for development and then not built causing planning blight  
 This is essential to avoid destruction of the integrity of the community

**Issue 4. Preserving the approaches of the village.**  
 The Parish of Bottesford has "soft edges" with no significant building developments along the approaches of the Parish. The first impression along each approach is of a few spread-out houses and later as one approaches the centre of the village the density is greater. The intensity of Bottesford is at its greatest in the middle of the village with the church of St Mary creating a centrepiece for us all.

**Statement:**  
 Development should avoid the building of large estates on the approaches to the village of Bottesford and in particular in the present space between the village and the A52. (for example along the Belvoir Road).

**Do you agree or disagree with this statement?** (please tick one)

Strongly Agree	Mildly Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Mildly Disagree	Strongly Disagree
250	38	25	22	21

**Please use this space to give us any further thoughts about this issue....**  
 Development with direct access to A52 would be OK.  
 Development should be in between village and A52 and along Grantham and Nottingham Roads. (Strongly agreed to Question)  
 Build nearer to By Pass and avoid congestion in Village e.g. Belvoir and Nottingham Roads  
 A number of estates already on village approaches -  
 Walkers Close, Howitts Road, The Wickets, Bowbridge Estate  
 More on approaches acceptable-on Nottingham Rd by Football ground  
 Building at Grantham end with access to A52 preferred  
 Small developments on approaches with access to A52 will reduce congestion in village centre  
 Build on the Nottingham side of the village to provide for the Nottingham folk.  
 Infill has already caused a suburban character

Preserve heart of village and expand in all directions except North  
 Where else would they build them there are no larger plots in the centre?  
 Build on edges to reduce congestion in the village centre  
 Better to build on the outskirts of the village than take any more green land in the village.  
 Fewer houses in the village centre  
 Preserving open spaces in the village centre more important  
 More obvious to use approaches rather than cramming into the centre  
 Keep open areas in village centre and concentrate development around the periphery in discrete areas rather than a continuous ring of development around the village.  
 Development of Clay Pits not unreasonable  
 Expand Belvoir Rd development  
 Where do you propose to build then?  
 Developments on Village Approaches encourage driving into village.  
 Avoid A52 but North West area of Bottesford would not impact on approaches  
 Would look like Bingham or Barrowby Gate  
 Houses closer to village centre first  
 Please keep the approaches as rural as possible  
 Building large estates on the approaches to the village must be avoided  
 Washlands tend to be at the village edge and should not be built upon  
 Developing land on the Grantham Road risks flooding from the Devon.  
 If you build on these roads you will lose the rural feel.  
 How did The Wickets get passed?  
 We now have 56 houses either completed or under construction on Belvoir Rd.  
 We were assured at a public meeting that there would be 56 houses only – yet I believe the entire field has been surveyed. Developers must not get away with lying to the local population.  
 Houses already being built on Belvoir Rd already breach this statement.  
 The approach to the village along Belvoir Rd will be ruined if the Barratt development is allowed to extend.  
 No further development on Belvoir Rd. We must protect the beautiful setting of the village in the Vale of Belvoir.  
 Highly concerned about further development of Belvoir Rd increasing the volume of traffic.  
 Large estates are only disagreeable because, in the past, they consisted of identical houses. Varied, sizes, styles, materials and design, plus varied street layouts can give a varied feel and be more village like.  
 Seen as a village not an urban area  
 It should also ensure that there are environmental mitigations

**Issue 5. The countryside reaches in to the village centre.**

Between the main approaches to Bottesford lie tracts of rural land, accessible by footpath, which almost reach the village centre. So wherever we are in Bottesford we are never more than a few minutes from the countryside and pleasant walks.

**Statement:** The close links between the centre of the village and the countryside should be maintained.

**Do you agree or disagree with this statement?** (please tick one)

Strongly Agree	Mildly Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Mildly Disagree	Strongly Disagree
324	24	6	1	1



**Please use this space to give us any further thoughts about this issue....**  
 Important amenity  
 Maintain links with countryside Do otherwise and you change the character of our village – and it is OUR village  
 Green ways can be created between existing and new developments.  
 This is why I moved here.  
 Protect the setting and use of the footpaths off Belvoir Rd from the Winterbeck to Easthorpe.  
 Most important factor  
 Vigilance needed small time developers already looking at in-fill  
 Encourages exercise  
 Not an even sprawl of housing all around the village.  
 Mod to criteria ` Development should support and enhance the close links....'

**Issue 6. Always Open Skies.**  
 There is a low intensity of housing in the village of Bottesford. Properties tend to be only two-stories high, have space around them and decent-sized gardens. This means that we usually have wide views and see open skies.

**Statement:**  
 Planning developments should avoid increasing the intensity of the village.

**Do you agree or disagree with this statement?** (please tick one)

Strongly Agree	Mildly Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Mildly Disagree	Strongly Disagree
310	31	10	4	0

**Please use this space to give us any further thoughts about this issue....**  
 For family houses two and a half storeys is a must  
 2/3 storey buildings could be built in the village centre"  
 Three storey developments should be resisted.  
 Rows of terraced housing as opposite The Rutland should be discouraged – not in keeping with village character.  
 Wickets inhibits views towards Belvoir Ridge  
 Views from Village centre to be maintained  
 Although some people like to have a small and manageable garden there may be some room for manoeuvre here.  
 Incompatible with affordable housing. ...many young and old don't want to look after a garden.  
 Gardens – developers should be encouraged to plant a fruit tree or bush in every garden – help the Borough to become more sustainable and reduce food miles.  
 A reason for wanting to be in a village.  
 Vital for health and well being  
 This should include keeping open space in the village centre NO to Daybells development  
 Slightly ambiguous statement –all down to considered design and the understanding of the local character  
 Intensity or density?  
 Determined by need and conditions in 30 years

**Issue 7. Roof lines.**  
 Through the village roof-lines are irregular. Heights and shapes of buildings are also irregular.

**Statement:**

Future developments should follow in this tradition, and avoid long stretches of similar roof heights and regular roof-lines.

<b>Do you agree or disagree with this statement?</b> (please tick one)				
<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Mildly Agree</b>	<b>Neither Agree nor Disagree</b>	<b>Mildly Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>
<b>280</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>

**Please use this space to give us any further thoughts about this issue....**

Bungalows should not be placed close to 2 storey buildings overlooking, overshadowed etc  
 Again if you do otherwise you change the character of the village.  
 Roof lines – “in keeping with the character of surrounding houses.”  
 3 storey developments should be strongly resisted.  
 Ridge heights higher than 7.5ms. should not be permitted.  
 Different heights add character.  
 Low line development is significant , looking from village hall and footpaths to St Mary’s  
 New houses opposite Red Lion an eye- sore, shame on you MBC  
 What is considered a long stretch, Granary Close?  
 Cites Grantham Rd new properties as poor  
 The mixture should only be in new estates. In an all bungalow area, like around the old petrol station building a small block of 2 storey houses is not appropriate.  
 Raising houses to avoid flooding inhibits views e.g. “Wickets’ and Belvoir castle.  
 Past developments such as Bowbridge and Beckingthorpe show how important this is.  
 Historical population in village centre with terraced and 3 storey buildings  
 Reference to Prince Charles’ Poundbury village,Dorset  
 Look at Brixworth, Northants for a good quality development  
 Ambiguous – a well designed terrace with gardens might be acceptable in townscape terms as well as economic land use but no good on density  
 Layout more important than design.

**Issue 8. Building in harmony with the Topography.**  
 The villages of the Parish have tended to grow organically in a way that is sympathetic to their setting in the landscape.

**Statement:**  
 This approach should continue with groups of houses that are appropriate to the shape and topography of the land rather than hard-edge, squared-off estates.

<b>Do you agree or disagree with this statement?</b> (please tick one)				
<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Mildly Agree</b>	<b>Neither Agree nor Disagree</b>	<b>Mildly Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>
<b>301</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>

**Please use this space to give us any further thoughts about this issue....**

Do not build on mounds to avoid flooding  
 Appropriate layout of developments will give soft edges  
 (Building) “Should be confined to the village envelope.”  
 NO to building north of the railway  
 Couldn’t agree more, very important  
 Incorporate preservation and enhancement of the landscape  
 Good layout can create interest and take in existing features  
 New houses opposite Red Lion an eye- sore, this sort of thing will keep happening, control from MBC needs to change  
 Barratt’s development is a good example – to avoid!

Can we enforce or only suggest  
Batches of 50-500 houses required to meet current UK housing needs

**Issue 9. Flooding.**

Many parts of our villages are prone to flooding, but current Environment Agency maps do not accurately identify the areas most at risk.

**Statement:**

Building should only be permitted in places that do not flood and in places that would not cause other parts of the villages to flood.

**Do you agree or disagree with this statement?** (please tick one)

<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Mildly Agree</b>	<b>Neither Agree nor Disagree</b>	<b>Mildly Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>
<b>334</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

**Please use this space to give us any further thoughts about this issue....**

Lessons must be learnt from previous flooding  
EA should identify flood areas based on historical events.  
New Belvoir Rd development will put surrounding houses at risk.  
Concerns over flooding due to The Wickets  
Arch of Belvoir Road and Barkestone Lane bridges is lower than the banks leading to flooding of adjacent land  
Building in these areas puts insurance premiums up. "It is next to impossible to get home insurance (and thus a mortgage) on any house liable to flood. Any authority which acts contrary to this should be required to indemnify householders at its own risk."  
Flood risk affects property values and insurance premiums even if flooding doesn't occur and creates a place where "people don't feel safe to live.  
Why build houses, that according to the locals is flood plain i.e. the Wickets, Belvoir Rd  
Building on flood plains will only exacerbate problems for the future.  
Flooded area east and south of Belvoir Rd to the Winterbeck not shown.  
Prevent the increase of 'hard areas' which would increase flood risk.  
The Old Clay Pit on Grantham Rd should never be allowed to be filled in, it provides a good storm drain.  
No building on hills around the village.  
Permitting a large development on a flood plain and putting other areas at risk.  
Flood water is unpredictable  
Common sense  
Buildings can be designed to resist/ avoid flooding. But unintended consequences, flooding in other areas, should be avoided.  
Insist on flood protection schemes from developers not building on artificially raised land, schemes to mitigate flooding must be effective and not just move the problem elsewhere  
Modern drainage such as attenuation ponds mitigate most problems  
Flood risk shouldn't restrict future development, sewerage drainage is more of a problem.  
Land can be efficiently drained, there are estates built on flood plains precedent set.  
If land prone to flooding is used adequate flood alleviation measures should be put in place.

**Issue 10. Mixing of housing types.**

Through the history of the villages of Bottesford, Muston and Normanton (and to a lesser degree Easthorpe) large and small houses have grown up side by side. This creates a sense of harmony and adds to the character of the place.

**Statement:**

We should continue this approach of mixing housing-types in each area of the Parish.

**Do you agree or disagree with this statement?** (please tick one)

Strongly Agree	Mildly Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Mildly Disagree	Strongly Disagree
297	41	9	3	3

**Please use this space to give us any further thoughts about this issue....**

Too many executive houses, smaller homes needed  
 No more executive dwellings behind 6 foot fences  
 Housing mix helps to sell houses  
 Villages always have a mix of building sizes  
 If you want an all-inclusive feel don't create rich and poor areas.  
 Harmonious development – but not of a blatantly contrived nature  
 All developments should have a mix but one not deemed viable then cost will be passed on to purchaser.  
 Such a mix develops a social mix and tolerance of different age groups  
 Emphasis should be on point 2, Housing need  
 Modern designs not in character with other village properties  
 Brick jungles are eyesores  
 Shouldn't mix very large 4+ bed houses with small 1 to 2 bed houses.  
 This is not a statement and needs rewriting  
 Why does this create harmony?

**Issue 11. Protected Open Spaces**

Certain areas of the Parish are designated as areas to be protected.

**Statement:** Areas of Conservation and Protected Open Spaces should remain protected and new Open Spaces should be designated where appropriate.

**Do you agree or disagree with this statement?** (please tick one)

Strongly Agree	Mildly Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Mildly Disagree	Strongly Disagree
323	24	5	2	0

**Please use this space to give us any further thoughts about this issue....**

A number of these are small, consider combining them on another site to reduce maintenance etc  
 Healthy walks available  
 Essential to well being of the villages, both to have more habitation but retain open spaces  
 A key townscape consideration  
 .. in this case MBC should not get away with 'forgetting' to ratify its own decisions as was the case some years ago.  
 Need protection and vigilance  
 All open space should be protected and new created where possible. Once gone it is gone.  
 Should ensure opportunities for new or extending existing

Should be used appropriately and not just a blanket rule to prevent development  
 School playing fields should be protected from development.  
 Bottesford needs a park big enough for trees, ball games, dog walking etc  
 Park facilities improved as at Long Clawson.  
 Use Daybells field as a public park rather than for housing  
 Normanton should continue to be a linear village with the benefit of open spaces.  
 Building on open spaces increases storm water run-off  
 Unaware of where conservation areas are in the villages

**Issue 12. A network of valuable village paths.**

The Parish has a rare network of paths along the river and between parts of the village providing excellent ways to move between areas of the village.

**Statement:** The Neighbourhood Plan should protect these paths and to continue this tradition in future developments where possible and appropriate.

**Do you agree or disagree with this statement?** (please tick one)

Strongly Agree	Mildly Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Mildly Disagree	Strongly Disagree
334	17	3	0	1

**Please use this space to give us any further thoughts about this issue....**

Improved signposting on footpaths  
 All footpaths marked on old maps must be kept for next generations  
 Consider disabled and people with push chairs when configuring stiles/gates  
 Footpaths may have to be diverted but routes must not be lost or blocked.  
 Improved signposting on footpaths  
 Footpaths – “make it a pleasant place to live. Please don’t lose it.”  
 Protect the paths and their rural settings.  
 Existing footpaths to be maintained to allow safe access to the centre and countryside  
 Too many footpaths have become alleyways between fences  
 Footpaths are a specific feature of the area  
 As long as paths are maintained  
 Great!  
 Historically was a requirement by previous Parish Councils to enable resident to walk across the village avoiding the A52 (before the by-pass was built)  
 As village grows homes will be built further from the centre  
 Good cycle paths encourages use of bikes  
 This only makes sense if the open spaces and routes to the countryside are also protected and extended.  
 Although the people who currently choose to ‘invent’ their own footpaths rather than follow waymarkers [they] should be made to respect the rights of local farmers.”  
 What happened to Riverside Walk pathway and a certain resident blocking the path off?  
 Shame about FP76 could more have been done?  
 LCC has a duty to protect rights of way but not with footpath 76!  
 I think the horse has bolted here  
 Statement weakened by use of...‘possible and’...

**Issue 13. Walking and Cycling.**

The residents are already concerned about the level of congestion in the centre of Bottesford and do not want to attract more cars to the centre of the village.

**Statement:** Development should only be located where it allows people to access the village's shops, cafes, pubs, schools and healthcare facilities without the need to resort to the car.

**Do you agree or disagree with this statement?** (please tick one)

<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Mildly Agree</b>	<b>Neither Agree nor Disagree</b>	<b>Mildly Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>
<b>252</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>

**Please use this space to give us any further thoughts about this issue....**

Sadly people will not walk far and always will use their car How can we get people out of cars?

Elderly, disabled and children will all be limited in how far they can walk

Unfortunately many residents living in the village use their cars for the short distance to the centre – we, both over 80 WALK into the village.

We are dependent on the use of a car and because of congestion we now shop in Long Bennington.

Noticeable that short car journeys are increasing

A lot of people parking on the High St live on adjacent streets.

People will still use cars if they are in a hurry or the weather is bad, we can't regulate car use particularly as the population ages.

This would suggest close to the village centre and not Easthorpe and beyond More parking should be provided

Parking provision needed in the village. Restrictions could kill the village.

People from outside the area must be encouraged.

Decent sized car park needed in centre if there is to be additional housing

Bottesford retailers depend on the wider area for customers

Parking restriction needed

Remove all parking in centre except for less able.

Blue badge parking only in village

Parking for residents of Queen St, Albert St etc

Pedestrianise the centre of village with access for residents and deliveries, special attention for the less able.

Yellow lines on Albert St

Cycle lanes on footpaths to encourage young people to cycle to school/work and encourage cycling generally

Improve cycle link with Muston otherwise residents are disadvantaged

No where to park a bike/Erect cycle racks

Footpaths needed, Normanton Lane, Grantham Road to Muston and Station Road

Barkestone lane/A52 junction should be used for schools

Why not have shops on the new estates, seemingly virtuous planning considerations become self contradictory.

Speed is as much a concern as congestion though.

New houses on approaches will lead to more people driving into the village

**Issue 14. Village Envelopes.**

Historically, our Village Envelope has been the line drawn around the villages outside which building has not normally been allowed. Over the years the line has been successful in making sure the villages do not sprawl out in all directions, for example, merging the hamlet of Easthorpe with Bottesford. Now that the pressure to build more houses has led to Melton Borough Council reconsidering the Village Envelope planning strategy we need to consider our own.

**Statement:** The Neighbourhood Plan should take the opportunity to re-draw the position of the line to accommodate identified housing needs, and then maintain its new position for at least the next 25 years.

**Do you agree or disagree with this statement?** (please tick one)

<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Mildly Agree</b>	<b>Neither Agree nor Disagree</b>	<b>Mildly Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>
<b>217</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>27</b>

**Please use this space to give us any further thoughts about this issue....**

Avoid merging of villages  
 Concern that this will cause the villages to combine.  
 Retain gaps between villages  
 Needs to maintain discreet, logical and obvious space between communities/villages.  
 Such lines force high density building in limited space, why prevent village attracting investment and facilities.  
 This will cause shortages and lead to price rises –Nimbys want this V E s already relaxed and Gov't push on housing will not help Envelope to remain the same and be maintained  
 No alterations to existing VE"  
 I don't see why it can't be maintained in perpetuity. We need fields as well as houses to support an increased population."  
 Draw the line as close as possible to the existing line and maintain it for 25 years.  
 Against increasing village footprint  
 Would need to see a map of existing and proposed  
 Need to know where line is to be drawn before agreeing  
 There needs to be an envelope but worried about redrawing it  
 Worrying development, benefits not clearly explained  
 Good for us to decide before it is forced on us  
 No problem merging Easthorpe into Bottesford, and Normanton into Bottesford – all part of the same parish  
 Incorporate area around football fields  
 Envelope should not render any plot of land within it available for development.  
 Road signs do not mark the boundary of the village.  
 Is it possible to use natural boundaries  
 Firm control required on new envelope.  
 Done with care and consultation  
 Anticipating long term growth requires a comprehensive landscape plan for the next 25 years-the spaces between the buildings are as important as the buildings themselves.  
 Pie in the sky

**Issue 15. Key Vistas**  
A special feature of the Parish is the clear views it affords of St Mary's church steeple and Belvoir Castle.

**Statement:** Planning decisions should always attempt to maintain key vistas of the castle and the church steeple from all places where they can now be seen.

**Do you agree or disagree with this statement?** (please tick one)

Strongly Agree	Mildly Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Mildly Disagree	Strongly Disagree
246	68	28	8	7

**Please use this space to give us any further thoughts about this issue....**  
 Illuminate the Church with solar powered lights like Wymeswold and Plumtree Not many houses can see the Castle, some can see the spire or parts of it.  
 Keep open spaces around  
 Church Steeple is a good landmark for walkers  
 The church is a definite eye-catcher  
 St Mary's yes, Castle not so sure  
 Visitors comment positively on views of the steeple and castle  
 Very few in the villages can see the castle and the Church can be seen for miles around, not considered a big concern.  
 View of Castle from Cricket Club will be gone forever following The Wickets build.  
 Views along Belvoir Rd of castle and woods blocked by new estate  
 Belvoir Rd development has resulted in loss of views of castle, woods and fields for residents of Belvoir Rd, Keel Drive, and South Crescent.  
 Key vistas –already compromised by the Belvoir Rd estate, a shame. Should not let that happen any more.  
 Other points are surely more important  
 Meaningless, developers will argue it wasn't a 'key vista'  
 Planning decisions should not just 'attempt' to maintain existing views, they should be required to do so.

**Issue 16. Good Quality Agricultural Land**  
Bottesford Parish is situated in the agriculturally important Vale of Belvoir.

**Statement:** New building should avoid using the best and most versatile agricultural land.

**Do you agree or disagree with this statement?** (please tick one)

Strongly Agree	Mildly Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Mildly Disagree	Strongly Disagree
278	32	33	7	6

**Please use this space to give us any further thoughts about this issue....**  
 Who decides what is good agricultural land  
 Need to define 'best and most versatile land' if economically not viable to be farmed, consider needs of farmers  
 Common sense and contact with the NFU will determine the best land.  
 Landowners want to sell for housing rather than farming  
 Retain agricultural land  
 All agricultural land is valuable – we need to reduce food imports.  
 Critical for future generations  
 Some land not used – e.g between Grantham Rd and A52  
 Brownfield sites before Greenfield areas  
 No building on the greenbelts, brown sites only  
 Must avoid their use for housing



A no-brainer surely?  
 This is a rural village that grew around a farming community  
 Pasture and meadowland is as important to the village character as arable land  
 The allotments should never be stolen to build on  
 Don't develop farmland behind Methodist Church or on Palmers Hill  
 Healthy walks available  
 But why are there plans to build on farm land?  
 The logic of this is to build on land prone to flooding  
 Meaningless, developers will argue it wasn't the best farmland  
 Items 11, 14 and 15 more important than this issue

**Issue 17. Allotments**

Bottesford Parish has valuable amenity in its existing allotments. Increased housing may increase demand.

**Statement:** Existing allotments should be protected and areas identified for extra provision should the demand increase.

**Do you agree or disagree with this statement?** (please tick one)

Strongly Agree	Mildly Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Mildly Disagree	Strongly Disagree
260	67	25	7	0

**Please use this space to give us any further thoughts about this issue....**

Reinstate land that was allotments and was taken over for other purposes.  
 Millenium Green should be returned to allotments  
 Daybell's Field used for allotments  
 Allotment space has already been reduced in the last 20 years. Developers should be encouraged to provide these.  
 Smaller gardens in modern houses will increase need for allotments.  
 Proven health benefits – food, and mental well-being.  
 Community allotments shared by the elderly  
 Open/ green spaces within the envelope could be designated for allotments rather than in-filling.  
 As a allotment holder I would be amenable to relocate if current land was wanted for a different use.  
 Common sense should prevail, in 30 years we may have to grow our own food.  
 Hedges and borders to allotments kept nature friendly to encourage wild birds etc.  
 When they are gone, they are gone for good.  
 Been on the list for 7 years, still not been allocated an allotment.  
 It could be argued that houses with good-sized gardens have no need for allotments.  
 Allotments are only for hobby gardeners.  
 Only if demand increases.

**Issue 18. Building materials used.**

Building materials reflect the traditional materials used through the Parish. This helps to create aesthetic harmony and reduce any negative aesthetic impact of new builds. Brickwork is the predominant material within the Parish.

<b>Statement:</b> Builders should be encouraged to use a mix of traditional materials within a diversity of designs to reflect the local style and character.				
<b>Do you agree or disagree with this statement?</b> (please tick one)				
<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Mildly Agree</b>	<b>Neither Agree nor Disagree</b>	<b>Mildly Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>
<b>278</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Please use this space to give us any further thoughts about this issue....</b> Should be insisted upon All recent developments have supported this direction without the need for a NP Good idea to use materials that blend in aesthetically Encouraged? It should be an absolute requirement of any planning application The Beckingthorpe estate - "...well thought out. Three [these?] styles of houses and curved roads, original trees left on site. This type of building should continue. Street furniture, lighting, signs etc should be included. High quality construction is the key. Why are listed buildings permitted to replace windows with UPVC components Traditional materials mean stone, thatch, cob walling but we get dreary brick over breeze blocks -not traditional. Ambiguous key requirement is good design which requires proper assessment at planning stage. Architects should be challenged if not in line with village requirements In respect of 'affordable' properties then this aspect would have to be determined by cost. Specify appropriate materials to stop use of cheapest options Not if it increases prices for first time buyers New unique buildings are the traditional buildings of the future Consideration for exceptional design In appropriate places there could be opportunities for innovative new design - e.g. eco houses of high architectural quality. There now exist building techniques and materials which are more efficient and therefore cheaper than ... bricks and mortar. The important criterion for the village is variety. ... The only undesirable buildings are pastiches. However should a new material be introduced which isn't overly prevalent and looks aesthetically pleasing I am not adverse. Need to allow buildings of exceptional design and innovation that would enhance the villages. Also use modern materials and not stagnate in the past Mix of house stiles and construction, enforcing this may be almost impossible.				

## SECTION TWO – OPPORTUNITIES TO ENHANCE THE PARISH

The second section deals with some of the opportunities to enhance and improve the Parish. As builders invest, there are likely to be possibilities to address some of these opportunities over the next 25 years.

Again we would like your views on each of these.

### Opportunity 1. Access to the River Devon

The River Devon meanders through the heart of the village and this provides a valuable amenity.

**Statement:** Where possible the Local Planning Authority and the Neighbourhood Plan should look to enhance the opportunities for residents to further access and enjoy the benefits of the river with, for example, riverside walks, cycle paths, and opportunities to enjoy the riverbank.

**Do you agree or disagree with this statement?** (please tick one)

Strongly Agree	Mildly Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Mildly Disagree	Strongly Disagree
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274	59	10	8	4
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**Please use this space to give us any further thoughts about this issue....**

Clean up of river to ease flow and drainage. Stop littering on the banks and river  
Enhance riverside walks but not cycle paths. Cycle paths and footpaths should not be mixed – don't encourage speeding cyclists

Only if well done and with conservation in mind. The riverbank is also home to a diverse variety of wildlife; we need to consider them also.

Healthy walks available

Improve signposting to footpaths and new R Devon bridges to develop circular walks where possible. Produce walk leaflets

The area n.w. of the village, Rectory farm, is ideal for sensitive development which would open up access to the Devon for all residents.

There is enough access to the river.

Centre of parish has access, other adjoining land is either privately owned or farmed. "When I was young we could go to the Mill Dam, it is now fenced off.

WHY, it was not private land

Yes – Riverside Walk – not all accessible due to a certain resident." So what happened to footpath 76

Concern about people parking outside other people's homes to access these paths.

Anyone would think you were talking of a real river not a modest watercourse like the Devon.

### Opportunity 2. A bridge across the A52 for cyclists, equestrians and pedestrians.

Sustrans, the national cycling charity, has approached the village with an idea for a bridge across the A52 By-Pass. If it goes ahead it would be funded centrally to increase the national cycling network. It would not require any local investment from the Parish.

There are two options for the position of this bridge. The first is the West on the track bed of the former railway line to Melton and the second is the East to reconnect Easthorpe Lane with Muston Lane.

**Statement:** The Neighbourhood Plan should encourage Sustrans to choose the East option to help re-connect the people of Muston to Bottesford.

**Do you agree or disagree with this statement?** (please tick one)

Strongly Agree	Mildly Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Mildly Disagree	Strongly Disagree
236	42	42	10	22

**Please use this space to give us any further thoughts about this issue....**

Not anything to do with a NP  
 Better for everyone, industry and elderly (*it will not be a road bridge*)  
 Want a road bridge across the A52  
 Concerned that bridge will be an eyesore  
 Closed in bridge unsafe for lone users  
 Suggest tunnel under the A52 rather than a bridge  
 Parish Council didn't agree to bridge when by pass was built  
 No bridge needed, sight lines are good. Be patient and cross on foot.  
 Long walk Muston to Bottesford means bridge will make little difference.  
 A bridge will help to urbanise the village environment  
 Should be discouraged to keep cyclists away from village centres  
 Bridge a necessity  
 West is better option for Vale villages and easier to facilitate, East will only serve Muston.  
 Welcome access to former railway line.  
 West of Bottesford track preferred  
 Not to be built between Muston and Easthorpe Lanes  
 Consider access and gates suitable for horses  
 Path to south of A52 constructed to link to Muston Lane  
 A bridge would be an eyesore, a tunnel would be much better.  
 How many people would actually use it? Survey both routes for use to decide this  
 Bridge must be aesthetically pleasing.  
 Ideal at Barkestone Lane to link into Redmile and the Vale, also good for Belvoir High School students.  
 Put Sustrans bridge on Barkestone Lane  
 Barkestone Lane crossing would encourage cycling to Belvoir High School  
 I think this is a matter to be decided by the Muston residents.  
 Eastern option will benefit Muston, this is an important initiative that will improve life in Muston.  
 Certainly need a safe crossing at Church Lane and Main St  
 Eastern option would also draw more people through Bottesford and increase use of its facilities.  
 What is the point of the western option, Barkestone Lane better, Muston lane much better still. Western option would probably become a white elephant except for a few cyclists". the link to Muston would be our choice. We like to walk to Muston but the A52 is a problem." Would make a very positive difference Good link now that Bottesford and Muston churches are in the same benefice Already a popular cycle route  
 Better if closer to developed areas rather than in the countryside? The west is no good for Muston.  
 More central to serve villages  
 Footpaths needed from Muston to the bridge and along Grantham Road into Bottesford to avoid pedestrians having to walk in the road.  
 Land take for this would be considerable as height and provision for future dualling may be an issue.

**Opportunity 3. New Layout for High Street in Bottesford village centre.**

Prior to the building of the A52 by-pass the High Street was the route of the A52. When the by-pass was built we missed the opportunity to revert the High Street to a rural road.



Statement 3.1

Statement 3.2

**Statement 3.1:** The Plan should propose a new layout to the cross roads at the High Street and Barkestone Lane to ease crossing for pedestrians and cyclists.

**Do you agree or disagree with this statement?** (please tick one)

Strongly Agree	Mildly Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Mildly Disagree	Strongly Disagree
204	68	36	7	24

**Statement 3.2:** The Plan should propose a new layout to the area around the Stocks and running down Market Street in front of the Bull and Paul’s restaurant to the Belvoir Road junction. This will be designed to ease the crossing of the road and create a sense of place in the village centre.

**Do you agree or disagree with this statement?** (please tick one)

Strongly Agree	Mildly Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Mildly Disagree	Strongly Disagree
195	67	34	12	35

**Please use this space to give us any further thoughts about this issue....**

Historic part of Bottesford and should be left alone  
 Market St is a characteristic of Bottesford  
 Anything to make these areas safer for pedestrians long overdue  
 Use yellow lines to restrict parking  
 Pub and restaurant users should walk or use their car parks  
 I agree with Lord Holmes on a halt to shared spaces which may increase risk of accident  
 Hamilton Baillie were criticised in a recent BBC One show for a similar scheme  
 Both places are challenging for motorists and pedestrians  
 Put double yellow lines by the Spar  
 Need a crossing in the High St  
 Drop school children off in Belvoir Rd (from A52)  
 10 mph limit  
 Traffic calming required  
 Pictures create a false impression with no parked cars, address parking first or this will make it worse.  
 Splendid idea, village needs a focal point

Disagree - install zebra crossing and double yellow lines one side of the road  
Work near stocks will ruin this part of the village, seems to be against what you are trying to achieve  
A space for events, fairs etc  
Looks urban  
No parking zone on approach to cross roads  
Market St area not seen as village centre  
3.1 would help everyone  
3.2 changes the character too much.  
Citing of criticised Leicester scheme where there was no distinction between path and road  
Public involvement and more information required on plan  
Confusion for drivers, uncertainty for pedestrians  
Just put a crossing in by Hands Walk/ near High St/Barkestone Lane.  
How will this work with the parking issue in the village  
New layout to prevent dangerous car parking  
Decrease speeds by mixed use space and no signs making drivers more cautious.  
Viable when the A52 ran through the village, reconsider layout  
Revamped Village centre may attract troublesome youngsters  
Install a crossing near Pizzini's  
Wide pavement in front of Spar made into a parking bay  
Replace 40mph with 30 mph restriction on Grantham Rd  
Put a crossing near the Thatch for north and west, those from the east tend to use Keel Drive.  
3.i Anything that slows traffic down but NOT speed humps!  
Does [the photo] imply pedestrians have right of way at the junction?"  
3.ii No speed humps please they damage vehicles.  
(Proposal =) making Bottesford into a town not a village." But "need to address the corner of Albert St / Barkestone Lane, but a pedestrian crossing would suffice.  
Will the new layout stop HGVs coming through the village, particularly using Market St?  
Perhaps crossing for pedestrians and cyclists would be easier if there were speed bumps to slow the traffic.  
Market Street should be the centre of the village as it used to be.  
Improvement essential.  
Stop juggernauts coming through the village. These roads are main access to residential areas. Proposals would only be appropriate if there were alternative roads around the village centre.  
Not sure about the removal of the metal railings adjacent to the stocks.  
Opposed to any plan restricting vehicular access to the village centre.  
Put concrete bollards at the ford to stop all through traffic on Devon Lane.  
A new by-pass n. of the village  
New layout outside Co-op.  
Protected crossing needed for all pedestrians. Vehicles will still use this area.  
HGV limits should be enforced.  
Put crossings in both locations  
20mph limit through village  
Enforce weight limit on HGV and prevent use of village as a rat-run.  
Staggered parking on main streets  
All villages need a defined centre and a village green  
High St is still a major road and will never be rural  
School vehicle traffic needs to be diverted before any decision is taken  
Planning is very important, the market place picture looks like a car park waiting to happen.  
Very important  
Before this more enforcement of overweight vehicles has to occur, Police not interested and parish council doing vague reporting.  
Reserve opinion until detail known

Higher priority should be given to pedestrian access as village grows to avoid roads that are too busy to cross  
 3.1 only a problem at peak times  
 3.2 roads and paths should never look the same, cause of accidents  
 Towns are pedestrianised not villages, what is a rural road, a cart track.  
 Bottesford has always been a cross roads and old photos show these street scenes almost unaltered over the years.

**Opportunity 4. Location of Industry.**

A healthy and thriving business community is important to the Parish's sustainability and spirit, and to the people who live and work in the Parish.

There are two industrial areas in the Parish: Normanton Lane and Orston Lane.

**Statement.** To reduce impact on the village centre, the ideal place for industrial location within the Parish would be along Orston Lane. The Plan should look favourably at opportunities to move such industry from the Normanton Lane estate to the Orston Lane site over the next 25 years.

**Do you agree or disagree with this statement?** (please tick one)

Strongly Agree	Mildly Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Mildly Disagree	Strongly Disagree
163	89	59	13	29

**Please use this space to give us any further thoughts about this issue....**

Move to Orston Lane is highly recommended  
 How is it to be funded and firms assisted/encouraged to move  
 Narrowing entrance to Bowbridge Lane to discourage its route as a rat run.  
 Traffic must go direct to the A52 from an Orston Lane site  
 Reduce congestion on Market St  
 Use vacated space for car park  
 Normanton Lane site ideal for housing  
 Better to put industry on site at Normanton and use Orston Lane for housing  
 Welcome the discouragement of HGVs through Normanton  
 Villages and HGVs don't fit, move to Orston Lane may still find HGVs will continue to drive through Bottesford  
 Vacated site could be used for relocated GP Surgeries with ample parking space  
 Frees up Walford Close for village centre parking  
 There would be an improvement to village life if fewer HGVs on Belvoir Road and Market Street going to Normanton Lane.  
 Would Tip need to be relocated  
 Leave industry at Normanton Lane  
 Any expansion at Orston Lane not at Normanton Lane  
 Proposing an industrial area is not 'villagey'  
 Development in Normanton would increase traffic through Bottesford and Normanton villages  
 HGVs could then be routed to the western access to A52  
 Must not attract any more HGVs to Bottesford  
 Help to remove heavy traffic from the village.  
 Needs road access direct from A52 via arterial road  
 Access from A52 to Orston Lane needs consideration  
 Costly and what would be the future of the area, abandoned factories?  
 Reduction in HGVs using Market St and Storage Hanger in Normanton.  
 Should HGVs be going through Bottesford



My view would depend largely on what was intended on the freed up land on Normanton Lane.

This would eliminate HGVs going up Market St – but why wait 25 years?

Normanton Lane estate would make a good area for extra housing.

Central.

Orston Lane low lying, road access more difficult [than Normanton Lane] and potentially more disturbance for residents.

The companies in [Normanton Lane] are well established ; huge employers of local labour. If pressurised they may even move from the village.

Nottingham side, Orston Lane, near to the A52.

Orston Lane extension of industrial site would destroy more agricultural land. Two sites reduces the amount of traffic from one site.

Access to Orston Lane not good

Flooding issues

Better to spread the sites otherwise we will get more HGVs using the village to get from the A1 to Orston Lane.

We currently work from Normanton Lane, this statement is not correct

Changing traffic flows and road layouts will alleviate much of the problem

Cost prohibitive, where would funding come from.

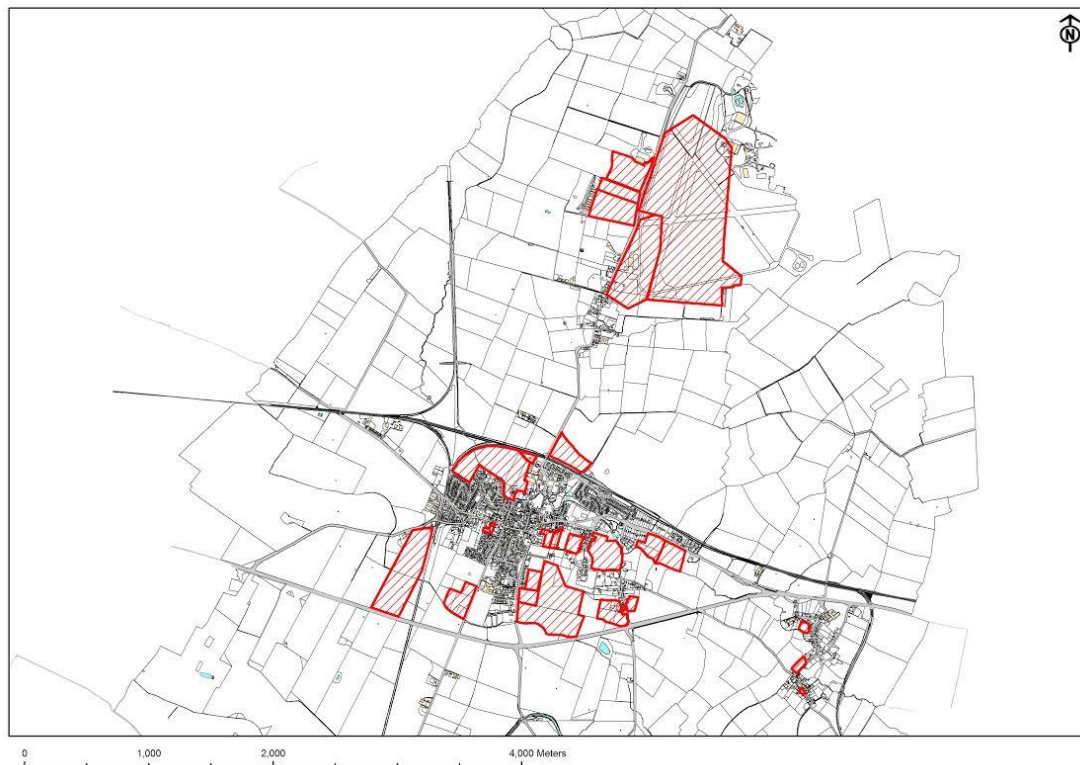




## Potential Development Sites

Having now considered your thoughts on the criteria for future building development within the Parish please consider the potential development sites.

None of these sites have been chosen or selected by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group or any council. They are the sites that have been put forward by landowners and developers as possible sites for development. It is now our task to compare these sites against the criteria and recommended the most and least appropriate places to build.



Comments from Questionnaire:-

Build on all of them!

Best locations are those in Normanton

Map lacks a key so do not know what is being suggested

## SECTION THREE – EASTHORPE, MUSTON & NORMANTON

The residents of the three smaller villages have raised specific issues.

### Easthorpe Issue 1. Own Character & Identity

Historically the Separation Area between Easthorpe and Bottesford has been considered very important in preserving Easthorpe's sense of identity.

**Statement:** The Neighbourhood Plan should endeavour to protect Easthorpe as a hamlet in its own right and help prevent it from being subsumed into Bottesford.

**Do you agree or disagree with this statement?** (please tick one)

Strongly Agree	Mildly Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Mildly Disagree	Strongly Disagree
161	78	50	27	20

<p><b>Please use this space to give us any further thoughts about this issue....</b>  <b>Comments to both issues have been collected here under one heading -</b>          Developments needed in Easthorpe          What do the people of Easthorpe want?          Concern over linking with Bottesford and Muston as one larger village          Development nearer the A52 will be subject to noise and fume nuisance          Improve Easthorpe Road junction with A52 to reduce traffic on Belvoir Road          Why is Easthorpe considered over Bottesford          A lot of people think Easthorpe <u>is</u> part of Bottesford          Use some of the land between the villages for development          Smaller homes useful, easier to reach Bottesford centre from Easthorpe without a car.          Muston has more facilities than Easthorpe and Normanton          Merging villages not a problem, consider Beckingthorpe          E1 "It's a reasonable expectation which would benefit both Easthorpe and Bottesford residents."          E1 There is no demarcation now.          E2 "I disagree, mainly because developers, (in this case David Wilson Homes) have been less than honest about their intentions."          E2 Should not be an estate, but why not part of Bottesford?          Older villagers may be able to cross easier but they are still a long way from Bottesford          As the village has been separated perhaps those that live there might like it to stay that way          The quiet distinctive character of Easthorpe is an asset to the whole parish.          As long as large character houses are built to reflect Easthorpes image why not let it grow.          Remove 'endeavour to' in order to make statement stronger. Already considered to be the same place          Easthorpe 2 would keep up with tradition</p>				

<p><b>Easthorpe Issue 2. Small growth</b>          Easthorpe has grown slowly without estate-style development.</p>				
<p><b>Statement:</b> It would be acceptable to add a small number of the appropriate housing to the hamlet of Easthorpe providing this housing is not in the form of an estate and does not cause the hamlet to further merge with the village of Bottesford.</p>				
<p><b>Do you agree or disagree with this statement?</b> (please tick one)</p>				
<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Mildly Agree</b>	<b>Neither Agree nor Disagree</b>	<b>Mildly Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>
<b>165</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>22</b>
<p><b>Please use this space to give us any further thoughts about this issue....</b></p>				

<p><b>Muston Issue 1. Preserving the Village Character.</b>          Muston has a specific nature with all housing running in a linear manner along its roads and non-estate style development.</p>
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**Statement:** This approach to growth needs to be maintained.

**Do you agree or disagree with this statement?** (please tick one)

Strongly Agree	Mildly Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Mildly Disagree	Strongly Disagree
161	81	63	16	12

**Please use this space to give us any further thoughts about this issue....**

**Comments to both issues have been collected here under one heading -**

Muston needs 50 homes  
 More houses might mean a bus service  
 Why is Muston considered over Bottesford  
 M1 "This is for the people of Muston to decide."  
 M1 Muston has to grow /change like the rest of the area.  
 M2 "A bridge between the two communities would be useful."  
 M2 If the majority of people in Muston want this.  
 M2 Give Muston youngsters a safe trip to the Skate Park etc. – and older people.  
 M2 More buses through Muston needed.  
 Muston Residents have always had to cross the A52 to get to Bottesford  
 This sounds like a recommendation for ribbon development or infilling using gardens within the old village, both unacceptable  
 The Sustrans proposal will not provide a road bridge and will draw users through Easthorpe rather than the heart of Bottesford  
 Grow from within first and then linear to avoid the built up feel as people travel through.  
 A bridge crossing in Bottesford would be better utilised and better for Vale access.  
 Limited options for a smaller number of people at Muston.  
 This is an essential feature of the hamlet and should be retained.  
 Connection to Bottesford is the most important issue facing Muston residents.  
 Public open spaces add to character of Muston and should be retained.  
 Street scene in Muston particularly the southern portion should be protected some interesting buildings and building styles there.  
 No infilling of land to the rear of existing properties.  
 Footpath along Grantham Rd from A52 to Bottesford  
 Muston 1 is not a statement.  
 Muston 2 not been thought through, elderly in Muston could not walk to Easthorpe

**Muston Issue 2. Re-connecting Muston to the village of Bottesford.**

Many of the Muston villagers spontaneously mention the isolation they feel because of the by-pass cutting between the two villages, and because of the recent changes in bus provision.

**Statement:** The Neighbourhood Plan should encourage plans, such as the Sustrans bridge to help reconnect the people of Muston with the heart of Bottesford.

**Do you agree or disagree with this statement?** (please tick one)

Strongly Agree	Mildly Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Mildly Disagree	Strongly Disagree
199	62	36	9	20

**Please use this space to give us any further thoughts about this issue....**

**Normanton Issue 1. Reduction of Traffic Speeds & Sizes**

Many of the villagers spontaneously mention the speed and size of vehicles and would look to the Neighbourhood Plan to help, where possible, to reduce both. The Hamilton-Baillie advice has been to set up village “entrances” at either end of the hamlet to make drivers more aware that they are entering a residential area.

**Statement:** This approach to speed reduction should be supported by The Neighbourhood Plan.

**Do you agree or disagree with this statement?** (please tick one)

<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Mildly Agree</b>	<b>Neither Agree nor Disagree</b>	<b>Mildly Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>
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<b>252</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>
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**Please use this space to give us any further thoughts about this issue....**

**Comments to both issues have been collected here under one heading –**

Narrow entrances or marked chicanes to slow traffic - Do same on Belvoir Road Round-about into Hangar 9

Need a play park in Normanton

Gateways do not work and in time are ignored by drivers

HGVs should not be able to use the short cut to A1 via Bottesford and Normanton

Survey of HG vehicles to identify source and destination.

Develop Normanton Airfield. – local employment, Normanton By pass, reduced need for infill, increased trade and affluence.

Police action on speeding vehicles

Road alignments are as for a trunk road soften edges and lines of sight (eg Grantham Road would help reduce speed.

Normanton is awash with speed restriction signs and you rarely see anyone in the street

It has been demonstrated that Normanton, Grantham Road and Belvoir Road have the fastest traffic

Observed Normanton residents exceeding 30mph and then turning into their drives

N1 “Speed bumps to slow vehicles down.”

N1 Rectory Lane a problem – partial one-way in n. direction, Station Rd for other direction?

N1 Cars speed form Normanton and through Station Rd as a short cut. Dangerous because of the blind bends and lack of pavement.

N1 Village action is not the answer, police need to be actively involved.

N2 “Drivers know full well they are in a residential area and choose to ignore the fact.

N2 Regular speed traps and prosecution of offenders would greatly assist.”

N2 Development on the airfield would completely defeat this issue.

N2 Building on Normanton old airfield would provide great scope for innovation and development

N2 Normanton needs guided /cohesive development to provide a sense of community and has benefited in recent years when this has taken place. Building on the airfield would defeat the sense of community

Normanton is not yet a village , if it wants more prominence locate housing there with a shop and surgery concentrating much of the new housing.

Build additional houses to cement Normanton’s sense of community, Bottesford is congested enough .

Speed limits are fine, problem is overweight HGVs

Normanton 2 is not a statement

This linear settlement is on a through road, Introduce spot fines for those speeding.

Normanton 2 is a matter for Normanton Residents

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<b>Normanton Issue 2. A Sense of Community</b>				
The people of Normanton have recently put efforts into new signage and planters, and a series of events in the hamlet to help build a sense of community cohesion across the 45 homes, and to help remind drivers they are in a residential area.				
<b>Statement:</b> This approach to community building should be supported by The Neighbourhood Plan.				
<b>Do you agree or disagree with this statement?</b> (please tick one)				
<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Mildly Agree</b>	<b>Neither Agree nor Disagree</b>	<b>Mildly Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>
<b>224</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Please use this space to give us any further thoughts about this issue....</b>				

**SECTION FOUR – SERVICES, FACILITIES & ENERGY**

The Neighbourhood Plan is rightly focused on building development but it will also give us the opportunity to review other Services and Facilities in the Parish.

In general the Parish is well served with good quality and well-used facilities provided from a range of different authorities and self-supported groups.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group acknowledge the great work done by many of these organisations and has focused on those facilities that are going through considerable change at this time and are likely to go through more significant change over the next few years.

<b>Issue 1. Public Transport</b>				
Consultation has shown that the Public Transport serving the Parish is inadequate in a number of areas. Particular needs identified are a bus service to Bingham and a more frequent train service to Nottingham.				
<b>Statement:</b> The provision of public transport (bus and rail) is inadequate for the Parish needs.				
<b>Do you agree or disagree with this statement?</b> (please tick one)				
<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Mildly Agree</b>	<b>Neither Agree nor Disagree</b>	<b>Mildly Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>
<b>294</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Please use this space to give us any further thoughts about this issue....</b>				
Service needed to Bingham and a usable service to Newark Station too far away for a lot of villagers Later and more frequent rail service to Nottingham Buses to Bingham more accessible than more trains Buses to Bingham if only on Thursday and Saturday More trains stopping and a Sunday service				

Why do trains stop at Aslockton but not Bottesford  
People do not support bus services  
Services must be reliable or they will not be used  
Better rail service will reduce car use and traffic on A52  
Not everyone owns a car or can drive.  
Bus service to Grantham is poor  
No bus shelters  
Use of mini buses  
Trains to Grantham must have a better tie in with London and northbound connections.  
Important to maximise the use of current services and then press for more.  
Increased isolation for people who rely on Public transport  
Lack of evening services  
LCC seems to have no interest in supporting Bottesford, are they still not contributing.  
Bingham bus urgently needed  
Proven need to be established would it increase traffic through the village to the station.  
Buses pass Muston without passing through the village, a lot of residents will not be able to drive in later life  
It is inadequate for the needs of the existing population. The situation can only worsen if the population increases.  
Serious deterioration in public transport over the last 30 years – “Now we have no link to Bingham which is the link to Nottingham. Two buses a week to Newark – but not a bus back to Bottesford! Hourly to Grantham but nothing in the evening. Not everyone has a car so the link to Bingham is especially necessary. Transport had deteriorated as the village has expanded.”  
There is no bus service to Normanton.  
Timetables should be published clearly so that people are encouraged and know when they can use the bus.  
Carriages on the trains are insufficient for commuters.  
Train times with a linked bus service would be an asset to commuters in the Vale.  
Trains were faster in 1851  
Improve connection timings on main line and linked with a bus service to the Vale, Nottingham and Newark, particularly commuter times  
We lose out because we are at the cusp of 3 counties and neglected by all three.  
We are in Leicestershire yet this county has little relevance to us for transport needs. We need an integrated East Midlands transport plan.  
Bus to Newark needed  
Bus service, nearly an hour to get to Bingham.  
Bus stop at the junction of A52 and Grantham Rd as few buses go into the village  
Better peak hours service and late night provision.  
More frequent trains to Grantham, poor connections with London Trains, especially in the evening  
National problem unless subsidies raised for rural transport an answer is remote.  
Community bus funded locally may be the answer.

**Issue 2. Car Parking in Bottesford centre.**

Through our consultation a number of people have mentioned the difficulties in parking in the centre of the village, especially in Queen Street and the High Street.

**Statement:**

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has considered a number of options. On balance it is now our view that there is no place for a larger car park in the village and that roadside parking remains the best option. As part of the review of the High Street layout, better provision should be given to roadside parking within the village centre.

**Do you agree nor disagree with this statement?** (please tick one)

<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Mildly Agree</b>	<b>Neither Agree nor Disagree</b>	<b>Mildly Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>
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<b>185</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>30</b>
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**Please use this space to give us any further thoughts about this issue....**

(also see 2.3 and 13)

Too many cars in Queen St  
 Use odd and even dates for either side parking  
 Better parking rather than more parking  
 Leave parking as it is, it reduces traffic speed  
 No consideration for people wishing to use their driveways  
 One way system on Queen St  
 Instigate a 30 minute parking limit, but who would monitor it  
 Spar should not have been grant planning permission with no car park  
 Do not forget householders in the village centre who do not have off road parking and have to park on the roadside  
 Double yellow lines ignored as are 'disabled' parking spaces.  
 No parking 7am-10am outside Co-op, Zaros and Sids  
 Better signage for car park behind Co-op  
 Use area opposite V C Hall, relocate barrier  
 Adults to use their legs, children to walk to school  
 Yellow lines to reduce congestion in Albert St  
 Reconfigured Streetscape more likely to reduce congestion  
 Parking reduces through traffic speeds  
 Can painted car park spaces be provided on High St , Queen St and Nottingham Road to discourage people parking on pavements.  
 Control parking in High St, yellow lines  
 School buses etc should use Barkestone Lane/A52 junction  
 Easier to shop in Bingham or Grantham, further shop needed in Grantham Road  
 Don't encourage use of the car.  
 Excess parking on Granby Drive means Emergency vehicles cannot turn round  
 Improve Walford Close area to stop youth problem  
 Car park at rear of Spar  
 Use part of Red Lion car park  
 Central Parking for Shops  
 Sadly people will not walk far  
 People should be encouraged to walk and cycle with people priority over vehicles.  
 One way system for Albert/Queen Streets  
 Pay and display in Doctors car park  
 Reduce speed through villages to 20mph  
 Traffic Hazard at Bowbridge Lane/ Pinfold Lane/ Nottingham Road junction  
 Car parking needed near Methodist Church.  
 Primary school contractors protected the grass verge by the school and left it in good condition, parents have parked on it and left it rutted could a lay- by and kerbs be laid here.  
 Any new homes result in greater parking need.

Dropped kerbs to be single width only even if serving a double garage allowing more cars to park for short periods

Investigate opportunities to provide parking on outskirts with land owners cooperation

130 cars noted on Barkestone Lane taking children to school

Blue Badge /Residents parking only

Parking in Queen St. is a nightmare. It should be allowed only on one side of the street. Many of those parking there live within walking distance.

Limiting car parking on High St. to one side only would help – easier for the buses to get through and safer for people crossing the road – or a zebra crossing near the PO would be a boon to people with children crossing – and to the elderly.

Without creating a one-way system this seems impractical, High St and Queen St already reduced to single track by roadside parking.

... stopping vehicles parking half on the footpath might be considered and enforced.

Difficult parking should encourage people to walk to the shops if able.

Slots for the disabled.

Queen St and High St are residential roads – driveways / entrances should be properly protected.

Roadside parking helps to slow down the flow of traffic through the village.

Pedestrian crossings would limit kerb space for parking

Consider residents parking needs on Queen St /High St

Parked cars inhibit views

Problem is selfish lazy people not the provision

One way system for Albert/Queen Streets

Enforcement of no parking on yellow lines

Parking one side of High St only should be considered

Walford Close Play area was originally part of the car park move the play area closer to the Baptist church and reclaim the play area for car parking

Village streets are too narrow and pedestrians are being displaced by cars parking on pavements. Solutions include exclusion of cars from some areas.

Parking by Spar already congested and possibly dangerous

Too many cars for shopping, dropping children off etc nowhere to park we are all guilty.

How?

In a perfect world a large car park near the centre would be ideal.

One way system down Queen St and back up Albert St –which would allow better development of junction opposite Barkestone Lane.

More policing of parking on Barkestone Lane, frequently on double yellow lines or near junctions , exiting Barkestone Lane by car or on foot, hazardous.

Parking should be banned from dangerous spots

People who live close to the shops should be encouraged to walk

**Issue 3. Car Parking at the Railway station.**

Some people in Station Road and Beckingthorpe Drive are unhappy with cars being parked on verges and along the streets.

**Statement:** The Neighbourhood Plan should recommend the extension and improvement of the car park in front of the station.

**Do you agree nor disagree with this statement?** (please tick one)

Strongly Agree	Mildly Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Mildly Disagree	Strongly Disagree
247	83	15	5	4



**Please use this space to give us any further thoughts about this issue....**

Mark out parking spaces on the road by the Station  
 Grassed area within the station forecourt is a wasted space, put down hard surface and mark car park spaces  
 Mostly used by out of village users, how do we control it.  
 Parking charges at the station.  
 Station too far away for a lot of villagers  
 Better bus service to Bingham might reduce parking at the Station  
 Station waiting room repaired and maintained and respected by users  
 Areas outside station and to level crossing present a poor first impression to those arriving on the train  
 Bus stop is muddy and rutted, foot path required  
 I would strongly agree if there were more trains (mildly agrees)  
 Slight extension and improvement perhaps but, again many, perhaps most of those parking will live within walking distance.  
 Important if the train service improves.  
 Could land be purchased to the n. side of the railway for parking? This would eliminate traffic from Normanton coming into to the village to inadequate parking.  
 The grass in front of the station floods in winter.  
 Grass areas should be surfaced and parking extended. A parking charge levied?  
 It's a feature of a rural station  
 Preserve rural character  
 Where could it be extended without ruining verges  
 Needs careful planning  
 As car parking is currently free perhaps a small charge would encourage a new car park  
 Replace grassed area in front of station with hard standing.  
 Loss of green area on Station Road and who would fund it?

**Issue 4. The Civic Amenities Site (The Tip).**

Residents have expressed concerns that reduced hours and charges for non-residents have reduced the service and increased fly-tipping.

**Statement:** As soon as possible we should return to regular hours and complete services.

**Do you agree nor disagree with this statement?** (please tick one)

<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Mildly Agree</b>	<b>Neither Agree nor Disagree</b>	<b>Mildly Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>
<b>251</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>

**Please use this space to give us any further thoughts about this issue....**

You have to take paint pots to Leicester, ridiculous  
 Recycling should be free to all businesses  
 Leave opening times as they are rather than risk losing the facility  
 Winter times are OK  
 Return to full opening times  
 Authorities should work together and encourage use of closest recycling centre.  
 Witnessed increase in fly tipping e.g. old Muston Lane  
 Largest village in Leicestershire but amenities have been reduced  
 "Has there been an increase in fly-tipping? Do many people find the site closed and choose to fly tip rather than return at a later date?"  
 Happy with 5 days a week as this may save the tip from closure.  
 Problem at Bottesford site is caused by the Langar site closing.  
 Stop non-residents using the tip. Permits for local residents.

Cross-border agreements with neighbouring authorities.  
 MBC is committed to a policy of economic growth. MBC must accept that growth produces waste and provide for it.  
 Cross border agreements  
 Charging non-residents probably not viable  
 Change closed days to Tues/Wed/Thurs  
 Present arrangement keeps Council Tax lower.  
 This is an essential service, removal of the service will lead to public health crisis, social deprivation and environmental problem. Why pay council tax? Winter and summer times seem to work well, no further reduction in times though.  
 If the tip is closed people will fly tip, no disposal route for half empty paint tins.  
 This is due to cuts in funding  
 All about cost, consider charges for use  
 Not a statement  
 Lucky to have this facility if we try to increase hours it may close

**Issue 5. The Old School of Bottesford & The Library.**

The next few years will be crucial to the success of the Community Library. Now is the opportunity to review the whole of the Old School with a view to creating a new central village hub with combined modern services: library, meeting rooms, etc.

**Statement:** The Neighbourhood Plan should encourage the development of a new vision for the use of these buildings to maximise the usefulness of the space for the residents of the Parish.

**Do you agree nor disagree with this statement?** (please tick one)

Strongly Agree	Mildly Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Mildly Disagree	Strongly Disagree
253	73	23	1	4

**Please use this space to give us any further thoughts about this issue....**

Be certain of the need before investing further funds  
 There are 5 providers of meeting space within Bottesford  
 Combine with Belvoir High School  
 Utilise V C Hall more  
 What is a hub? We have the VC Hall  
 Keep area to rear of the library enclosed  
 VC Hall has better facilities need to be realistic as to what OS/L can provide  
 Firstly a Library  
 Not to be in competition with existing food establishments  
 Lots of money spent on Old School / Parish Office should we spend more  
 Commence Film nights  
 St Mary's should be village centre, it is warm and has space for people to meet.  
 Improvements paid for by fundraising  
 Don't change at cost to character of building  
 Care needed as parking availability is already marginal.  
 Building is already being used in this way.  
 Library should be helped to develop the play area behind the library.  
 Promote the use of the Village Hall as well.  
 Increased population will bring increased demand – essential that financial burden is not placed on the local volunteers.  
 LCC are reducing services yet more houses equals more revenue  
 Financial burden of running services should not be on local volunteers  
 Use for monthly meetings between residents and BPC /MBC  
 Do not turn into apartments

The business centre proposal is not acceptable. The devil will be in the detail of what is proposed.

Should this close we would lose a traditional part of Bottesford

No off street parking which made it ideal as a youth club.

A central village hub on this busy junction doesn't seem sensible.

#### **Issue 6. The Skate Park.**

Since its opening some 15 years ago the Skate Park has been a valuable asset, particularly to the younger members of the Parish. The Skate Park is currently in need of significant help and support.

**Statement:** The Neighbourhood Plan should encourage the on-going provision of the Skate Park as an important local amenity.

**Do you agree nor disagree with this statement?** (please tick one)

<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Mildly Agree</b>	<b>Neither Agree nor Disagree</b>	<b>Mildly Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>
<b>223</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>

**Please use this space to give us any further thoughts about this issue....**

Many users are from outside the village

Involve users in fund raising. Should be self funding like most sports clubs

Users to put rubbish into bins or take it home

With investment Skate Park could be used for local and perhaps National competitions bringing investment from outside the village

Proper car parking here would be useful

Looks a mess

More activities needed for young people

Litter from the Skate Park is thrown down the river bank despite the provision of litter bins...

Users from outside of the village? Is it really a valuable asset for the younger members of the Parish?

A shame that the new football facility and the skate park are so far apart.

Any development of more than one house should contribute to the skate park.

High maintenance cost.

Difficulty in finding new parents to replace those withdrawing as their children grow up.

Suspected anti social behaviour and drug use.

It brings trade to local shops improving their viability

What about a swimming pool

Providing upkeep is not put on Council Tax.

Keeps them out of mischief and boredom but I was never like them.

Sign on the main road says no dogs but field is used for dogs as sign only means toddlers area? I can't let my children play there. Please clarify (343)

Facility is well used and should be maintained unless funded by users it will be a drain on the precept.

#### **Issue 7. Sports Clubs and Land Use.**

The Neighbourhood Plan recognises the value that Sports Clubs bring to the spirit, character and health of the Parish. The Plan recognises also that land can be highly sought after for building. The Football Pitch at the Village Hall and the Cricket Club and Bowls Club are Protected Areas and cannot be built upon.

**Statement:** The Neighbourhood Plan should recognise the inherent value of the sports clubs and should continue to protect this land from development. The Plan should only favour development options that do not further adversely affect the unique settings of these clubs and grounds.

**Do you agree nor disagree with this statement?** (please tick one)

Strongly Agree	Mildly Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Mildly Disagree	Strongly Disagree
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318	23	6	3	2
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**Please use this space to give us any further thoughts about this issue....**

Better use of Belvoir High School fields

If land is leased, can it be protected in the future?

Gives a great community feel and a place for young people.

The Football pitch should be developed for downsize housing and parking.

New development adjacent Cricket Club will cause flooding issues to the cricket area.

No development on these lands

The new football ground gives opportunities to locate new housing in this area west of the village rather than infilling valuable space within the old village.

Development options to help to encourage new sports provision in the parish

All occupy special and highly protected positions

Opportunity missed on new football club premises on outskirts with no pedestrian access.

Protect as public open spaces and that next to the VC Hall as informal recreational space.

#### **Issue 8. St. Mary's Church.**

St Mary's Church is spontaneously referred to by residents as the most important building in the Parish and is one of the centres of village life.

**Statement:** Future planning and development must not reduce the significance of this building.

**Do you agree nor disagree with this statement?** (please tick one)

Strongly Agree	Mildly Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Mildly Disagree	Strongly Disagree
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304	26	18	1	2
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**Please use this space to give us any further thoughts about this issue....**

Keep the pews

Adequate parking needed in St Mary's, lots of members are infirm.

The church is a key part of our village.

Frankly, from the number of people who use it, the Co-op is probably the most important building in the Parish, but I agree that future planning must not impinge upon the Church.

Reduce use of Duck crossing by HGVs

How many people use the Church, crib service and duck racing are well supported

Leave well alone.

Unique!

What could reduce its significance, one of the most important churches in the County and the spire is visible for miles.

**Issue 9. Renewable Energy**

Over the past few years the community has been under increasing pressure to consider plans for new forms of energy production.

**Statement:** The Neighbourhood Plan should resist the construction of Fracking plants in the Parish and surrounding areas.

**Do you agree or disagree with this statement?** (please tick one)

Strongly Agree	Mildly Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Mildly Disagree	Strongly Disagree
228	31	41	39	14

**Statement:** The Neighbourhood Plan should resist the construction of large Wind Turbines in the Parish and surrounding areas.

**Do you agree or disagree with this statement?** (please tick one)

Strongly Agree	Mildly Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Mildly Disagree	Strongly Disagree
241	35	22	31	25

**Statement:** The Neighbourhood Plan should resist the construction of Solar Farms in the Parish and surrounding areas.

**Do you agree or disagree with this statement?** (please tick one)

Strongly Agree	Mildly Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Mildly Disagree	Strongly Disagree
118	60	58	66	49

**Please use this space to give us any further thoughts about this issue....**

Fracking will happen in this area within the next 10 years  
 Put Solar farms between Bottesford and Normanton  
 Normanton airfield ideal for wind turbines  
 Future generations will not want to rely on Fossil fuels  
 Solar cells can go on roofs, why cover agricultural land  
 Build houses with Solar cells installed  
 Solar cells in fields so designed to permit continued use as pasture  
 Solar farms on low impact land can be unobtrusive  
 Fracking needs investigation before condemning.  
 More accurate information needed about Fracking  
 Cites village surrounded by Solar Farms where there is now litigation.  
 All attempts should be made to produce low cost energy  
 Encourage Solar cells fitted on every ones roof.  
 Rather have solar farms next to my home than houses.  
 Preferable to sitting in the dark/cold in winter  
 We need energy security, solar has little impact  
 No more Wind Turbines, proven inefficient  
 Preference for Solar installations  
 Renewable energy needs to be a priority  
 Any of these as long as they are not close to villages.  
 In favour of renewable energy "but not in scenic areas."  
 Use industrial buildings for solar panels.

Solar – ‘unobtrusive and quiet’ beneficial if residents were able to use some of the energy.

Parish Council should make it mandatory for new homes to include solar energy provided by the builders ( in a written contract).

This small parish cannot accommodate such intrusive features.

Solar – depending on siting and quality of agricultural land lost.

Langar is developing a community Solar installation

Not even single wind turbines

Solar installations relatively unobtrusive but potential electricity produced should not be out of balance with the cost of imported food due to land being lost to agriculture

Solar farms hidden by hedges

Fracking sites could be located on Barketstone Lane or the airfield providing fracking was found to be environmentally acceptable.

Solar farms the least intrusive if we have to accept one of these.

We can't resist every form of renewable energy, solar farms are least intrusive.

Encourage residents to put panels on their roof although Government has taken away the incentives for this.

No to fracking, small scale solar farms on village outskirts OK , Turbines OK as long as they are well out of the village

Would rather have turbines and solar panels than a polluting power station

Future is with renewable energy so within reason these forms of energy will need to be used

Negative statements what will be used for energy in 30 years -Thermal Ground heat, charging facilities for electric vehicles in village and on by pass?

Solar panels to be compulsory on all new build, residential and commercial considered in the same way as water, gas sewerage etc and provided as infrastructure. If this was proposed by every Parish, Borough and County preparing plans it might gain support and help the looming energy crisis

#### **And finally, SECTION FIVE.....**

**Do you have any further matters that you would like the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to consider in the writing of the Plan for the Parish of Bottesford? Please outline below?**

Learn from mistakes

Fleming Ave- log burning stoves causing smoke nuisance

Speeding in Nottingham Rd needs controlling

Station Road 30mph signage

More focus should be given to commercial character

Increased traffic and too close to A52 –Air pollution

Improve Belvoir Rd bridge over Winterbeck

Will plan be ripped up in 5 years and new demands made

Bus shelters?

A52 bypass 50mph speed restriction and cameras.

First priority bus service to Bingham

Reflections on the replies in general:

Many negative responses to the Belvoir Rd development

Great concern about parking problems and congested traffic at school times.

Suggests that Bottesford has too small a centre to cope with significant expansion?

Flooding is seen as a significant issue.

Little concern with environmental issues / sustainability.

Interesting /challenging comments on the Village Hall field.

Informed comments about architecture and design.

Parts of Station Rd becoming increasingly dangerous (speeding, poor lighting, blind corners). Many schoolchildren use this route.

The survey concentrates too much on future building sites and not enough on improvements – car parking, road layouts and supporting amenities.  
Protect views of existing residents.  
Smaller developments preferred to large.  
Airfield site would require its own infrastructure to create a viable residential area.  
Plans would have to be co-ordinated with adjacent authority.  
Site map annotated – airfield, out of reach for Normanton. N of railway line site – beyond the railway which divides Normanton from Bottesford.  
Dog Fouling, what can be done about it?  
Reference to BAGS work on flooding  
A52 is not fit to live by with its concrete surface  
Speeds on Barkestone Lane up to the school are unacceptable  
Local amenities must be improved before any extra housing is considered  
Bottesford has become a planning mess but there is much of the old village open space and character that must be retained. If we must have new houses why protect Muston, Easthorpe and Normanton. Build at Normanton and on Nottingham Road by the football grounds.  
Making sure developers listen and respond to local concerns will be a big challenge.  
Many `statements are not statements and must be clearly understood without reference to other information.  
Little mention of protection or enhancing natural environment or importance of planting to soften developments  
Muston needs improved transport to Bottesford, Bingham and Grantham, improved internet connection. Feel that Muston is forgotten in Bottesford's grand designs  
Most of the statements are about now and not considering future requirements  
Ageing population, provision of care facilities, identify sites for adaption, warden controlled new build within a larger development.  
Bottesford is well supplied by clubs and associations providing buildings which can be hired with most having good parking provision. These premises are provide by club members with little if any help from the precept