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Household questionnaire survey October 2014

Comment listings

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For Sutton St. Nicholas Neighbourhood Plan Project Group

Introduction

This document lists all the comments made by respondents to the Sutton St Nicholas household questionnaire, undertaken to inform work on the Neighbourhood Plan in October 2014.

The questionnaire included a number of questions inviting free-write comments on aspects of development and the environment. These have been analysed and are summarised in the Results Report, and are set out individually here question by question. Comments are repeated verbatim.

Completed questionnaires have been numbered to aid analysis, and these numbers are given here. Questionnaires remain anonymous.

Several questions invited respondents to use a supplied plan to mark areas considered suitable for protection or meriting protection. Where such information was supplied this is indicated with a ✓ in the relevant table column.

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Q2: Do you have any other comments on the village boundary? Please tell us below.

Ref	Comment	Map used?
1	The present infrastructure will not support new development.	
5	You cannot concentrate on the part, you must plan for the whole.	
10	Keep the boundary as it is now.	
12	Very carefully considered extensions; subject to villagers approval?? Say – add 100m to the existing boundary all around the village??	
18	None.	
26	There are parts of the village on the edge of the boundary that could allow for development which would maintain the village ‘feel’. Areas of the boundary are unsuitable for extension due to future flooding concerns.	
28	Any building S or SE will be liable to flooding as all water seems to drain in that direction – towards the river. Building if necessary and if possible might be wiser north of the village.	
32	Happy for future development.	
34	No.	
43	Development should be, first of all, within the village boundary on currently underused land before extending the village boundary for new housing. Consideration of woodland and hedgerow wildlife should take precedence over new developments.	
44	We would prefer to keep the existing village boundary as it is but to accommodate the new houses that we have to provide this isn’t possible. We suggest the boundary extensions should be west of the village where there has been very little development so far and what there is almost ribbon development.	
46	The village boundary would need to be extended as there is little space within the present boundary suitable for building. What few spaces there are should be retained as open spaces, thus retaining the village ambience.	
54	There is little road access within the boundary so it has to move.	
64	If there is to be an 18% increase in homes in the village it seems an impossible feat if the homes are built within the current boundary.	
66	The village boundary and any extension thereof needs very careful consideration. Minor roads in the village are not suitable for the additional traffic development would bring.	
68	Every time a bit more of the village, inside the boundary, is covered in concrete the drainage problems are increased.	
74	This issue needs discussion – new developments will happen and some open spaces are needed within current boundary eg to allow drainage.	
75	It would seem that almost any development must expand outside the existing boundary.	
79	We strongly feel there are enough houses inside the village boundary without extending it. To build outside the boundary would spoil our lovely village.	
95	Land for development: I would suggest that any development should be at the southern approach to the village, on the assumption that most car journeys to and from Sutton involve going on the road to Hereford. This would prevent there being significant extra traffic in the village at the busiest times.	
96	More new houses = more traffic on roads. Already too small, village is fine the way it is.	
107	Building has already been agreed outside the boundary on the Bodenham road – marked A on the map. The area opposite marked B would there also be acceptable to include in the village boundary. Another small area on the Marden Road marked C would also appear a possibility. Other boundaries to remain.	✓

Ref	Comment	Map used?
113	Ideally new development should be within the existing boundary. However permission has already been given to build houses outside the boundary on land marked C on the plan. Therefore the land opposite this new development marked B on the plan would only result in the boundary being aligned with the development already approved.	✓
114	If it grows beyond the boundaries it will cease to be a village. We could so easily be joined up with Hereford.	
115	Slightly extended boundary with allocated area for minimum development possible.	
117	Very small extensions to include pockets of land on the edge of village.	
122	Include the area N of the school where development has been approved	
123	There is clearly disregard for the boundary at present, and since there are limited areas where development could take place, extensions should be considered.	
124	If revised then careful consideration should be given to maintaining the 'open' village feel and extending/developing houses behind the main road.	
131	Consideration to incorporate a traditional village green/recreation park would bring the villagers to a focal point improving on the community feel.	
135	Aim to avoid ribbon development by encouraging extensions to the village in discreet blocks of land adjacent to the main village locations.	
149	We find it really frustrating that even though there is a village boundary currently in place several planning applications have already been approved outside of this, despite numerous objections from local residents and the parish, eg dwelling behind Talbots Far. Does the village boundary serve a purpose in light of current planning decisions?	
152	Totally unsure what the village boundary is.	
167	The land between Churchway and Ridgeway should be developed.	
184	There is little room for extra properties unless the boundary is extended, perhaps NE beyond the school.	
201	Extended to north east keeping school and village hall in a central position. No flooding risk.	✓
206	It appears that some new development is already taking place outside the village boundary so it would make sense to plan the future limits of the village rather than to allow ad-hoc development. I believe that to try and limit future developments within the boundary would be a great shame, destroying precious green space within the village and destroying its character.	
208	Better to expand 'out', than to have too many new houses in the boundary, 'on top of each other'. This is meant to be a village! It is already quite congested in parts and we need to keep our green areas green.	
210	Imagined all houses down the Rhea would be included and up as far as Attmarsh Cottage. It would be nice to see what was farmland, as there are spo many, and what is green belt – on map.	
215	The village has already increased further than we would like, and were told it would when we moved here. If the boundary were increased and there were further development it would be to the detriment of the village.	
216	Our understanding is that the concept of settlement boundaries is to be removed with the introduction of the new planning regulations?	
217	The boundary in a few instances bisects some residents gardens. Therefore it is almost imperative [that] the village boundary is adjusted now to give space for housing (new) and offices etc.	
219	It should include positive identification of our churches.	

Q7: Are there any locations you think are suitable for new homes? If so, why?

Questionnaire Ref	Comment	Map used?
5	Consider all possible sites but mindful of flood areas.	
12	At suitable locations within a 100m outward extension of the current village boundary.	
18	None.	
20	No.	
24	See plan.	✓
25	See plan.	✓
26	See plan. Would infill the land between existing boundary and isolated houses close to boundary.	✓
28	On plan.	✓
34	Don't have sufficient info on land sites suitable for development.	
40	Around school area.	
43	Marked on map.	✓
44	As shown on plan.	✓
46	Area to the N and E of the school – that it outside the current village boundary. Could be considered if boundary is extended.	✓
53	Marked on map. Possibly unsuitable if farmer doesn't want to sell the land.	✓
54	Already marked, all areas above flood plain.	✓
61	On Bodenham Road between village and Burmarsh.	
62	We do not have the amenities for more dwellings.	
64	As close to Hereford as possible to minimise the traffic through the village. I imagine the majority of people would be travelling to town to work.	
65	No.	
66	Any development must take into consideration the impact on the existing village infrastructure.	
71	Yes see plan.	✓
73	Zones marked 1-5 give the village natural shape.	✓
80	Areas adjoining the main road to allow for good access and egress.	✓
84	New to village, hard to identify.	
85	No.	
95	Marked in pink on the plan. Building on the southern approach to the village would expand the village without greatly increasing traffic at the cross roads and on other village roads. (Assuming that most traffic to and from Sutton is via the road to Hereford).	✓
96	On plan.	✓
98	Will not make a difference it will be the same story village for the few.	
100	Room for development without intrusion of existing dwellings.	✓
101	North of the village. Reason – away from the flooding area from the River Lugg.	
107	Already done –see Q2. B because it is opposite newly agreed site and 'balances' the village at that point. C because it would be suitable for individual dwellings and again would 'balance' the village – plus it might slow down some of the traffic.	✓
113	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Infilling within the existing boundary for example as marked "A" and coloured yellow on plan. 2. Development has already been approved for a number of houses on land marked "C" on the plan (outside the existing boundary) therefore the main 	✓

Questionnaire Ref	Comment	Map used?
	utility services will be made available for this development it would be prudent to extend these services to the site opposite marked "B" and coloured yellow for further residential use. At the same time extending and tidying up the village boundary across the edge of the two developments.	
115	Two locations marked on the plan.	✓
117	All hatched areas and single infill plots.	✓
123	Marked on plan.	✓
131	Land adjoining the Ridgeway – behind Upper House Farm and Rosevilla Farm. Land adjoining the school.	
135	Marked on plan with cross hatch. Close to existing village boundary avoiding ribbon development.	✓
137	Any free area on the St Michael side of the village.	
140	No.	
143	Marked with x on plan. Infill areas.	✓
145	Any development should be concentrated in N of village to minimise further flooding concerns (between Bodenham/Marden Roads).	
148	Area to E of Court Farm. If outside boundary – up beyond school or opposite entrance to Millway.	✓
149	See plan.	✓
152	Wherever new builds are considered flooding of the Rhea and Ridgeway Road by the church needs to be considered. Developers will <u>NOT</u> care. The PCC must stop denying the issue.	
159	No.	
167	Churchway/Ridgeway.	
175	Infill in space near Upper Court. If development is to be 'in keeping' with local requirements, small local opportunities should be offered to residents first.	✓
181	Please see plan.	✓
184	Beyond the school.	
187	There is plenty of land in the village.	
192	See plan marked in green.	✓
195	No.	
201	As per Q2.	
205	No.	
206	See map.	✓
207	Please see plan.	✓
208	No suggestions. Most roads too narrow to accommodate even more traffic! Possibly <u>outside</u> the boundary further along Ridgeway road.	
210	The field N of the "Lannings" – adj to 'main' road off where new build 10.	✓
216	Land behind the houses on Ridgewar Road 9 (from Churchway to Woodbine Cottage).	✓
218	We are new to the area so haven't got used to our surroundings.	

Q8: Are there any locations where houses should not be built? If so, why?

Questionnaire Ref	Comment	Map used?
1	Not on agricultural land or flood plains.	
5	Flood areas.	
6	Flood plain.	
12	No – provided they are within the current or extended village boundary.	
14	Not on land prone to flooding.	
18	Flood risk areas and outside of village boundary once expanded.	
19	Outside village envelope as it currently exists.	
20	Yes. I have marked where not to build.	✓
21	South, it floods.	
26	Land directly behind primary school – expansion onto land this size would not be appropriate in terms of the village “feel”.	
27	Anywhere that floods!!!	
28	On plan. Liable to flood, poor access.	✓
29	Behind my property. I bought a house on the edge of the village with an unspoilt country view. I do not want that view replaced by a housing estate. Marked on map.	✓
32	Flat lands.	
33	It is not appropriate to diminish the character of Sutton by building in existing gardens.	
35	South of the village boundary on the flood plain.	
36	Not too close to Hereford, so there is a clear divide between the city and the village.	
42	Not down the Rhea due to regular flooding.	
43	Field N of school. Existing wildlife living in hedgerows- buzzards, owls and green woodpeckers. Poor drainage.	✓
44	Anywhere outside proposed boundary.	
46	All green spaces currently within the village. On map x this space is a flood plain and is often underwater and floods the Ridgeway; building on it would worsen the problem.	✓
49	In the flooded areas – unless extensive flood preparation methods are taken.	
52	Playgrounds and other open spaces used by the village for recreational purposes.	
53	In pockets away from the existing village boundary. The green area near Millway and Willow Rise.	
54	Towards Wergins Bridge, flooding.	
55	Outside village boundary.	
60	Outside the village boundary.	
61	Not on flood areas near Wergins Bridge.	
64	Off Churchway – it would have the biggest impact (negative) on all the surrounding houses (from Churchway and Ridgeway Road). Also the Churchway lane is too narrow for traffic and the junction opposite the church is a blind corner anyway (at present) so unsuitable for increase in traffic. The only views facing houses on Churchway and Ridgeway are open fields. House prices would be considerably lowered by a development on Mr. Williams’ land.	✓
65	Yes Ridgeway Road there has been enough development over the years.	

Questionnaire Ref	Comment	Map used?
66	Ridgeway Road. Existing road is not suitable for any increase in traffic and would not stand further housing development.	
68	No houses should be built without MAJOR consideration of drainage.	
70	X as shown on plan. Because the Rhea cannot support any more vehicle traffic and it regularly floods in winter/spring.	✓
71	Farmland that is being used as pasture land otherwise there will be no farming life for future generations to enjoy.	
74	Areas which have been identified as providing important drainage opportunities for current dwellings thus avoiding potential floods.	
77	Not within Upper House Farm fields, due to access.	
79	As marked on map.	✓
83	Farming land – houses would change the nature of the village if too dominant.	
84	Areas that flood, areas with inadequate drainage.	
91	Concerns about an increased flooding risk if homes are built on field opposite The Craft.	✓
94	Flood plains.	
95	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The farmland visible when walking to the NE away from the church along Churchway. This is a near traffic free route with stunning views that can safely be walked or cycled at any time in any weather. Many residents enjoy this. Development and more traffic would be unwelcome. 2. The old orchard to the N of St Nicholas Church (the smaller of the green areas on the plan). Houses on this land would take away the very rural feeling when travelling to Ridgeway Road from the crossroads. The village would feel much more built-up. 	✓
96	Green belt lands.	
100	Any open spaces which, if built on, would be invasive to existing homes.	
101	South of the village. Reason – flooding area from the River Lugg.	
102	Flood plain.	
107	Areas D and E one is an orchard, the other a field that used to have some apples. It is these spaces that give the village its character. Take them away and we just have an isolated suburb. Towns have to have green spaces, so do villages – and we haven't got a village green! Area F is outside the boundary and should not be built on. Many villagers use Churchway as a quiet exercise route which becomes rural immediately after St. Nicholas Church. This is why people like Sutton.	✓
112	Outside the village boundary.	
113	Outside the existing boundary. However if land is required see reply above [to Q7].	
115	Any old orchards should be retained. Lugg flood plain. Around St. Michael's church.	
117	Not on orchards.	
122	The orchard on the Marden Road opposite the White House and Holly Bank is important to the character of the village.	✓
123	Play area.	✓
124	The old orchard opposite Green Bank. My understanding is that this has been designated an area of outstanding natural beauty (in 2007 under policy LA1).	
125	Anywhere prone to flooding eg flood plain of River Lugg. Areas of	✓

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	archaeological significance eg fields around St Michaels Church.	
127	I don't think that new houses should be built ANYWHERE in the village until the village drainage problems, causing regular flooding are first addressed.	
128	Not on agricultural land.	
131	All land which is affected by the River Lugg due to a) flooding b) wildlife etc c) The Rhea is a quiet haven for dog walkers etc providing a safe environment.	
134	Any land with access from The Rhea. The lane is already a danger with no scope for more traffic.	
135	Flood/low lying areas subject to flooding or flood plain.	
136	On farmland outside the existing village boundary.	
137	No more building on St Nicholas (east) side of village until housing estates are balanced east to west.	
139	Would not like to see new houses behind Pantalls Farm or Talbots down the lane called The Rhea. This area is great for walking with family as dead end lane not much traffic. Lots of footpaths areas of open space.	✓
140	Outside current boundary.	
142	No houses outside the existing boundary.	
143	Outside village boundary. Shaded areas.	✓
145	We have marked on plan, land adjoining Ridgeway Road and Churchway. Concerns are: impact on traffic, flooding (where will the water go?).	✓
147	Any land west of Pantalls Farm.	✓
148	Anywhere between existing village boundary and the Lugg. Due to flood risk.	
149	Land adjacent to the Rhea.	
150	Farm land – should keep what green open spaces we have before Hereford expands and takes over the village.	
151	Areas marked with * extra traffic as a result of more housing will add to highway safety problems and drainage in addition to losing rural green areas of countryside.	
153	Agricultural land. The vehicular infrastructure does not allow for the amount of traffic as it stands never mind if the village expanded.	
161	Anywhere subject to flooding.	
177	Along the Wergins because of flooding.	
179	No building on the children's recreation ground. Important local amenity.	
181	No.	
184	To the south (flood plain)	
196	On high ground with drainage down to lower ground areas causing more flooding to the village.	
205	On green belt and river plains.	
206	Within village boundary to preserve character, environment and green space (eg orchards) within village.	
207	No new buildings outside the revised village boundary.	
208	<u>Not</u> Churchway, or within boundary of Ridgeway Road.	
210	Around school. Good for children to play with open land around.	
212	Marked on plan.	✓
217	The Rhea due to possible flooding.	
221	The old orchard near/opposite Green bank coloured green Farmyards in the centre of the village.	✓

Q9: Do you have any other comments on housing?

Questionnaire Ref	Comment
1	Do we really <u>need</u> new housing!
4	Housing can only be assessed when any future economic planned development has been decided.
12	We need a <u>very small</u> light industrial estate to provide employment. We need space for a weekly doctor's surgery (school?).
16	Greatest need is for starter homes which will enable more young people to live in the village.
19	Existing roads are already un-maintained and busy. No scope for updating roads. Sewers would need extensive modification.
20	I think it would be very unfair to build on ground which would spoil people's views from their houses. Especially if that is why they bought the house in the first place. I think the village is big enough as it is. The school also wouldn't be big enough for more children either, if more families moved into the village.
23	I am sure there are suitable locations both within and on the periphery of the boundary suitable for housing developments.
24	Appropriate scale. Designed well to respect village character and use of vernacular materials.
26	Looking at villages nearby eg Wellington, they have had developments of 8+ large executive homes (large 4/5 bedroom houses). This type of development is fine, but has to have a mix of three bedroom (good size) family homes to allow families to stay in the village too. Often two bed properties are too small.
27	Along with new housing, will there also be provision made for the vehicles...ie road and pavement improvement and control of speed (not monitoring, CONTROL!!!).
28	Keep new housing in keeping with existing types ie do not put up 15 starter homes running at the boundary of 1 or 2 bungalows.
29	I think the village is large enough. People buy property in a small village and don't expect it to become a sprawling mass of housing estates.
34	If more houses to be built should incorporate more services ie shop, bus service or traffic to Hereford will increase.
43	We would like to retain the character of the village as a safe, quiet and family-orientated rural community. We do not want sprawling developments beyond the boundary.
49	Street lights would be nice.
57	This is a village and shouldn't lose that feel. I would hate it to become just part of Hereford.
60	Sutton is big enough as it stands now, without development outside the boundary.
64	It is upsetting that so many new houses need to be built. It is not going to resolve the housing problem. The current prices are the problem. The Hereford Times is full every week of houses but all are unaffordable to most people. If "affordable" housing is to be built who's going to stop people buying them up to rent out? No one, I expect. If houses are going to be built, it must be done in a way that it has least impact on villagers currently here ie taking views/traffic/noise into consideration.
66	Sutton St Nicholas should not become an extension of Hereford. Small, infill projects are suitable. Large, densely populated estates will impact on services, infrastructure and the environment.
75	Supported/sheltered homes need more facilities (shop) and transport.
79	We moved from Hereford to live in a rural village. If houses are built we will end up living in a built-up area and be forced out of the village. Please stop the building of any

Questionnaire Ref	Comment
	developments.
84	Housing development should be based on local need/priority and developed accordingly. Facilities, services/amenities are required to support community.
89	Starter homes needed for young couples/families to get on property ladder at village.
90	Starter homes for young families.
94	Would be against very large development – appeal of village altered.
96	Once you start, permission will be given loads will go up and spoil the village.
102	Should be appropriate for the area. Not of an outlandish design.
112	There is enough housing in SSN for the infrastructure of the village. This is a country village not a suburb of Hereford.
113	Consideration to be given to the villages younger generation who find it difficult to leave their parents home and continue to live in the locality through the lack of affordable homes. Therefore flats and starter homes both to rent and buy would go to addressing this problem.
115	Modest developments, small clusters of houses, unobtrusive, “in keeping”, also prefer organic natural growth not a forced development.
124	The building should be in keeping with other houses in the village.
126	Flats should be in scale with their surroundings with a pitched roof – not flat topped [undecipherable]. Cottage scale industrial sites might be preferable. Cottage industries may not make comfortable neighbours – noise, traffic, etc. Also would houses with workshops be available to purchasers not interested in a workshop.
127	I don't agree with the need for new housing. For Herefordshire Council to suggest a need for 18% increase in housing, is, in my view, absurd. It'll decrease quality of life and ruin the feel and look of the village.
130	Disappointed that planning permission was granted to build a house outside the village boundary, next to The Talbot's. Is this likely to occur again in the future? If so, there is little or no point in having a village plan or planning envelope.
131	All houses should be in keeping with the existing properties and buildings to complement the village. It is important that any development is not crammed with small properties that people are living on top of each other as this will spoil the village environment.
137	As a confessed NIMBY, why build more in this village.
143	Should be energy efficient and fit with surrounds. Have good garden.
144	Smaller industrial development preferred spread equally around the whole village preferred.
145	Sutton is already a dormitory of Hereford. Further significant housing development will diminish its character as a village.
148	If you have to build several properties please put them with good access to the main artery roads (avoiding narrow lanes) with good access to services. Also try to avoid impacting on existing properties so look at edges of village.
153	We have seen recently how bad flooding can be in this village. If we expand the village and tarmac vast swathes of land, it will be forcing the water away from its natural drainage locations ie the field. This would be detrimental to the existing houses.
159	We do not need any.
184	An expansion may encourage a shop/post office.
187	Rented housing would provide housing for young people, who have left the village, and would like to return.
203	Many of us live in houses built on land which was, in living memory, farmland so we cannot be too restrictive. Houses will be built and there will be a great deal of infill

Questionnaire Ref	Comment
	building if land is not released and this <u>can be</u> even less attractive. However, the Withington side of the village already has a suburban appearance and can ill-afford any more large developments.
205	Don't block out what you can see around you?
212	Safe access and egress should be of paramount importance when considering planning permission.
216	We do not accept the need for the percentage of houses that Herefordshire Council say the village should have. Over the last 25 years the number of new-builds (including infill) has always exceeded the numbers required.
217	<u>Do not</u> build on the floodplain.
219	Our excellent school attracts young families to our village and new, appropriate housing should be made available for them to ensure the village's survival.
221	All will need careful water management to avoid exasperating existing flooding problems. New developments "tucked away" like recent developments will be best (eg Fieldway and St. Ethelbert's).

Q12: Are there any locations you think suitable for new employment development? If so, why?

Questionnaire Ref	Comment	Map used?
19	Only on existing <u>brown</u> land within village envelope.	
24	No.	
33	Off the Ridgeway road.	✓
34	Churches?? – craft industries, support groups, youth club.	
43	Somewhere we could have a village shop or farm shop – <u>not</u> Tesco Express etc. Maybe the black barn at the crossroads for a good farm shop stocking local produce?	
65	No.	
66	Not particularly.	
67	A good position for a shop in the village would be on land opposite Court Farm. Currently disused barns on site.	
83	No.	
85	Old school site.	
93	No.	
95	We haven't identified any areas for new employment development. An 18% increase in housing is as much development as there can be in Sutton without compromising the character of the village.	
98	No comment.	
107	The redundant buildings marked G which are probably part of Court Farm.	✓
117	Development of vacant land at Court Farm.	
123	Existing under-used farm buildings.	
132	Sites to the south of Sutton would be preferable. This would limit the volume of extra traffic generated by the development passing through Sutton since most of it would, presumably, be destined for Hereford.	
135	Existing farm buildings becoming vacant due to changes in farming practices and retirements of existing farmers need to retain such buildings for use other than barn conversion into homes.	
137	The village is a couple of miles from Hereford and we are a mobile society there is no need for such a development. There is a need for a quality of life.	
140	Keep as a village.	
149	Village needs a shop somewhere. Perhaps with strong links to community ie Wellington shop.	
152	All homes, with increased/improved internet.	
153	No.	
177	Barns (Andrews) on the cross roads. Ideal for small units.	
184	Towards Withington.	
195	No.	
205	No.	
206	None.	
207	No.	
208	Black and white building/barn opposite Court Farm and the Golden Cross, on corner of crossroads.	
215	Not applicable.	
216	This would be a matter for current landowners and their economic requirements.	
218	It would be great to have a shop to go with the village having a pub, church and	

Questionnaire Ref	Comment	Map used?
	village hall.	
221	No.	

Q13: Do you have any other comments on jobs and the local economy?

Questionnaire Ref	Comment
5	We are small, keep it small ie encourage small business.
18	Infrastructure like gas, electric, broadband web access, road etc are more important to encourage individuals to locate business where they find most convenient. Light touch planning to allow business owners easy choices.
21	Shop!
23	Nice to see the village develop which in turn will enhance job opportunities and local economy.
27	Please don't open us up to miles of polytunnels, mobile homes for accommodation and all the HGVs that go with it...however "temporary". Employment opportunities should be permanent, not seasonal.
33	Shops, cafe/restaurant, hairdressing salon, post office, etc provide local employment.
34	Need a shop.
43	We feel very happy to commute to work and return to Sutton St Nicholas to peace and quiet at the end of the day.
49	A local shop and post office would be brilliant – everyone I talk to says this.
57	A village shop co-operative ?
64	Sutton due to its location is an ideal spot if you work in Hereford. I don't think creating jobs here is an issue/concern. A shop/fish and chip shop/ would be nice but people wouldn't probably support it – like they don't the pub.
67	Current businesses must be supported and protected. Has the Parish Council looked into the Golden Cross a community asset?
78	Providing employment sites does not create employment opportunities small businesses need access to finance, ideas and vision from the owner.
79	Hereford is a 10 minute drive why do we need employment in Sutton, it is a small village not a place for growing employment! We both travel to work in cities we want to come home to peace and quiet.
81	As Sutton is in close proximity to Hereford I think it unlikely jobs could be created on any scale – although the opening of a local shop could create some employment.
83	Village retains its attractiveness <u>only</u> if not too commercial.
84	Jobs are required to support a thriving local economy within the parish and county.
95	Home working may become more significant in the future, so houses that facilitate this could be desirable.
98	There are so few jobs in the village so what is the point. We can't even keep the pathways clear of overgrowing hedges that owners don't cut (footpath to Fieldway).
107	Not sure how encouraging businesses to Sutton would be helpful. Most businesses seem to employ people from away rather than the immediate locality. Sutton works as a commuter village because it is not necessary to go through Hereford to get to most other places.
115	Better transport links/buses.
117	Sutton is a residential village.
121	A shop and post office would be of great benefit.

Questionnaire Ref	Comment
123	Limited. Would not want to see development of new employment areas on green sites.
125	Protect the character of the village. Don't turn it into a business park. Preserve farmland.
126	Rural character must be retained. Road traffic likely to increase.
127	I don't think there is a role or need for the plan to encourage employment.
131	Sutton is close enough to existing locations for work (Rotherwas/Hereford/Leominster). The road network is not sufficient for further industry.
132	Although Sutton is an agricultural area some forms of agriculture are undesirable. An obvious example is intensive poultry rearing in the vicinity of residential development.
135	We do need to encourage a wider range of rural businesses in the wider village.
137	The village shop closed through lack of support, there is no call for industry other than farming. Leave well alone.
142	Sutton St Nicholas is a residential village, not a shopping or employment centre in my view.
145	Further employment would reduce dormitory status and reduce traffic into town.
184	I believe we are too close to Hereford to be able to develop local industries other than agriculture.
201	Lanes not suitable for heavy vehicles eg S&A Davies lorries which regularly use Ridgeway road as an "short cut"!
205	Jobs are hard to find in the village for young and the older people in the village what would they do apart from going into Hereford.
212	We would have thought that the opportunities for this type of development are limited given the size of the village.
215	This would only add to reasons for the village to increase in size, which would in the long term, turn it into a town.

Q16: If there are any particular local features, open spaces or views that you think should be protected, please describe below and/or mark on the plan.

Questionnaire Ref	Comment	Map used?
5	Encourage the opening of the canal.	
6	Sutton Walls	
18	Sutton Walls – ancient monument	
20	As marked on the map.	✓
23	Would not want to see unsightly wind turbines which will ruin far reaching views	
24	School playing fields, recreation area	
26	View behind primary school	
28	Protect the magnificent view from Millway over the fields S and SW	
29	The lane to the Rhea, the Quarry and Sutton Walls	
34	View from farm looking across Wyatt Road to Malverns beyond	
37	Keep all existing views on entry to the village from all roads	
43	Hill that rises up to quarry north of village and views to Sutton Walls. Also views from the Rhea across farmland.	
46	All green spaces currently within the village. This space is a flood plain and is often under water and floods the Ridgeway; building on it would worsen the problem.	✓
53	Open space by Millway/Willowrise. View across farmland from lane beyond Pantalls Farm.	
62	Rhea Lanes, Sutton Walls	
65	Yes the Lugg Lanes and the Canal	
67	Ancient woodland/orchards should be protected, as currently no protection is given. And no consultation of neighbours/community has been done.	
68	Views in all directions along the Ridgeway and Churchway	
77	Please refer to map. Protect – no building on this site.	✓
79	Protect all open space. Do not destroy the countryside surrounding our village.	
84	New to village so hard to comment. Open spaces should be retained and new one identified.	
85	All.	
94	Play park, pub.	
95	Areas marked in green on the plan. The area to the east of the village covers some of the glorious green space that can be reached on foot in minutes with a walk up Church Way. The smaller area is an old orchard that reinforces the airy feel of the village when turning right at the crossroads (from Hereford).	✓
96	[map notation only]	✓
100	Sutton Walls	
107	The walks down the Rhea, along Churchway. The bridlepath over past the quarry. The view to Sutton Walls. Views towards the Lugg. In fact pretty much everything we currently have!	✓
112	Sutton Walls	
115	Churches; churchyards; the stone barn at cross roads; orchard by old post office; Sutton Walls and views towards it; Lugg flood meadow; view from St. Michael's in all directions; views along from the quarry; the quarry itself;	

Questionnaire Ref	Comment	Map used?
	small fields for grazing and meadow.	
117	Orchards, Sutton Walls.	
124	The old orchard opposite Green Bank	
125	The area of historical significance around St. Michael's Church and Sutton Walls.	
126	Comment to Q14 (5) The demise of the village post office suggests that the "critical mass" of customers required to support a shop may not yet be present	
130	All land outside the village boundary	
131	All public footpaths, the Rhea, the Lugg, Sutton Walls, views to Thing Hill, views to Patch Hill/Lyde.	
134	All views beyond the existing village boundary should be protected.	
135	Views of Sutton Walls.	
143	Sutton Walls should be improved and made better use of. The quarry should be more versatile but kept very organic and free from development.	
148	Village green, schoolfield.	
149	The Rhea, and land adjacent to.	
151	See plan areas marked as per Q8. Large open fields which provide views to the Black Mountains in the west the Malvern Hills in the east.	✓
153	The undulating countryside around the village periphery.	
155	Views along Churchway, looking east. Rhea. Playpark. Views along drive into village from Wergins Bridge. Views up towards Sutton Walls.	
167	Sutton Walls – should be managed more sympathetically and restored where possible.	
179	Protect the childrens' playground/recreation ground.	
192	See plan areas marked in orange.	✓
206	See map.	✓
207	Marked on map.	✓
208	I do not think there is any area within the village boundary on which I could see any large developments. We are already crowded, and the roads/lanes will not support further traffic. The small lanes, and roads such as Churchway and Ridgeway road are well used for recreation and enjoyment of views, dogwalking, walking, cycling. Please don't take this away!	
210	The "Quarry" has super views across this area – protect.	
215	Every open space for wildlife protection.	
216	The Rhea.	
219	The Fort. The children's playground.	
221	Protect Sutton Walls and Lugg Flats, see Q8 re orchard [reference to old orchard nr./opposite Greenbank coloured green. Farmyards in centre of village]	

Q18: Do you have any other comments on open spaces and the environment? Please tell us below.

Ref	Comment
28	We must not lose our village status we all move here if we are honest for comfort, space and quietness. None of us should be thrust into a position where all this is taken away from us. Too much "bulky" building will destroy our village. Look at the population, see people's circumstances and act accordingly.
35	Renewable energy projects should not be a priority for such a "small" community.
38	The back lane is a disgrace to the name of Sutton it is a dumping ground and has been for a number of years along the path, and the people are beginning to dump this side of the lane. The hedge is a mess and the roadway is not very good to walk on. My husband is a Sutton boy and is now 88 years old, and we have lived in Sutton all our married life but never seen it so bad. Don't any of the Parish Council care? [name and address supplied]
43	This is an absolutely beautiful village surrounded by beautiful farmland. It needs to be protected from becoming part of the future urban sprawl.
46	They should be retained and encouraged. These open spaces are the "lungs" of the environment and make the village a village, that's why people want to live here and encourage a caring attitude to the environment.
60	No wind turbines or solar panel farms.
68	There should be far more emphasis on maintenance of footpaths and stiles suitable for walking with dogs.
79	Small villages are not the place for housing developments. People's lives should not be disrupted with pollution and traffic. Keep our village as a village!
84	Concerns over cost and impact, eg rise in precept to support any future development or feasibility costs.
91	The "old road" to Hereford could be improved to provide a safe cycle route into Hereford. (via the Rhea).
98	Not really most of the renewable energy items are not cost saving except for solar panels.
100	All existing pathways within and surrounding the village should be protected and maintained.
101	Please! Stop local residents having frequent garden bonfires. These occurrences are a nuisance with the smoke and the smell.
102	No development of property or renewable energy should infringe on a person's present enjoyment of village life.
107	We live in a very pleasant village. Perhaps it isn't wonderfully pretty or picturesque but it does have a strong rural character with two attractive churches. We still have farms in the centre of the village with houses of character. We have considerable birdlife within the village (although there has been a significant tree and wild area loss of late). All this could be significantly diluted quite easily. (Also I think many villagers don't really care).
115	Individual solar and other renewable energy sources to be encouraged for households and businesses. Small open spaces and plots of land between housing retains a village feel.
116	Support for the less well-off to get solar panels.
121	I do not understand what photovoltaic solar farms, biomass plants, anaerobic digesters and ground heat pumps actually do.
122	Renewable energy is fine in theory but has many practical problems. Although solar farms are unsightly and environmentally damaging, there is scope for solar panels on buildings and this could be pursued systematically.
125	Not our place to produce energy beyond pv solar panels on individual houses.

Ref	Comment
126	Restoration of the Canal is a matter for interested individuals contacting the society already at work and not one for village support as a single entity.
128	<u>ALL</u> new buildings should have pv's on their roofs.
131	Use of the sports field for all age groups. This would of course require improved access and amenities.
135	We should oppose any commercial wind turbines (area lacking in wind speed anyway) also photovoltaic solar farms other than on barns and school/village hall.
145	Anaerobic digester may be acceptable dependent on size and traffic implications.
148	We should minimise impact of development on the environment keeping character and feeling of small rural village in farming community. Keeping walking paths open and clear, protecting wildlife and minimising traffic flow and speed.
155	Don't really know enough about the last two options.
182	I know this comment is probably a waste of ink but here goes. At 59 years of age, I am still a keen cyclist and commute to work in central Hereford, when the weather allows, by bike. In doing this I am conscious I am taking my life in my hands. I am regularly passed by cars doing 50 to 70 miles per hour. If we want to encourage cycling, we need to build safe cycle paths away from the road. A pipe dream? Maybe, but go and have a look how they do it in Holland.
192	They're needed to retain the essential village character.
199	The fitting of solar panels destroys the character of houses and looks unsightly for other houses to look onto. Other avenues should be explored first.
205	Leave open spaces for animals, birds and people.
210	There are several walks in fields for walkers and dog walkers these should stay open. No bonfires on warm sunny days when you want your windows open!!
212	We chose to live in Sutton because we wanted to live in a village setting and not an urban environment. We are not against progress but consider the village atmosphere would be lost if major estate-type development were to be undertaken. We have no objection to small developments but these should be on the edge of the village.
215	Would not like to see any of the above [Q17 renewable energy options]. Money should be put into flood defences ie river dredging. Also repair roads. These should be priority not housing more people.
221	Add to Q17 single house solar panels and air-source heat pumps.

Q20: We've tried to cover what we think are the main issues, but if we've missed anything you think should be included in the Neighbourhood Plan please tell us below.

Ref	Comment
4	The village cannot be isolated from the general area including Hereford City. Its development must reflect the role that the village wants in the area, eg dormitory for city workers, site for new businesses, tourist venue or similar roles.
5	There is no reason why people should not put their name on this document and address.
12	If future developments are going to increase traffic, can Wyatt Road be considered for a 40 mph limit. It is already fast and dangerous!
18	Development of the roads is an issue I think. They are busy and fast already and would become far worse!
27	Please minimise traffic and improve walking/cycling facilities.....How can you possibly have a neighbourhood plan and not include traffic???
28	Thank you for your work.
50	Walking/cycling path into Hereford, updates to tatty signage, shop.
66	Traffic issues, dangerous amount of large lorries on unsuitable roads. Lack of visibility at Golden Cross junction due to parked cars in front of pub.
67	More involvement of villagers in planning issues and decisions, if meeting of parish council took part at the Golden Cross.
68	None of these questions/answers mean a thing when considered apart from drainage and traffic.
70	As much as we would like a shop in the village, the reality is it won't happen unless you either permanently close the road to Hereford as Morrisons is only 7 minutes away; or there is a subsidy to open a shop perhaps as part of the pub in the village? NB Thank you for all the work the NPPG is doing for our village.
73	Your Q.3 only provides for large development on edge of village – why not smaller ones?
78	Enforce speed limits.
79	People make the choice to live in a village. We forgo the conveniences of city living for the beauty and peace of rural Herefordshire. Do <u>not</u> bring the city to Sutton. We do not want housing developments.
84	Condition of roads – speeding traffic concerns. Size/speed of large vehicles/HGVs travelling through village and narrow roads, need re-routing and weight restrictions. Perhaps more Community Plan communication required on how community can input here. Gas links for households who currently have domestic oil which is very expensive to maintain.
93	We are happy with the village as it is but would be very pleased if we had a local shop.
96	Well covered!
98	Hedges over-growing paths. Church bells every Thursday night. Bonfires on nice sunny days by the few.
100	Existing owners within the village boundary should be encouraged to maintain their property to give a good impression to people passing through. Let's be proud of the fact that we are residents of Sutton St. Nicholas.
111	Not a mention of footpaths Traffic speeding through the village.
117	Keep village spread controlled. Limit expansion into open countryside.

Ref	Comment
122	Extend public sewers to those parts of the village not currently served.
131	To enable older retired people to remain in the village access to a village shop is necessary. Just for daily milk/papers, quality of life etc as not all people are able or wish to continue driving etc.
140	This is a village, keep it a village.
144	Any building should not make flooding in the village any worse.
152	We are aware the PC doesn't think flooding occurs, as witnessed by their total inaction and denial last winter, but it might be nice to see them be more realistic.
153	About 90% of home owners in this village have worked hard to buy their houses. We would not want the value of our houses reduced as a result of housing association to let, or low income houses forced on to us.
155	Maintaining and improving public transport. Viability of shop/cafe (similar to Wellington's new shop and parish room).
159	Conservation, not cheap houses.
161	Provision of a bus stop at Woodville Grove.
172	The village really needs a shop.
188	Keeping artificial light to a minimum so that village can be dark with minimal light pollution.
197	Important to have a local shop and re-open the post office.
201	Sutton is a small, quiet village which is the reason we live here!!
205	As the village grows and more young and old live in village don't you think we need a shop or a village van for shopping.
215	Stop lorries travelling along Ridgeway as this has damaged roads and manhole cover is completely broken, which could cause serious accident.
216	Nothing extra – but thank you for your time, effort and consideration in taking on this role.
221	Don't spoil Sutton by making it sprawl like Moreton, Marden and Bodenham. The working farms in the centre of the village give it a special character.