



# Sutton Neighbourhood Plan

**General Update**

**Questionnaire Results**

**Green Infrastructure Plan**

# Welcome and Introductions



We will be taking some photographs of the event today, please let a member of the Steering Committee know if you don't want to appear in any photographs.

# What Is A Neighbourhood Plan?

- A neighbourhood plan gives communities the opportunity to set out their planning priorities and aspirations for the future of their community area (e.g. parish). It is a right introduced under the Localism Act 2011.
- Once approved, neighbourhood plans are used in the determination of planning applications. Whilst neighbourhood plans cannot block development that is already part of the local authority's (e.g. CBC) Local Plan, what they can do is shape where that development will go and what it will look like. Neighbourhood plans can also be used to influence and negotiate with any developers.

- Neighbourhood plans often cover areas such as:



# What Is A Neighbourhood Plan?

A neighbourhood plan must be developed within a defined framework. The basic conditions for a neighbourhood plans is that it must:

- have regard to national policy (including National Planning Policy Framework – NPPF)
- contribute to the achievement of sustainable development
- generally conform with the strategic policies in the local area's development plan (e.g. CBC Local Plan)
- compatible with EU obligations (*please don't ask about or mention BREXIT!*)

# Steering Committee & Volunteers

We have a small Steering Committee of volunteers:



Darren Brooker  
(chair)



Mike Kingdon  
(vice-chair)



Libby Gardner  
(parish council)



Stefan Senger  
(parish council)



Helen Kapur



Chris Brown

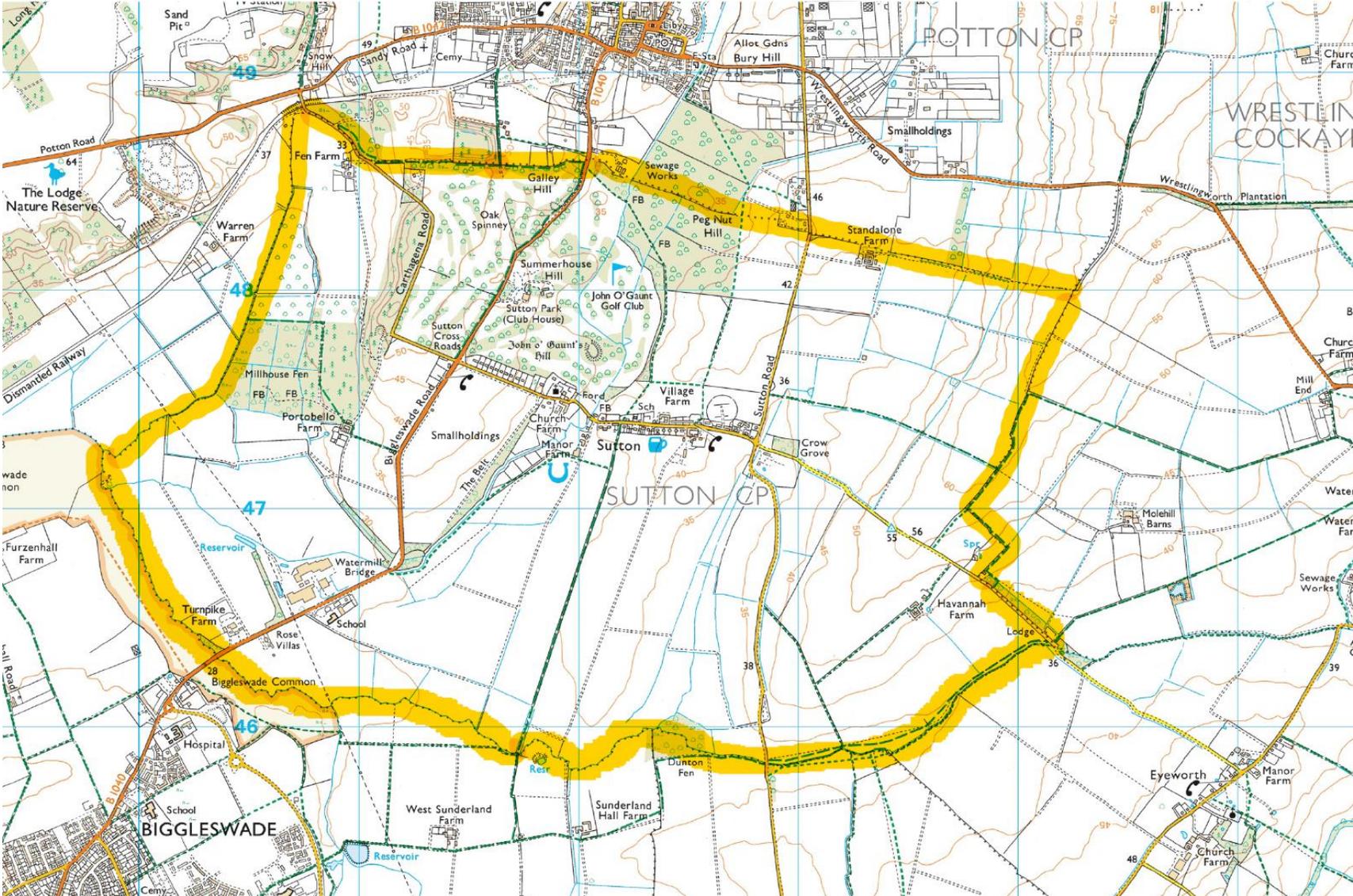


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We would welcome one or two more volunteers, especially to help with:

- Communications and social media
- Reviewing and organising the Neighbourhood Plan documents
- Starting to work on the next steps of the Green Infrastructure Action Plan

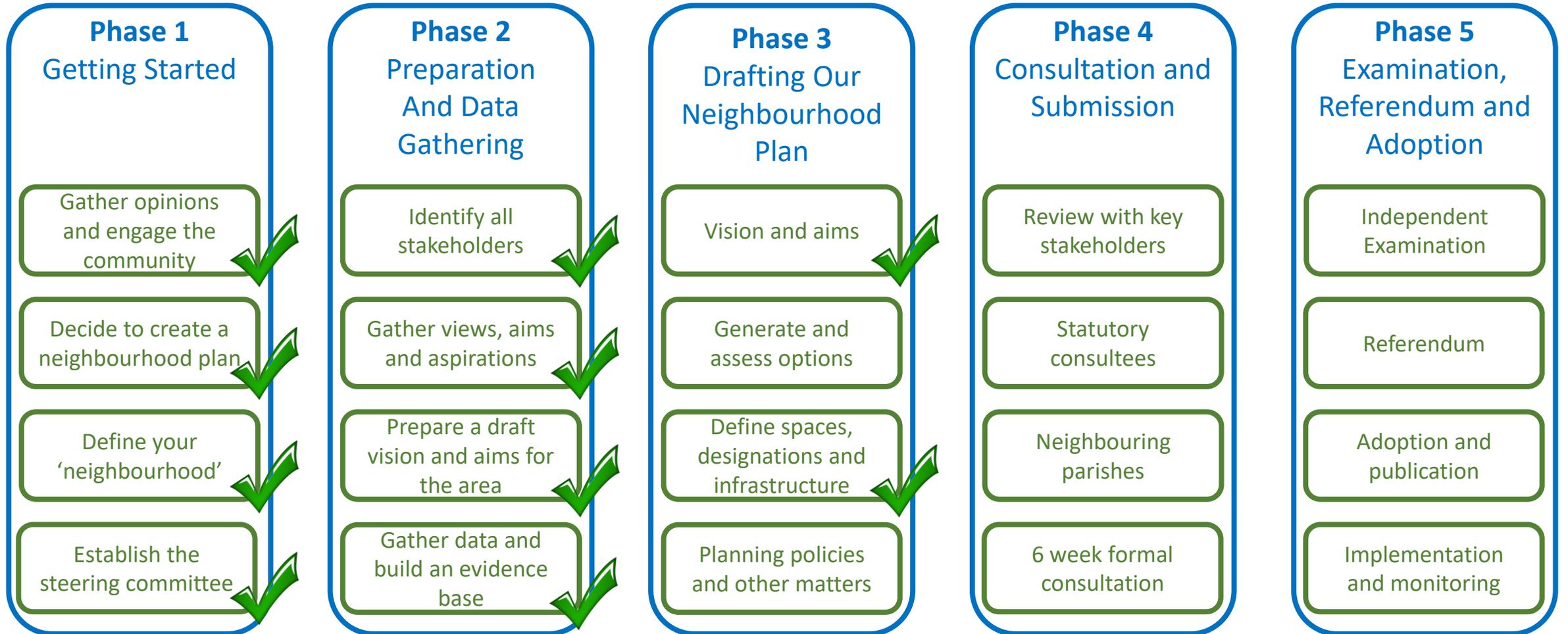
# Neighbourhood Plan Area – Sutton parish



# Update on Sutton Neighbourhood Plan

Date	Milestone
21 June 2018	Open meeting held, attended by Central Bedfordshire Council, to talk about neighbourhood plans.
9 July 2018	Sutton Parish Council formally agreed to initiate a neighbourhood plan.
8 August 2018	Legal approval from Central Bedfordshire Council for Sutton to prepare a neighbourhood plan.
16 August 2018	Public kick-off and brain-storming workshop held.
11 December 2018	First grant received (£6,034).
22 February 2019	Housing Needs Survey closed (results published on web site).
February/March 2019	Green Infrastructure Plan workshops x 3 to identify opportunities and aspirations.
31 March 2019	Residents General Questionnaire closed (53% response rate – thank you).
30 June 2019	Residents General Questionnaire Analysis completed.
31 July 2019	Land Owner General Questionnaire closed.
October 2019	Vision and draft objectives agreed, writing of main neighbourhood plan document started.
25 October 2019	Second grant received (£2,966).
31 October 2019	Proposed Local Green Spaces for legal designation in Sutton Neighbourhood Plan defined.
11 November 2019	Final version of Green Infrastructure Plan endorsed and adopted by Sutton Parish Council.

# Process and Approach



Expected Timeline 24-36 months



# Sutton Neighbourhood Plan

Housing Needs Survey

Summary of Results

# Housing Needs Survey

- A housing need survey helps us form an evidence base as to what local demand there is for housing, and the types of housing that are needed.
- Our housing need survey (HNS) was carried out by Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity (BRCC) and was completed in February. The (redacted) report is available on our web site: [www.suttonneighbourhoodplan.uk](http://www.suttonneighbourhoodplan.uk)
- In summary the housing need survey identified the following needs for Sutton residents, or people with connections to Sutton:
  - Affordable Housing: 1 x 3 bedroom house (rental)  
1 x 2 bedroom house (shared ownership or starter home)
  - Market Housing: up to 2 x bungalows or retirement properties (built to lifetime homes criteria)



# Sutton Neighbourhood Plan

General Questionnaire

Extracts of Results

# General Questionnaire

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## Total Responses: 126

- 100 paper responses (manually entered into SurveyMonkey, each with a unique reference)
- 26 online responses
- ~124 homes in the parish
- 232 registered electors
- **53% response rate** (this number may include some who are not electors within the parish)

***This was an excellent response.***

*Thank you to everyone who completed their questionnaire.*

*Thank you to those who helped deliver, input into computer & analyse the questionnaires.*

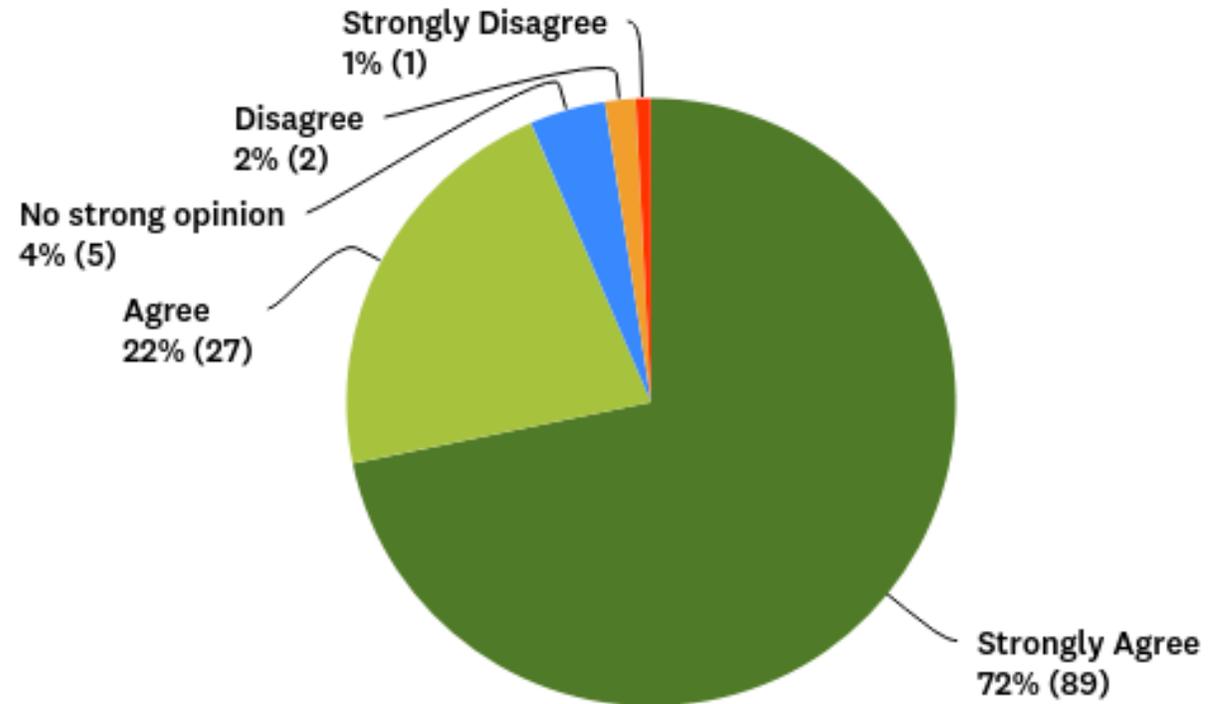
# General Questionnaire Results

- The General Questionnaire results form a key evidence base for our neighbourhood plan and will be used to inform our policies.
- The results were all entered into computer and analysed in a number of ways.
- A summary pack / presentation of the results will be made available on our web site in due course (with any redactions necessary to protect individual identities).
- We will now run through a selection of the findings.....

# Do you agree with the above draft vision for Sutton?

Answered: 124 Skipped: 2

*“Sutton parish (Bedfordshire) will maintain its character and rural identity; it will protect and enhance its natural and historic environment whilst offering its residents suitable and affordable housing as well as encouraging sustainable local businesses to thrive within its area. Sutton parish will value its tranquil and recreational setting. Parishioners of all ages will feel safe, be proud to live in Sutton and will be able to live a sustainable, healthy and active lifestyle.”*

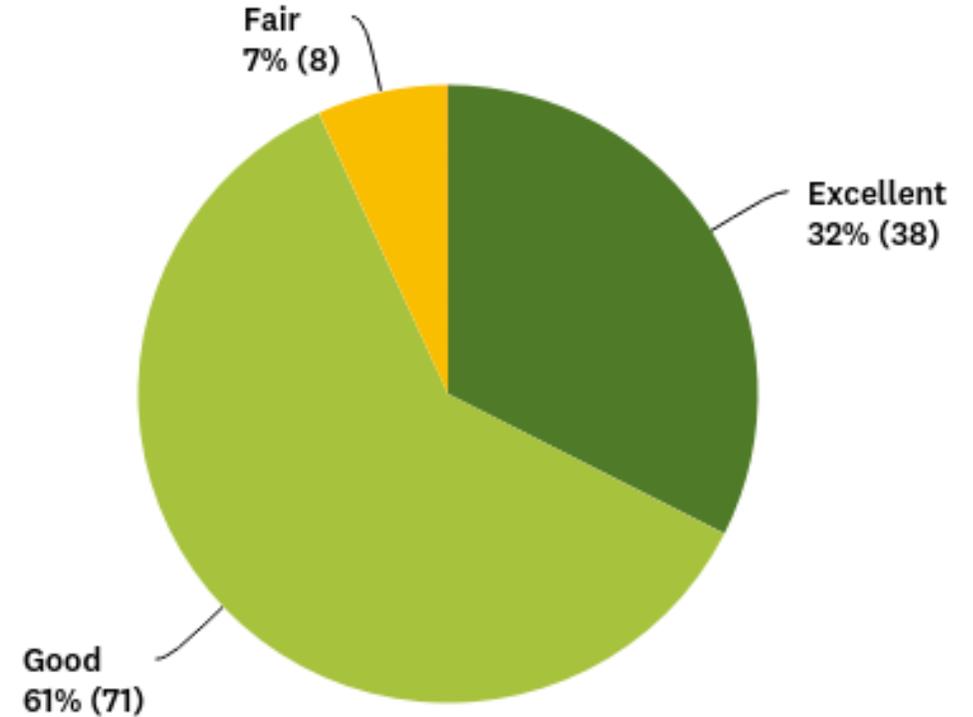


# How do you rate the current appearance of Sutton?

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Sutton was most often described as well kept, well maintained and tidy. Lovely is another word that was frequently used. Other words used were attractive, beautiful, and historic. In agreement with the fact that the people living in Sutton seem to take great pride in the appearance of their village, litter and fly-tipping were raised as an issue. Not surprisingly, parking was also pointed out as something that negatively impacts the appearance of Sutton..

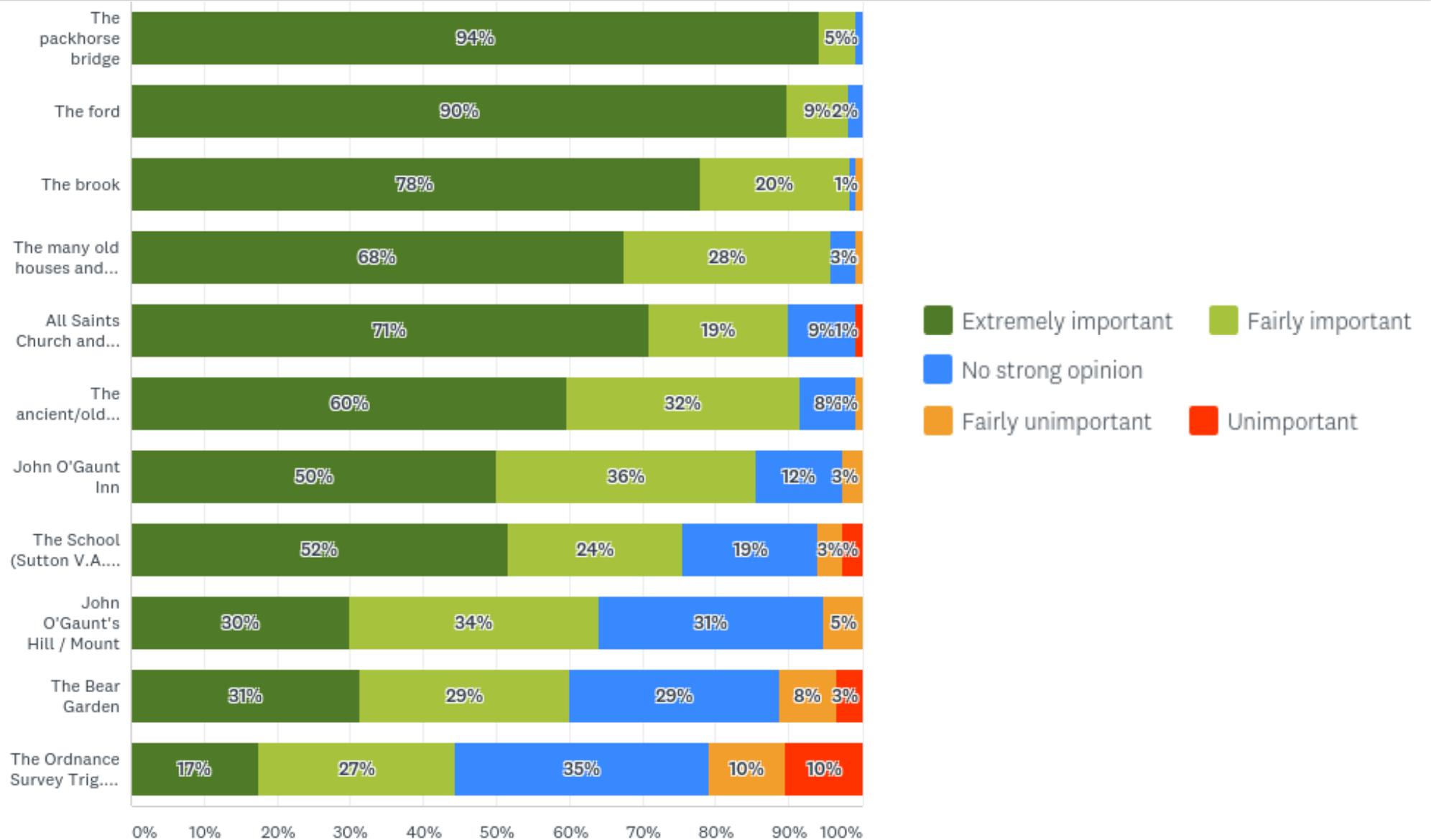
Terms	count	category
well kept/maintained	11	positive
lovely	7	positive
litter + fly-tipping	6	negative
historic	6	positive
attractive	5	positive
beautiful	5	positive
mix/blend of houses	5	positive
tidy	4	positive
parking	4	negative
picturesque	4	positive
rural	3	positive
views	3	positive
street lights	2	negative
weeds	2	negative
friendly	2	positive
nice	2	positive
tired	2	negative
tranquil	2	positive





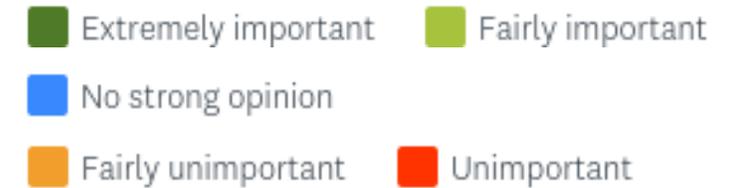
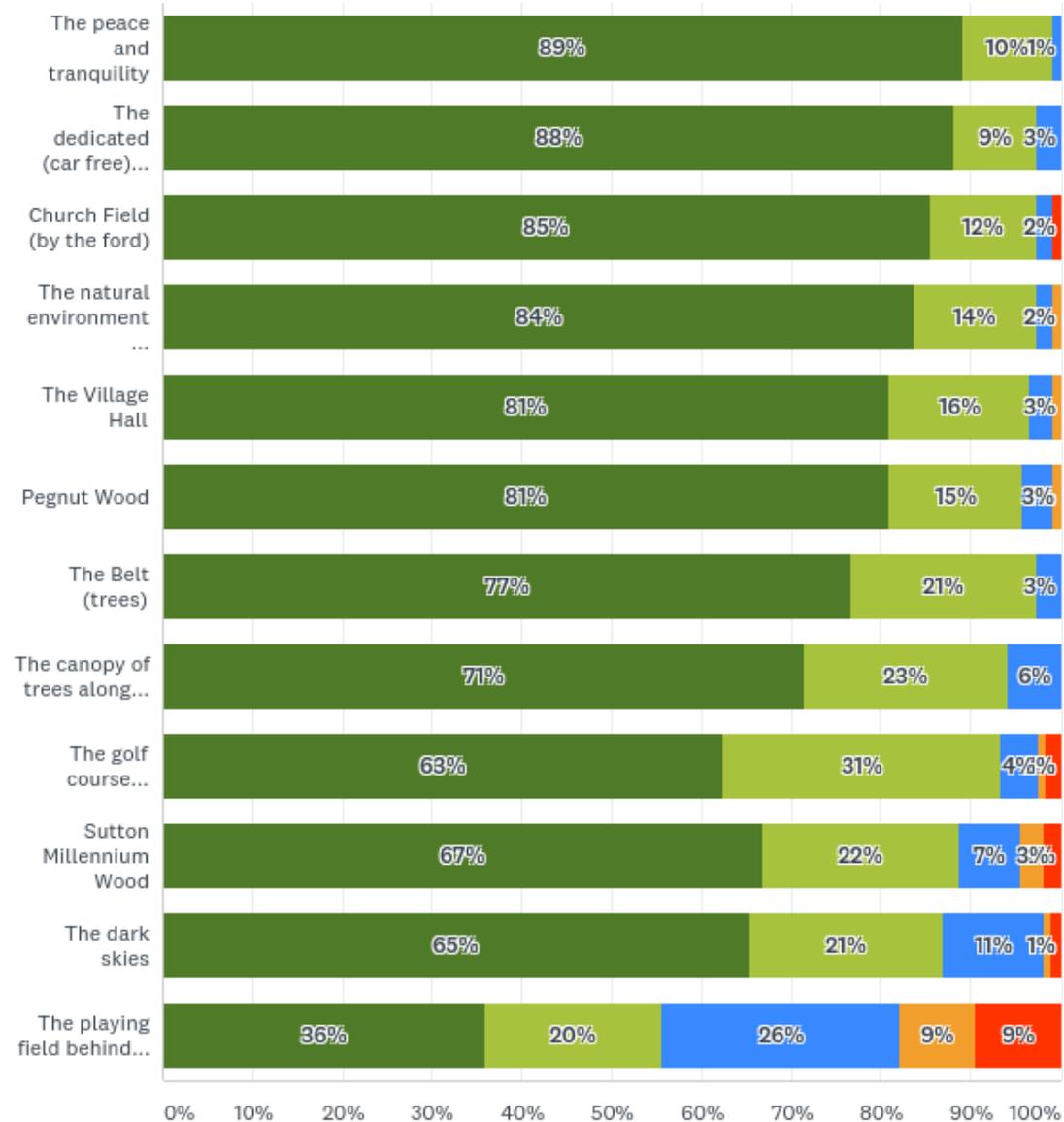
# Please rate how important the following features of Sutton's past and monuments are to you:

Answered: 120 Skipped: 6



# Please rate how important it is to preserve the following other features of Sutton for the future:

Answered: 120 Skipped: 6



# What other features in Sutton parish would you like to see preserved for the future?

Trees and woodland are mentioned as features that need to be preserved. Similarly, the open farmland surrounding Sutton as a habitat for nature and for recreation (footpaths/bridleways) is seen as extremely important. Allotments are also mentioned several times, as is the Village style (linear, conservation area, etc.).

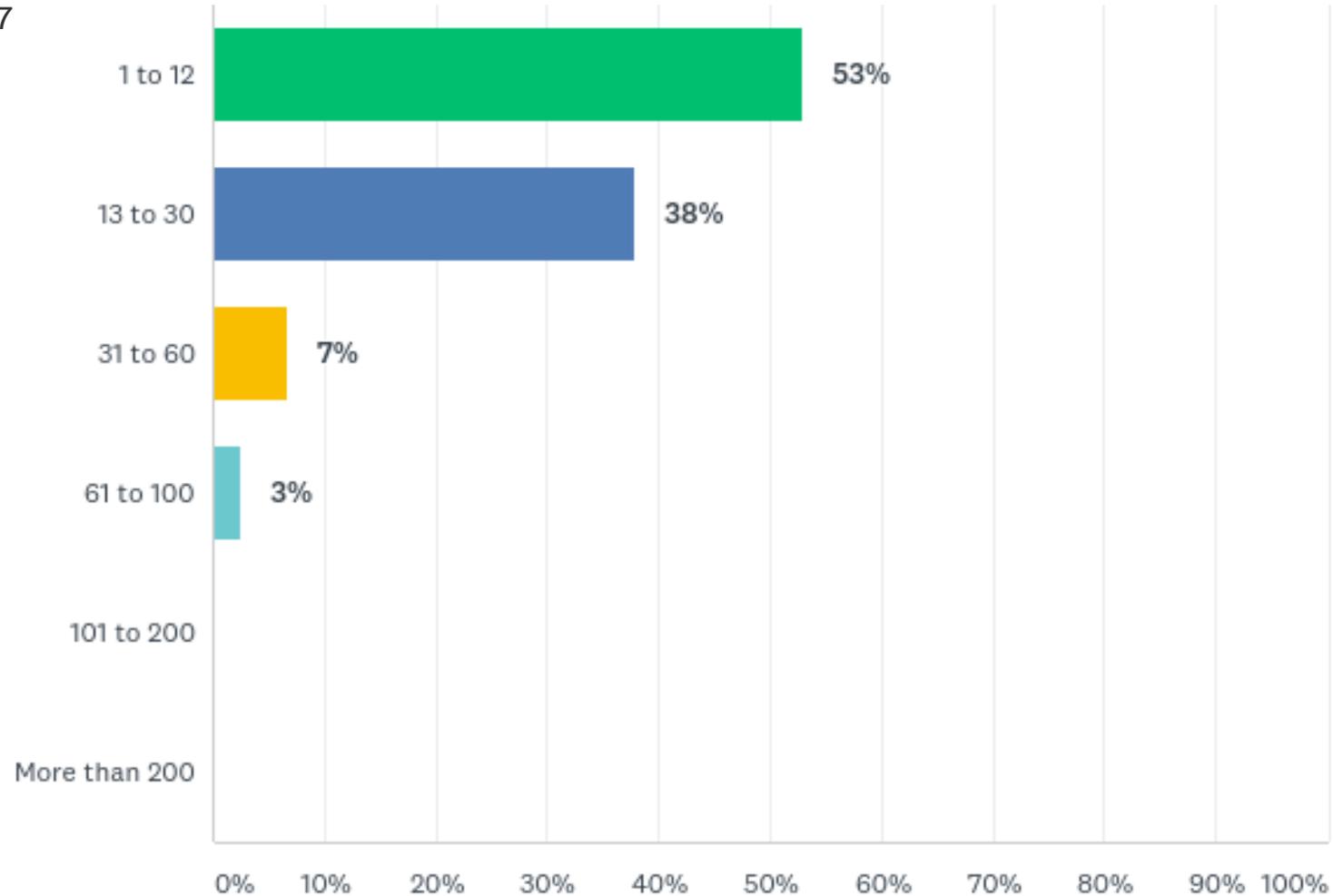
**Method:** Feature terms were identified by manual review of all 40 responses. Subsequently, each response was manually annotated with feature terms. Counts of feature terms are reported. Feature terms have manually been grouped.

Features list	count
trees	7
woodland	3
open fields	6
farmland	4
green belt	3
green areas	1
rural surroundings	1
nature	1
hedgerows	1
wildlife	4
air quality	1
footpaths	2
bridleways	1
allotments	4
village style	5
conservation area	3
gardens	1
historic buildings	1
old buildings	1
old names	1
Packhorse Bridge & Ford	2
pub	2
church	1
school	1

# Number of new homes/dwellings

Sutton currently has approximately 122 homes/dwellings, plus existing granted planning permission for 16 new homes. In response to the need for more homes, how many additional new homes do you think Sutton could sustainably accommodate over the next 20 years?

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# Location of new homes/dwellings

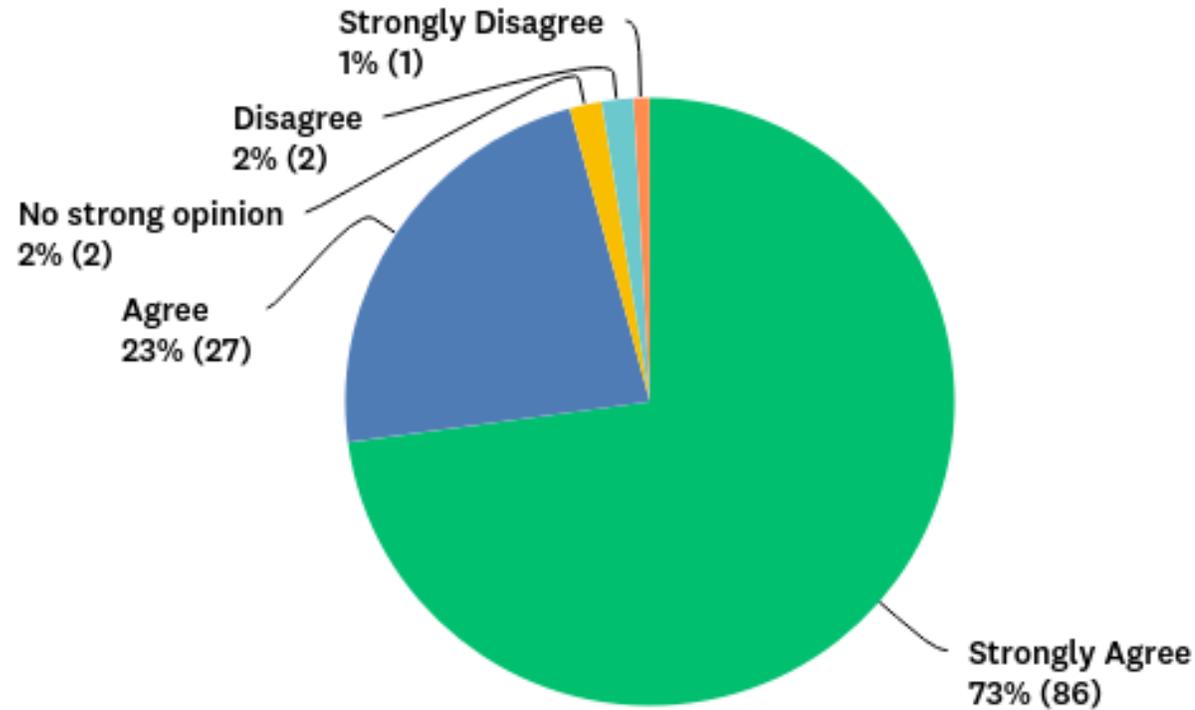
Where do you think new homes could sustainably be built within Sutton parish?

Specific locations suggested for further housing development		
	High Street, field opposite existing houses, east of Clay End Farm, possibly extending in direction of Dunton as far as Millennium Wood	36
	Church Road, field opposite existing houses stretching from cross roads to Church Farm and possibly round corner toward Biggleswade	16
	Beyond line of council houses along Carthage Road, possible extending behind current council houses	9
	Either side of Focus School on Biggleswade Road	6
	Site of Savins' Nursery, possibly extending towards Eyeworth	8
	Beyond line of council houses along Biggleswade Road	3
	Field, north of Clay End crossroads towards Potton	3
	Field between watermill Bridge and Beds Growers	1
<b>Note:</b> Locations outside parish were considered to be invalid		
<b>Other positive comments:</b>		
	Utilise unused agricultural buildings	9
	Maintain linear nature of village	8
	Maintain current style of housing	4
	Utilise existing spaces between buildings	3
	Avoid further development in conservation area/village centre	2
<b>Other comments:</b>		
	Sutton does not need additional housing	7
	Sutton needs additional affordable housing/ housing for young people	2
	Any new houses should be energy efficient	1

# Design guides for any new homes.

A neighbourhood plan can (optionally) include a requirement for all new housing to be built to a certain character/style, e.g. in keeping with the existing buildings. Sutton Neighbourhood Plan should include design policies for any new homes to be built in Sutton?

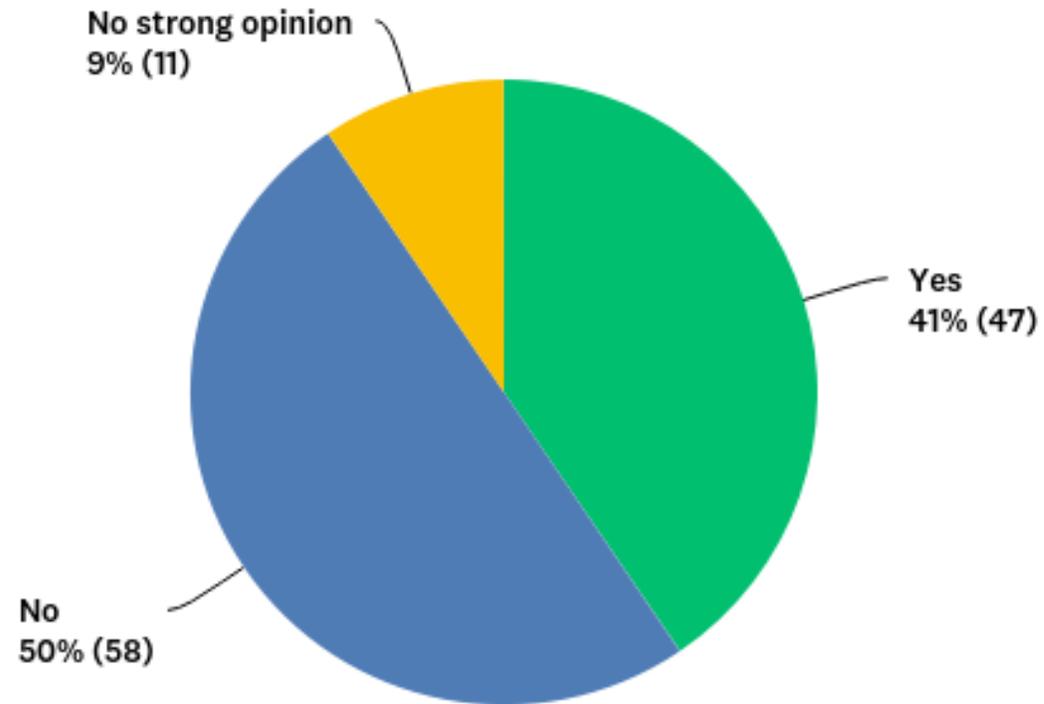
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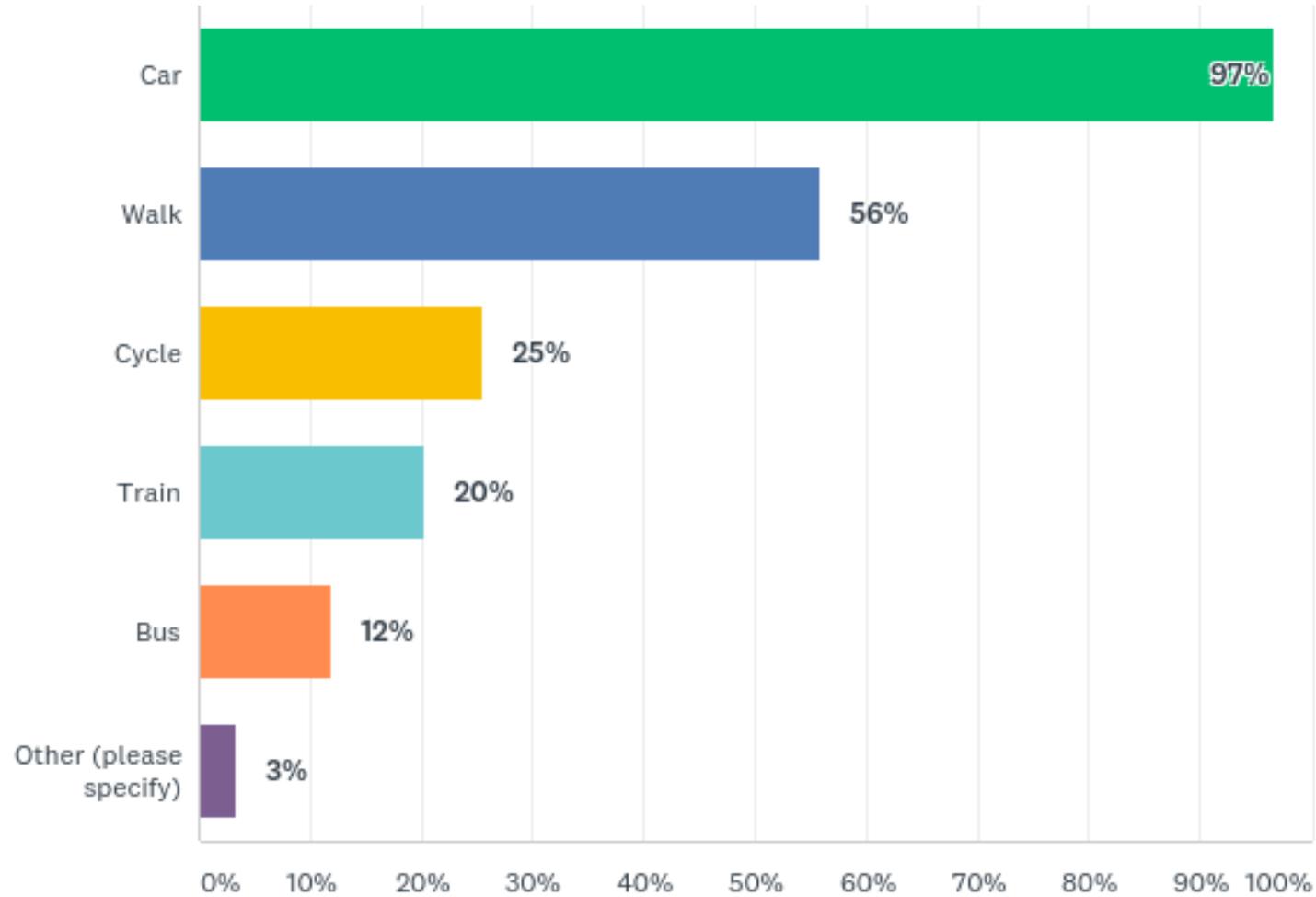
# Tourism. Do you think that Sutton's tourist and recreation potential should be developed further?

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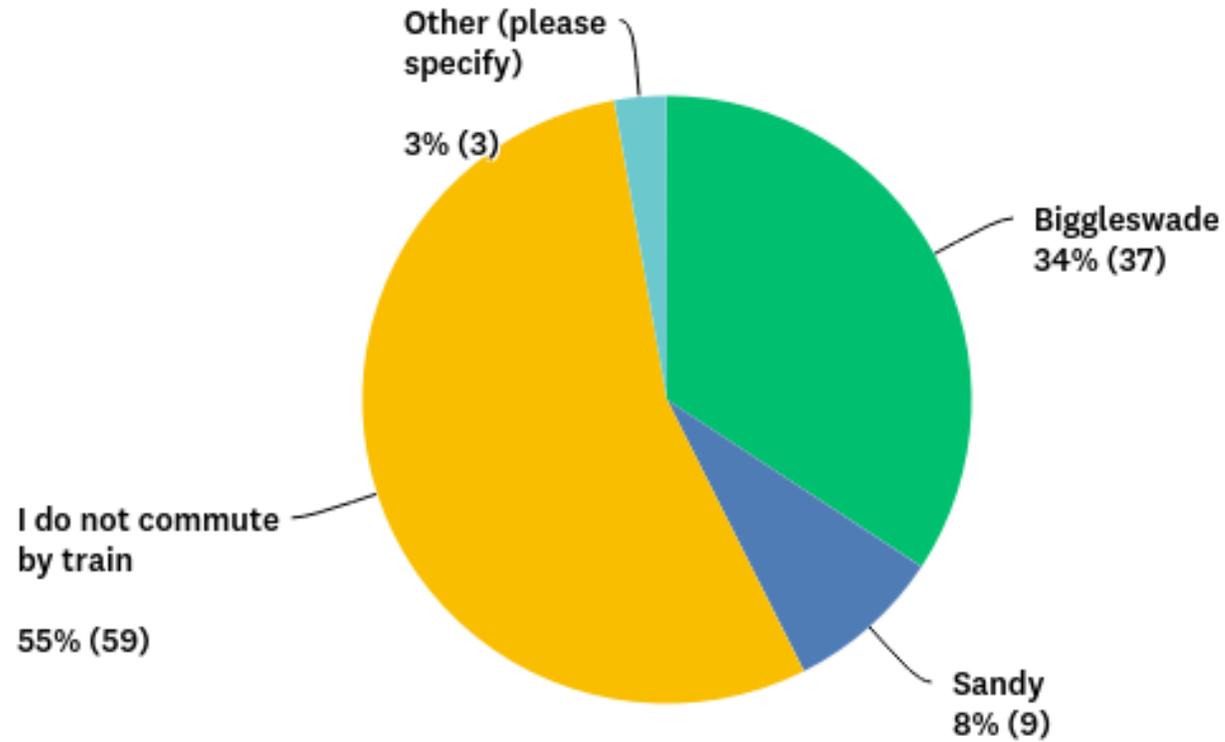
# Which mode(s) of transport do you usually use?

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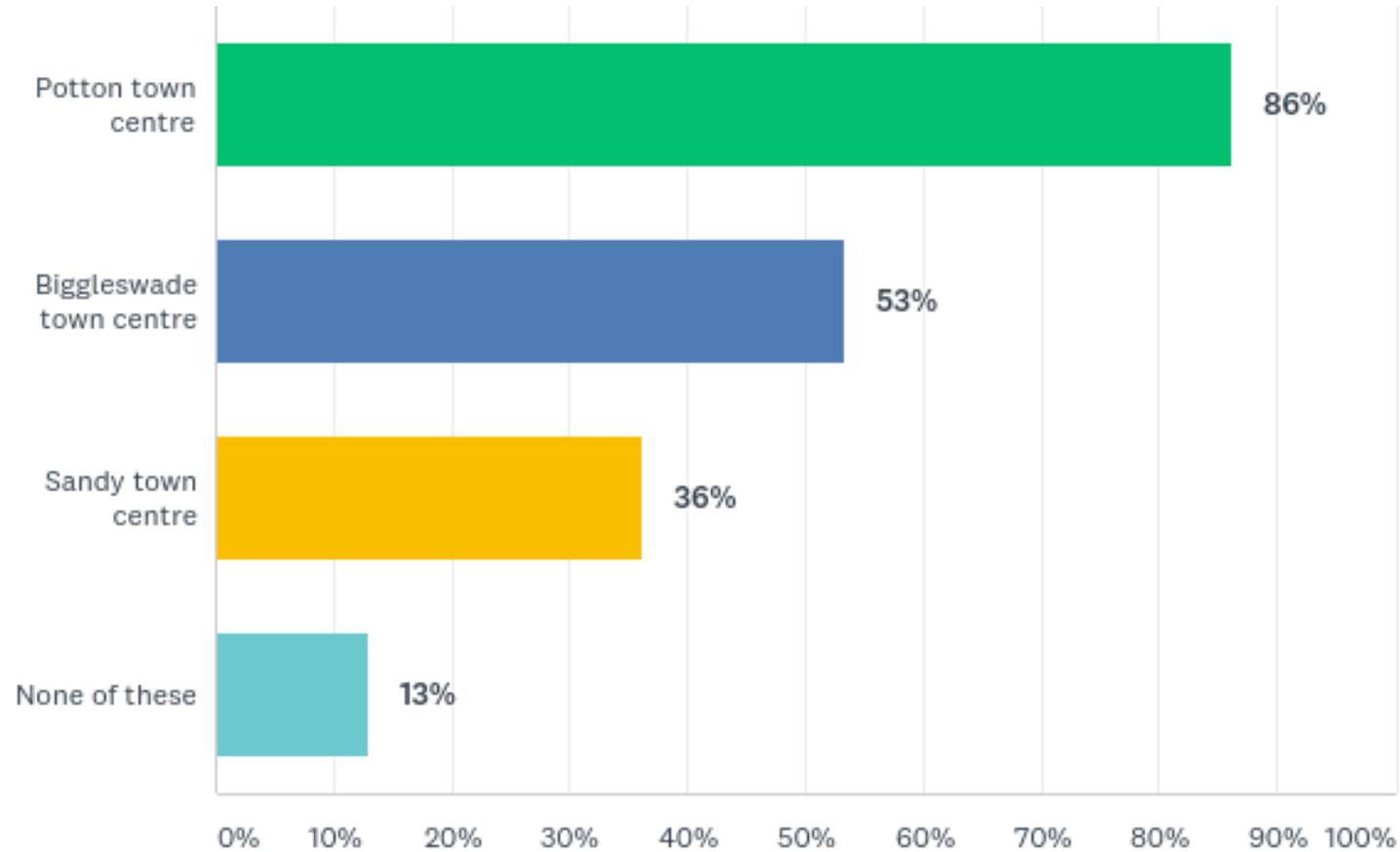
# If you commute by train, which station do you mostly use?

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# If suitable, safe walking and cycling routes were available, would you walk or cycle to the following from Sutton?

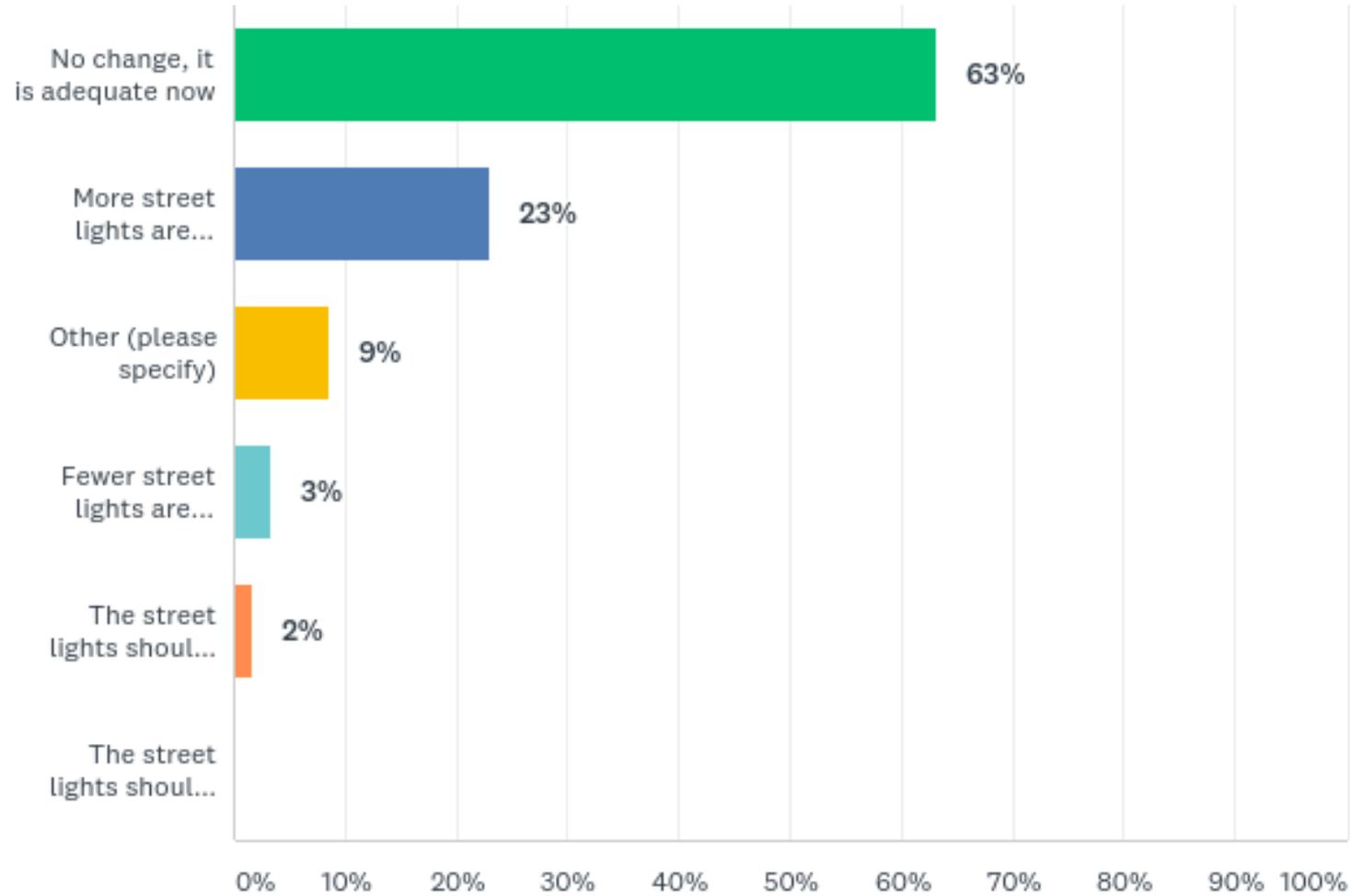
Answered: 116 Skipped: 10





# How would you like to see Sutton village's street lighting developed over the life of the Sutton Neighbourhood plan?

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# What changes to parking would benefit Sutton?

## Analysis of Column BZ/ QF8

N of no responses = 53

### What changes to parking would benefit Sutton?

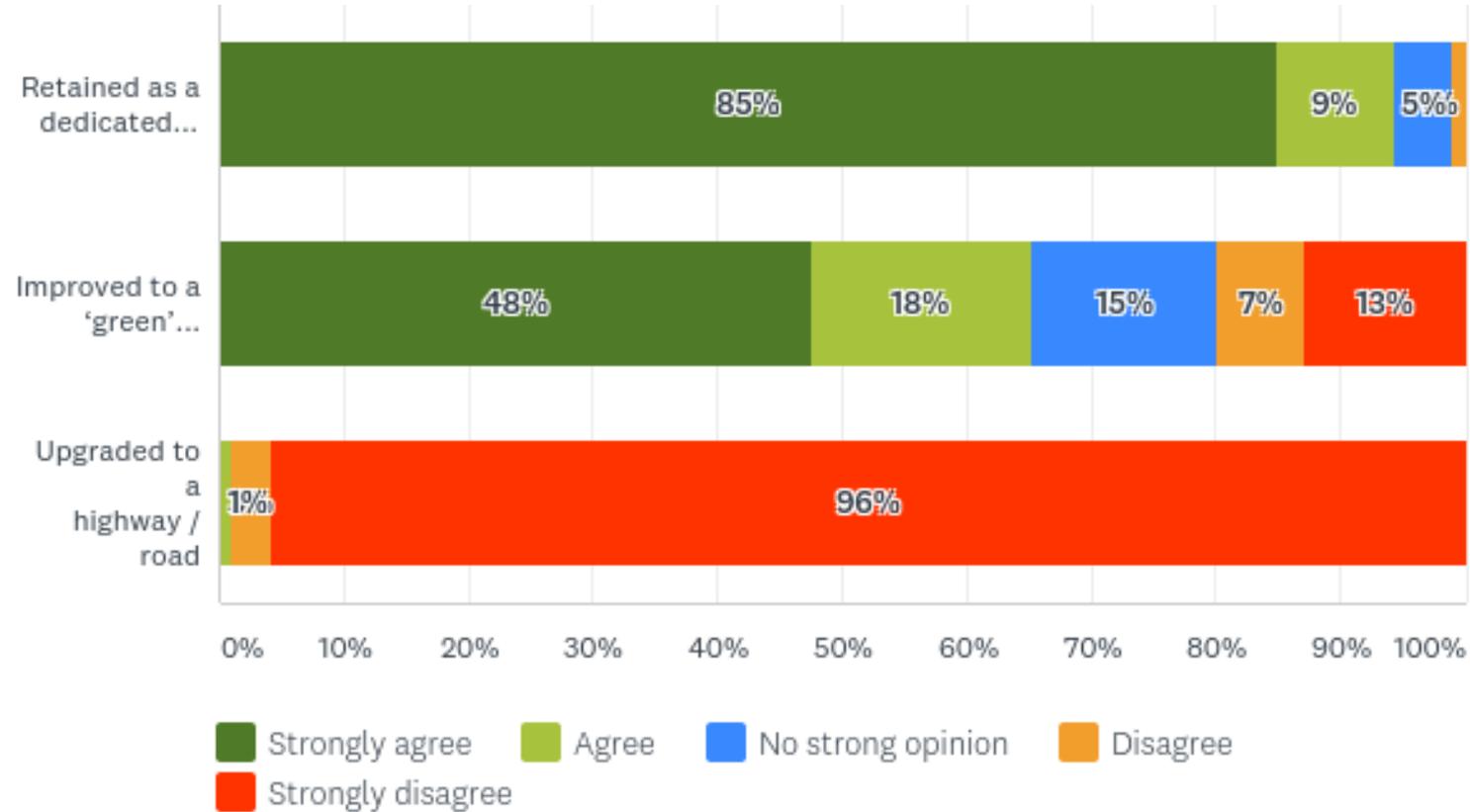
#### **Overview of the Sutton's parking problem (derived from the free-response comments to question F8):**

1. Sutton Village is linear (1) with notable pinch points (4) – e.g. Rectory Corner, the ford and beside Village Farm (4) - were any on-road parking obstructs through traffic and residents. On-road parking is approaching saturation (1) and there are few places in the village centre where cars can park on both sides of road without creating obstructions (2). Away from the village centre Carthage Road (1) and Sutton Road (1) were both identified as having similar problems.
2. Meanwhile many hundreds of people drive into, or through, Sutton every day to:
  - a. Deliver children to/ collect them from Sutton Lower School;
  - b. Access the recreational facilities. Groups of walkers (and their parked cars) are common sights;
  - c. Attending classes and events at the village hall(2);
  - d. Make deliveries and provide services;
  - e. Drive through on their way to and from work.
3. The parking congestion has daily, weekly and annual cycles:
  - a. On schools days there is serious but brief periods of congestion when children are delivered to and collected from Sutton Lower School (11);
  - b. Given limited parking on the former school playground in front of Sutton Lower School, some teachers, support staff and school visitors have to park on the road outside Old School House and Village Farm (2);
  - c. Every working day there are peaks in the through traffic during commuting times
  - d. The car park at the John O'Gaunt Inn overflows onto the street at summer lunchtimes, evenings and at weekends;
  - e. Worshipers attending services and other church events tend to park outside the church on a dangerous bend, just before one of the traffic pinch points;
  - f. Refuse collections of Fridays can involve up to three different collections – the black or green refuse bins, the food waste bins and (in spring, summer, autumn) the green bag collections;
  - g. Some residents do not have adequate parking on their properties and/ or choose to park their cars on the road (4);
  - h. Village festival and events can bring large number of visitors to Sutton with corresponding demands for extra car parking(1);
  - i. During harvest large agricultural machines need to negotiate their ways around all the parked cars as they move through the village (2).
4. The result of all of the competition for parking spaces at key times:
  - a. Residents driveways can be blocked (5);
  - b. Vehicles have to park on or drive over the pavements (3);
  - c. The movement of large contractors, ' agricultural and public service vehicles through the village can be seriously obstructed (3);
  - d. (Although not mentioned by any of the respondents) the children and parents crossing High Street from between parked cars while traffic moves through the village constitutes a road safety hazard;
5. Some respondents saw no need for change (5) or even that there was a problem (2). One respondent made the point that creating new car parks would encourage further visitors and traffic. Another made the same point in a different way, "parking problems deterred tourists. Conversely, others saw it as inhibiting to future tourist development (2);"



# Lantern Lane (BW3 on the rights of way map) is a public bridleway from Sutton towards Stratton/Biggleswade. Lantern Lane should be?

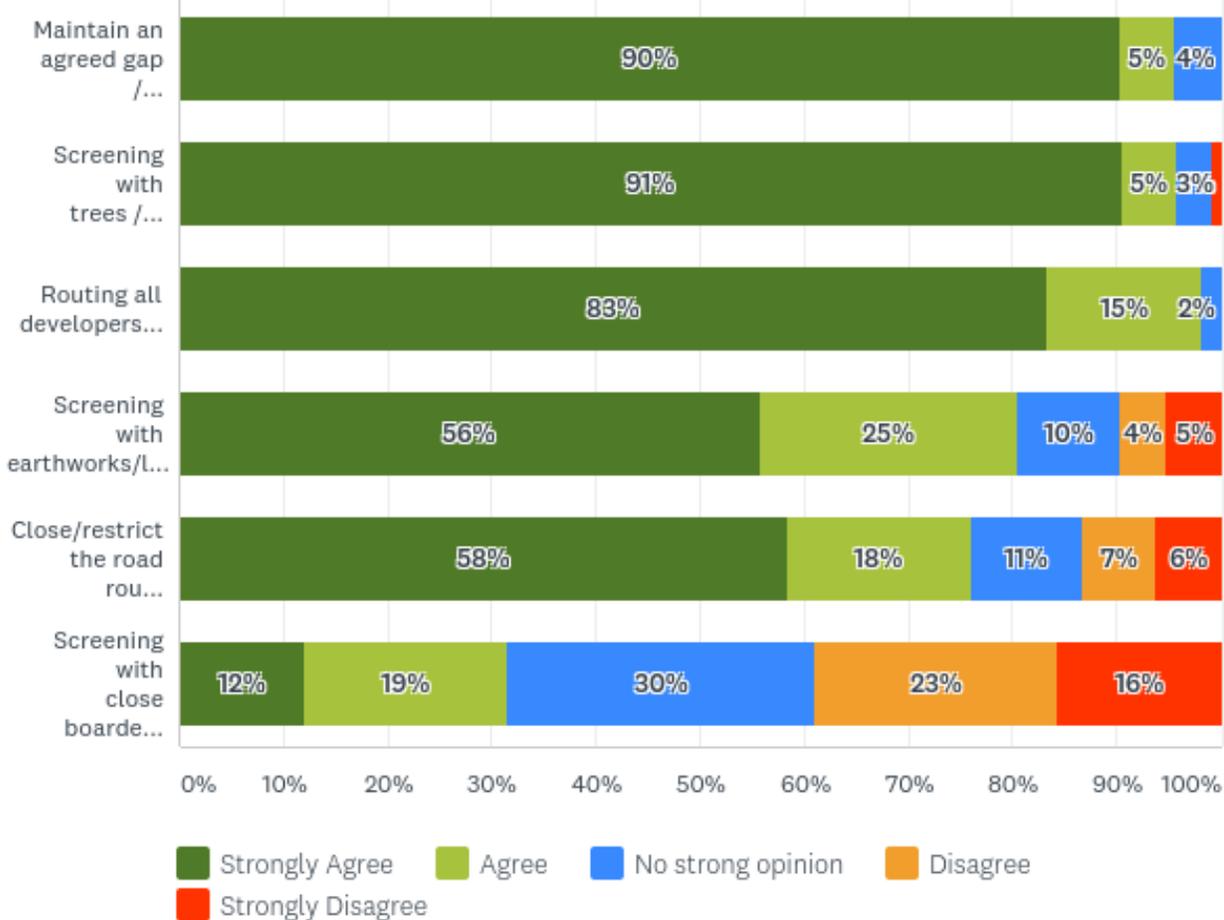
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# Dealing with other developments

If a major development (e.g. major housing expansion of a nearby town, or new major transport route) be proposed in, or close to, Sutton parish, it is important that its effects are mitigated by implementing the following:

Answered: 117 Skipped: 9



How else would you like to see Sutton protected from any nearby major development?

Perceived dangers		
	Sutton losing its rural character	5
	Sutton becoming engulfed in urban development/ becoming suburb of Potton or Biggleswade	4
	Overloading of already overstretched infrastructure – schools, GPs, roads etc.	2
	Loss of farmland needed for food security and flood protection	1
	(Planned) 7-storey buildings domination skyline	1
Proposed solutions		
	Designate green belt/ buffer zone around Sutton	8
	The above respondents also suggested:	
	• Buffer 1km to 1 mile wide around Sutton	(2)
	• Buffer should include woodlands	(2)
	• Buffer might include parks, burial ground, nature reserve	(1)
	• Buffer should be owned and managed by village	(1)
	Restrict/ calm traffic through village	2
	Don't build development/ keep developers out	2
	No need for development – enough occurring in surrounding towns	1
	Ensure fields are farmed so developers can't claim they're brownfield sites & try to "improve" them by building houses	1
Other suggestions		
	Parish Council should work with other PCs to lobby CBC	1
	Parish Council should work with other Dunton PC to buy land between the two villages	1
	Design appropriate houses	1



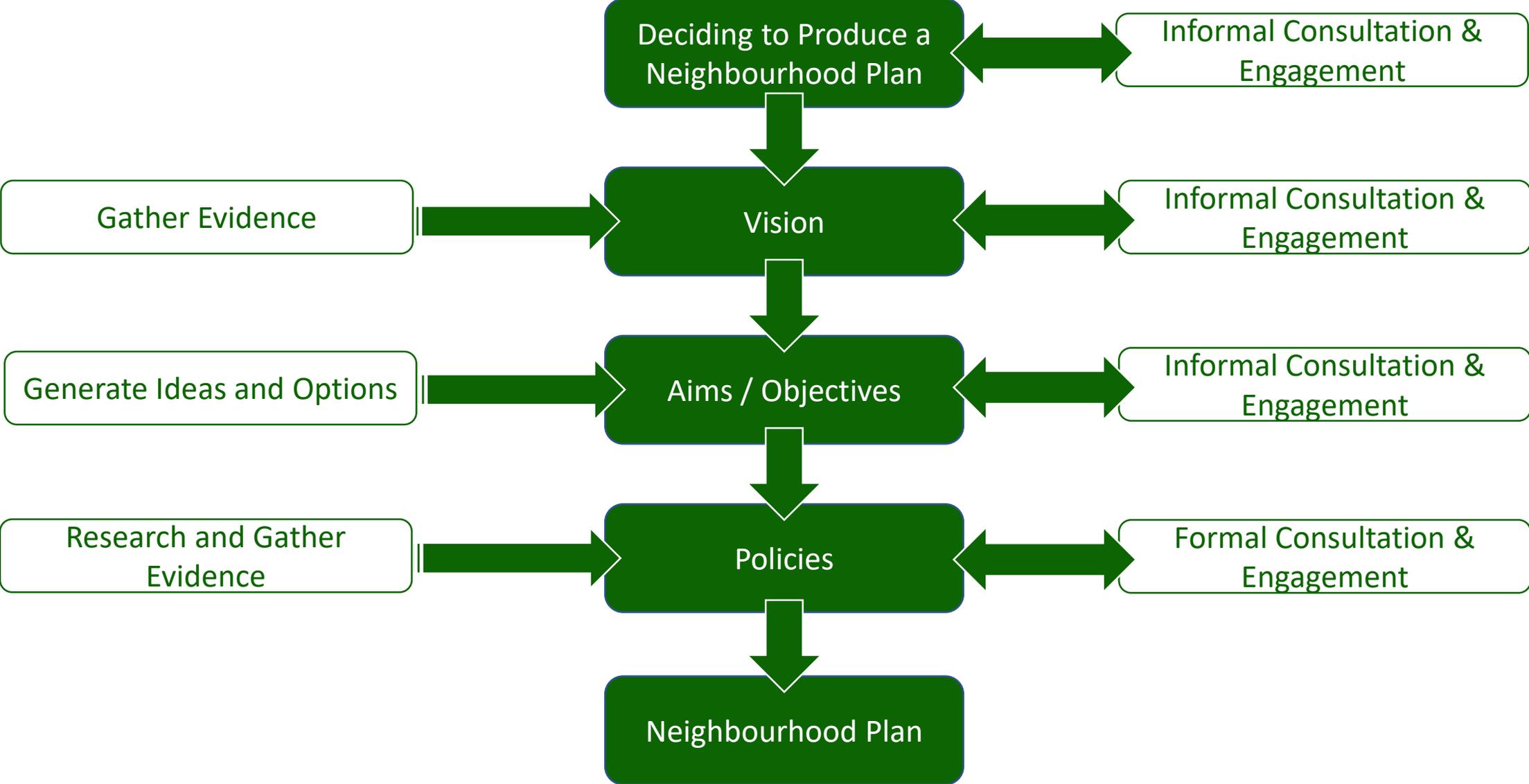




# Sutton Neighbourhood Plan

## Vision & Objectives

# Vision and Objectives



# Vision

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*94% of respondents to the General Questionnaire agreed/strongly agreed with the draft vision*

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3. To reinforce the rural character and local distinctiveness by retaining, expanding and enhancing hedgerows, trees, woodlands and key views within Sutton.
4. To preserve and enhance Sutton's extensive natural and ecological environments, ensuring that habitats are protected and enhanced.
5. To preserve, and where practical enhance, Sutton's dark skies, natural resources and exposed geology.
6. To recognise the importance of green spaces; to protect and enhance the existing green spaces, to improve access to green spaces and to designate new green spaces for wildlife, residents and visitors of all ages to enjoy.
7. To improve, extend and enhance the safety, quality and connectivity of the rights of way network for walking, horse-riding and cycling within the parish and into adjoining parishes.

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## Please can we have your feedback on our draft objectives?

- Do you agree with the draft objectives?
- What suggested changes do you have?
- Is anything important missing from the draft objectives?
- Is there anything we could remove from the draft objectives?
- Anything else?



# Sutton Neighbourhood Plan

**Expected Changes to CBC Emerging Local Plan**

# CBC Emerging Local Plan – Appendix 7

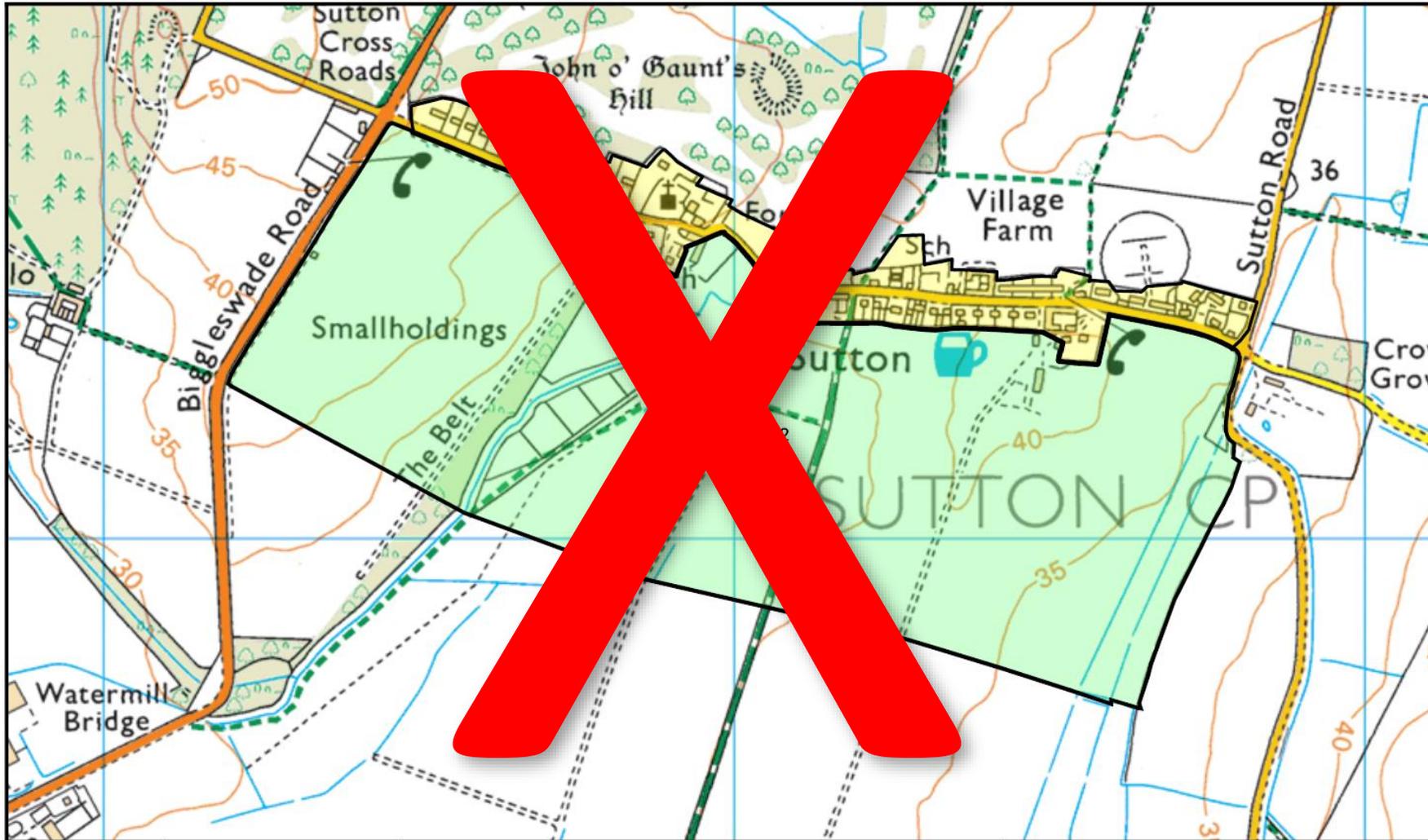
CBC Emerging Local Plan  
Appendix 7  
Areas Identified for Future Growth  
Land East of Biggleswade



We have been advised by CBC that Appendix 7 (Identified Areas for Future Growth) has been removed from the emerging CBC Local Plan which is still currently under examination.

*Though we haven't yet seen anything official from the Inspectors*

# CBC Proposed Countryside Gap – CG2



As Appendix 7 (area for future growth) has been removed from the emerging CBC Local Plan, so has the associated Countryside Gap for Sutton.

*Though we haven't yet seen anything official from the Inspectors*

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# Sutton N.P. Potential 'Important Green Gaps'



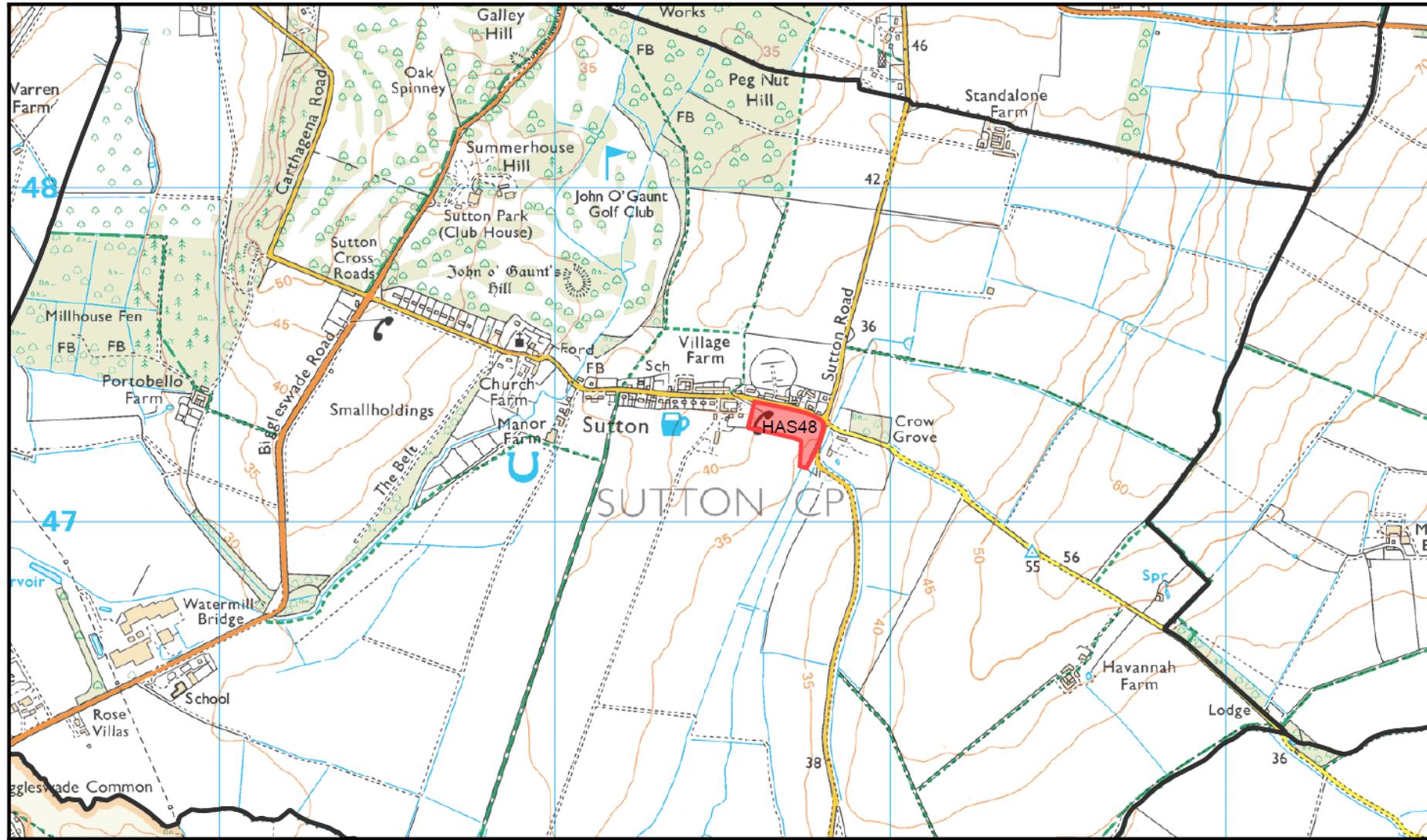
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# CBC Emerging Local Plan – Proposed Allocation HAS48

CBC  
Emerging  
Local Plan  
Proposed  
Housing  
Allocation

HAS48:  
High Street,  
Sutton

37  
Dwellings



This area  
includes  
Sutton  
Millennium  
Wood



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Proposed Allocation

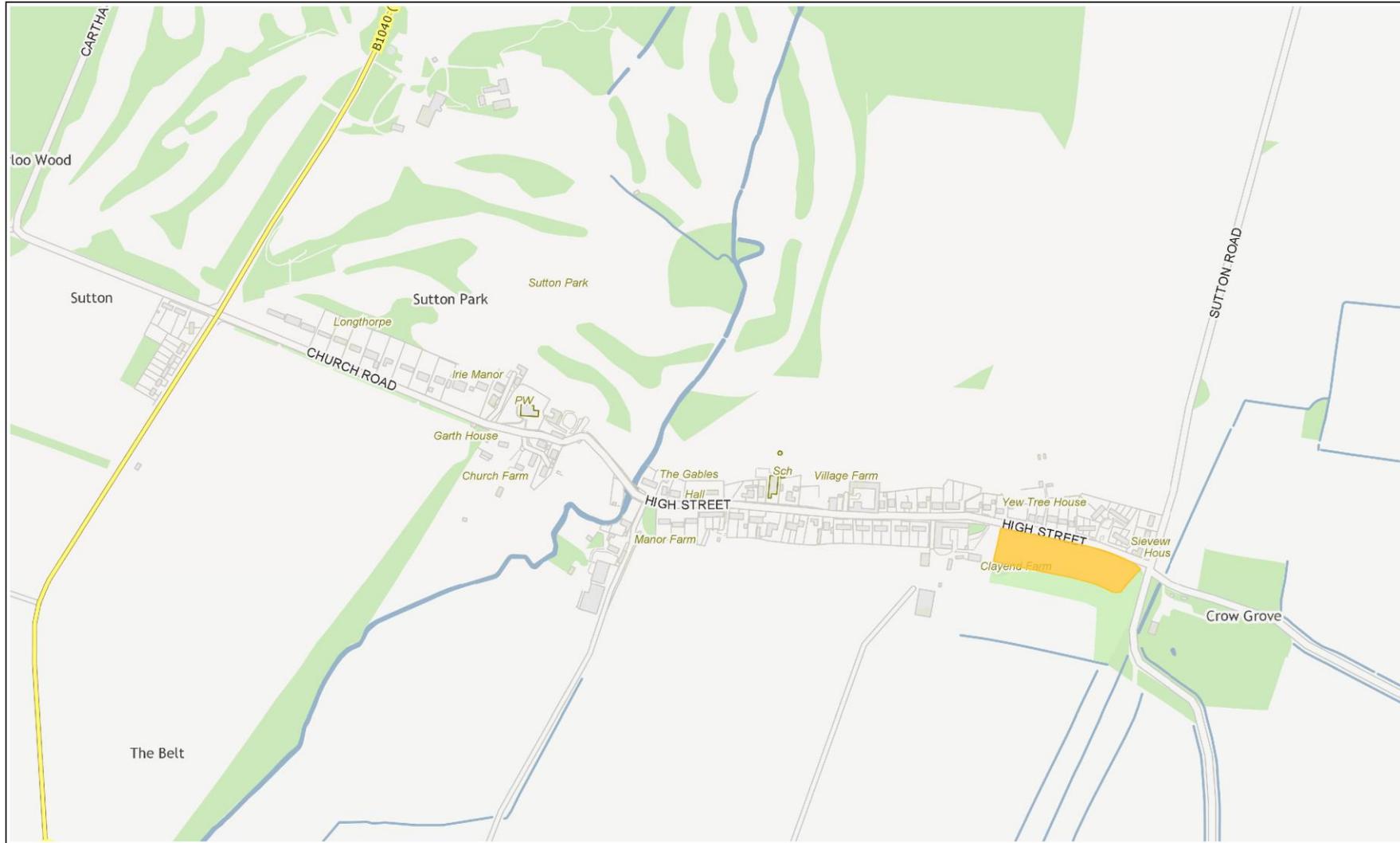
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# CBC Emerging Local Plan – Proposed Allocation HAS48

Following objections and attendance at CBC Local Plan Examination Hearings we have been told that this has now been reduced to 24 dwellings



This area now excludes Millennium Wood

*Though again we haven't yet seen anything official from the Inspectors*

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# Sutton Neighbourhood Plan

## Green Infrastructure Plan

# Green Infrastructure Plan

Green Infrastructure is the network of green spaces, access routes, wildlife habitats, landscapes and historic features which provide:

- a healthy and diverse environment
- attractive places to live and visit
- a good quality of life
- a sustainable future



Green Infrastructure assets include:

- Accessible green space
- Country parks
- Green corridors
- Urban parks and gardens
- Habitats for wildlife incl. nature reserves, Sites of Special Scientific Interest and County Wildlife Sites.
- Historic parks and gardens and historic landscapes
- Scheduled Ancient Monuments
- Waterways and water bodies, including flooded quarries
- Public rights of way and cycleways
- Allotments
- Children's play space
- Formal sports facilities
- Cemeteries



# Green Infrastructure Plan

We engaged Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity (BRCC) to help with our Green Infrastructure Plan.

We gathered details and produced maps with the known green assets on them.

We held three public workshops on:

4<sup>th</sup> February 2019 (Monday evening)

2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019 (Saturday morning)

26<sup>th</sup> March 2019 (Tuesday evening)

In these workshops we identified the opportunities and aspirations of the parish; these were refined over the three workshops using a tried and tested methodology.

This resulted in a list of mapped aspirations which will both influence our Neighbourhood Plan policies and which the parish council will seek to deliver (either directly or more likely through partnerships) over the coming years.

**The Green Infrastructure Plan was endorsed and adopted by Sutton Parish Council on 11th November 2019.**

# Sutton

## (3) Biodiversity Map

### Biodiversity Network

The network has been created to suggest where biodiversity enhancements would be most beneficial. The aim is to buffer and link existing wildlife rich areas, creating a landscape through which species can move. This will make populations more sustainable and help them to respond to climate change. Within the network there are a range of options which could benefit biodiversity, from creating new habitats to improving existing hedgerows.

### Recognised Wildlife Sites

Three County Wildlife Sites (CWS) lie wholly, or partially, within the parish. They are not publicly accessible, unless there is access via public footpaths.

-  Parish Boundary
-  County Wildlife Sites
-  Local Geological Site
-  Ancient Woodland
-  Deciduous Woodland
-  Wood pasture and Parkland
-  Water
-  Wet Woodland
-  Neutral Grassland
-  Biodiversity Opportunity Network

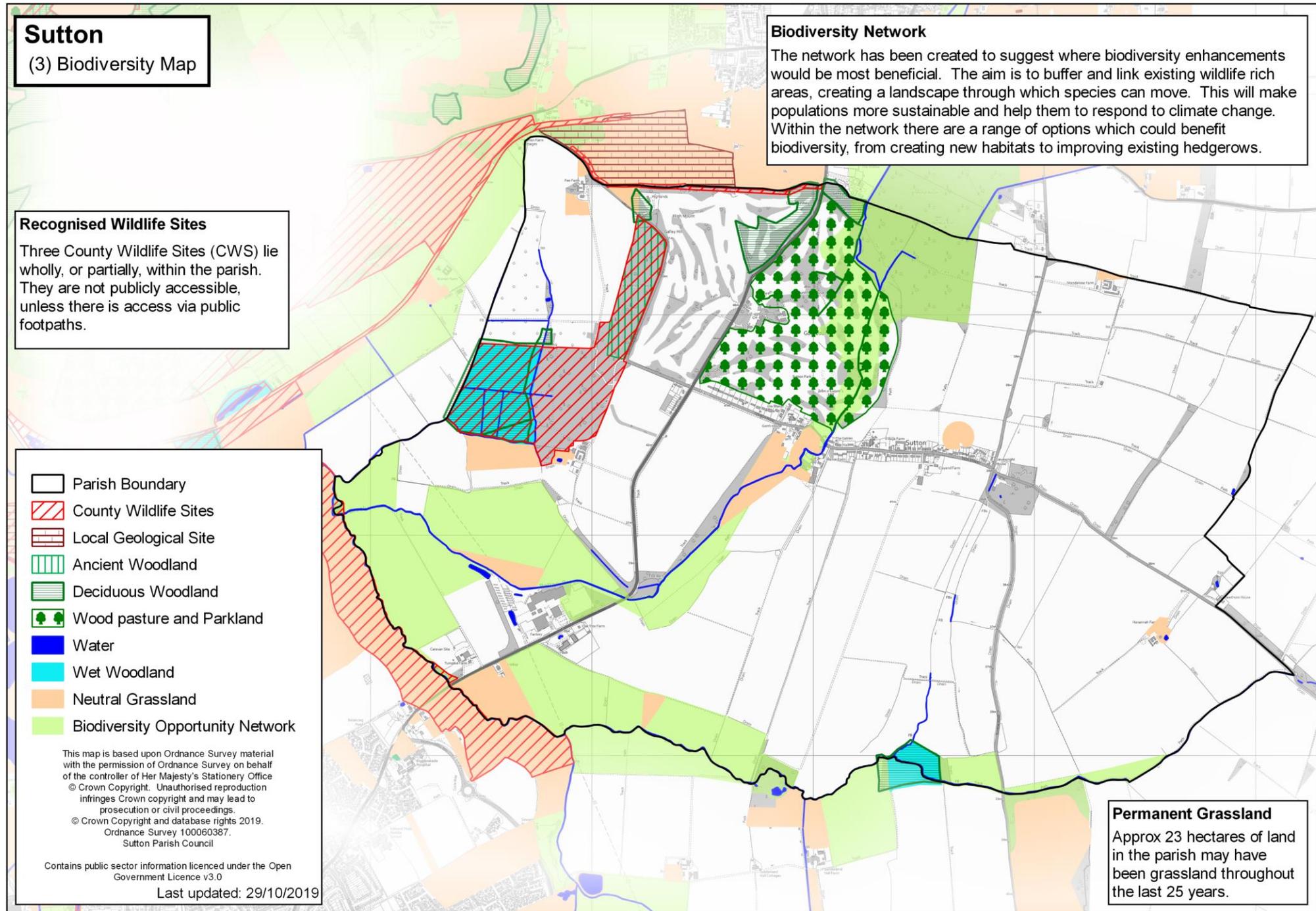
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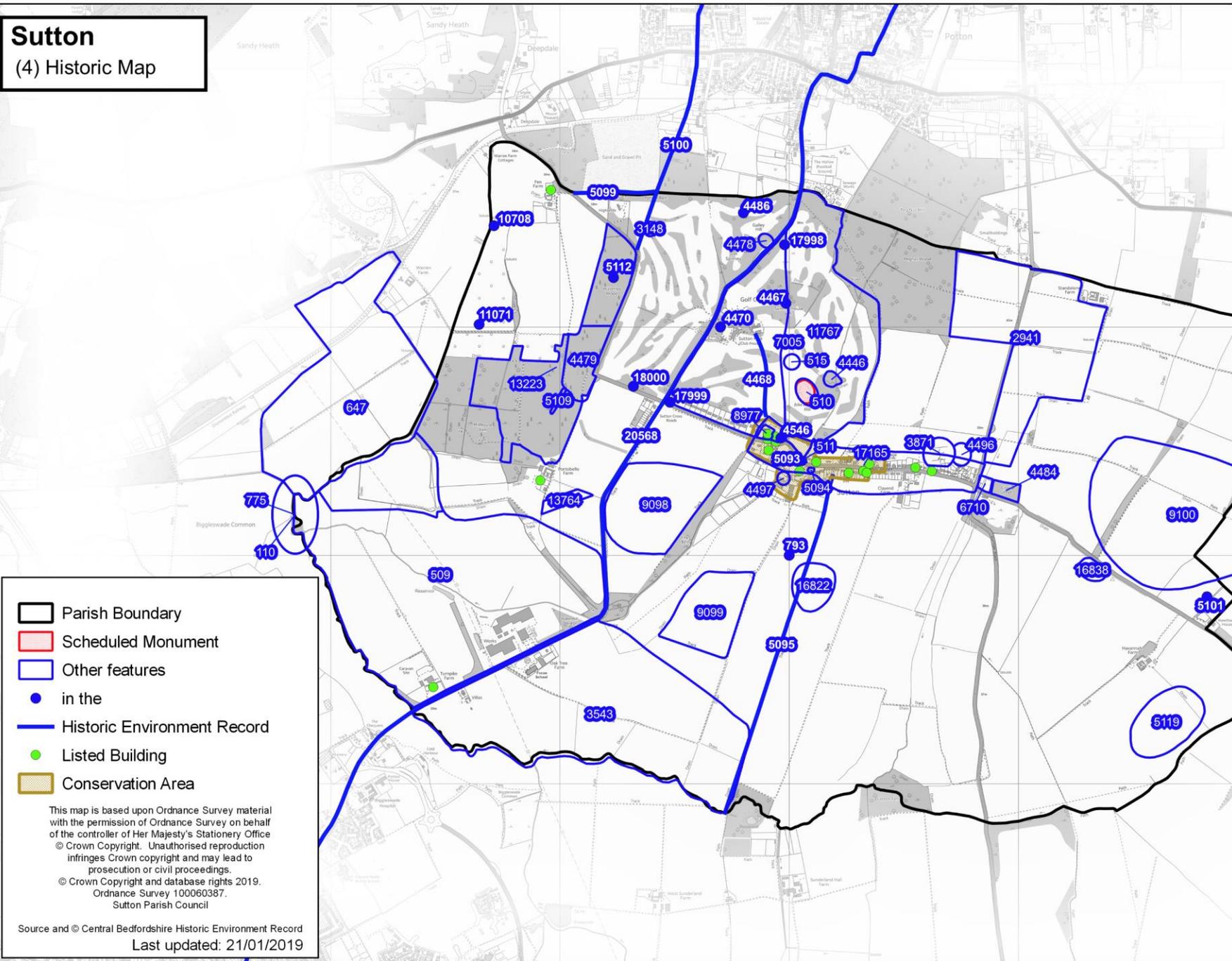
### Permanent Grassland

Approx 23 hectares of land in the parish may have been grassland throughout the last 25 years.



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## (4) Historic Map



- Parish Boundary
- Scheduled Monument
- Other features
- in the
- Historic Environment Record
- Listed Building
- Conservation Area

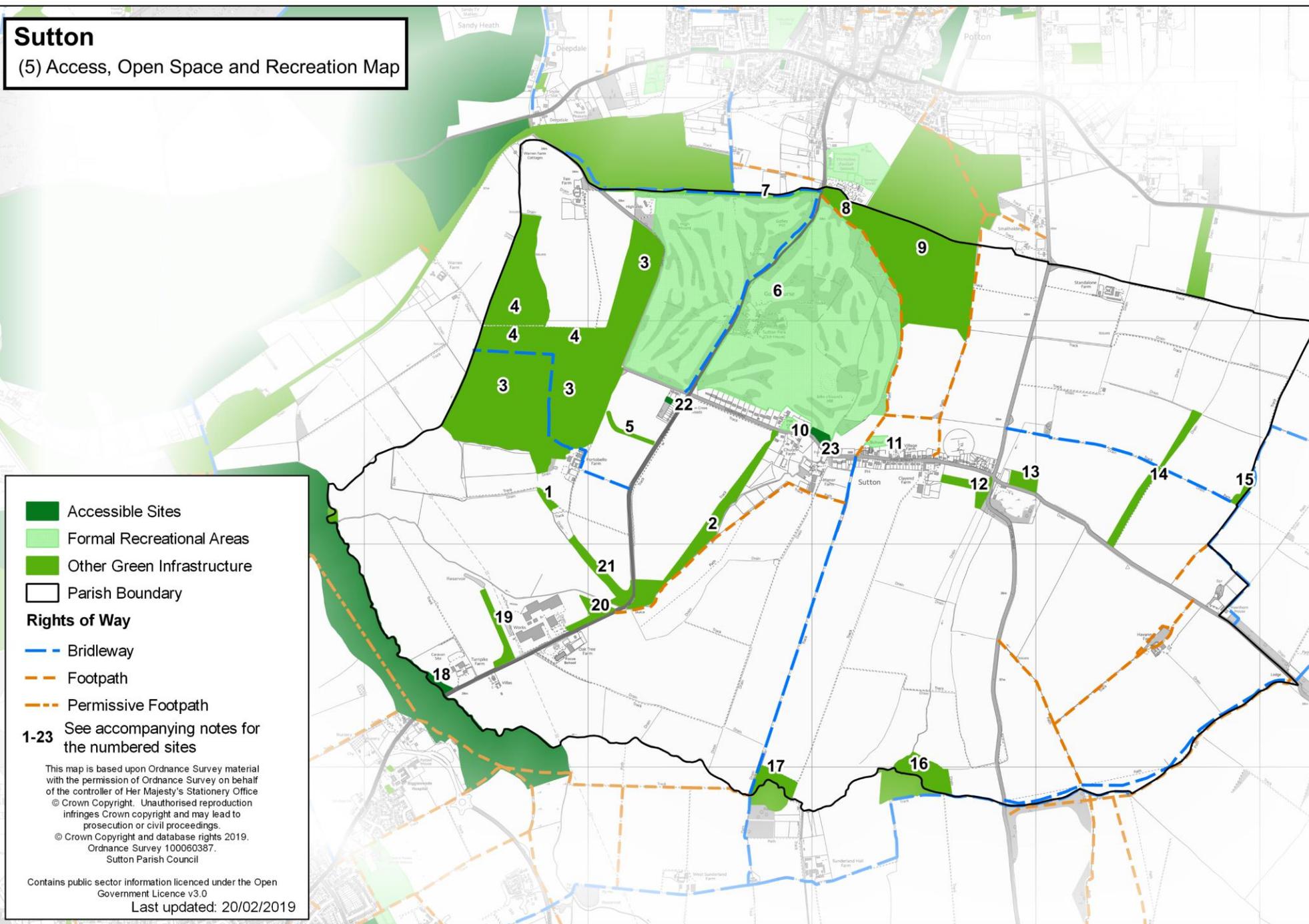
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Number	Feature
110	EARTHWORKS (?KINWICK MEDIEVAL VILLAGE), in south west of Sutton parish
509	ENCLOSURE AND LINEAR CROPMARKS (?KINWICK MEDIEVAL VILLAGE), in south west of Sutton parish
510	JOHN O'GAUNT'S HILL, medieval manor site. Scheduled Monument.
511	PACKHORSE BRIDGE, Scheduled Monument.
515	SITE OF SUTTON MANOR/HOUSE
647	LINEAR CROPMARKS, Sandy/Sutton boundary
775	DESERTED MEDIEVAL VILLAGE, Kinwick
793	WENSLOW, POSSIBLE BURIAL MOUND
2941	CROPMARKS OF PREHISTORIC ENCLOSURES, RING DITCH AND PIT ALIGNMENT, south west of Standalone Farm
3148	WINDMILL MOUND, Sutton Mill
3543	LINEAR AND ENCLOSURE CROPMARKS, in south west of Sutton Parish
3871	WALLED GARDEN
4446	FISHPONDS, Sutton Park
4467	DOGS CEMETERY, Sutton Park
4468	HOLLOW WAY, from Church past Sutton Park House
4470	HOLLOW WAY, west of Sutton Park House
4478	OLD SAND PIT, Galley Hill
4479	OLD SAND PIT, Waterloo Wood
4484	CROW GROVE, ancient woodland
4486	GALLEY HILL (POSSIBLE SITE OF GALLOWS)
4496	VILLAGE DUMP
4497	RUBBISH DUMP
4546	HOLY WELL, Rectory
5093	SUTTON FORD
5094	CATTLE POUND AT FORD
5095	FORMER ROAD, NOW BRIDLEWAY, south of village
5099	HOLLOW WAY, west of Mill House
5100	FORMER ROAD, past Mill to Woodbury
5101	MIDDLEWELLS SPRING
5109	EARTHWORK BANK through Waterloo Wood
5112	PRISONER OF WAR CAMP, Waterloo Wood
5119	ENCLOSURE CROPMARK, south east of Havannah Farm
6710	CLAY PIT, Clay End
7005	SUTTON PARK
8977	ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCHYARD
9098	ENCLOSURE AND TRACKWAY CROPMARKS, south of Sutton Cross Roads
9099	RING DITCH AND LINEAR CROPMARKS, south west of Manor Farm
9100	ENCLOSURE AND TRACKWAY CROPMARKS, north of Sutton-Eyeworth Road
10708	PROCESSIONING STONE
11071	POSSIBLE BOMB CRATER
11767	EARTHWORKS, Sutton Park
13223	WATERLOO WOOD, Ancient Woodland
13764	?TRACKWAY CROPMARKS, SE of Portobello Farm
16822	ENCLOSURE CROPMARK, south of Manor Farm
16838	RING DITCH CROPMARK, north west of Havannah Farm
17165	SUTTON HISTORIC VILLAGE CORE
17998	WW2 ARMY CAMP
17999	WW2 TRENCHES, Sutton Crossroads
18000	SITE OF WW2 PILLBOX
20568	TURNPIKE ROAD, Biggleswade to Ramsey

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## (5) Access, Open Space and Recreation Map



No.	Name
1	Woodland
2	Linear woodland (The Belt)
3	Sutton Fen and Woods CWS
4	Tree Nursery
5	Woodland
6	John O'Gaunt Golf Club
7	Carthagenia Bridleway CWS
8	Woodland area adjacent to Pegnut Wood and John O'Gaunt Golf Club
9	Pegnut Wood
10	All Saint's Churchyard
11	Sutton Lower School Playing Field
12	Woodland
13	Crow Grove
14	Woodland
15	Woodland
16	Dunton Fen
17	Woodland
18	Biggleswade Common CWS
19	Woodland
20	Woodland
21	Linear woodland (The Belt)
22	Sutton Crossroads Play Area
23	Church Field

- Accessible Sites
- Formal Recreational Areas
- Other Green Infrastructure
- Parish Boundary

- Rights of Way**
- Bridleway
  - Footpath
  - Permissive Footpath

1-23 See accompanying notes for the numbered sites

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## Green Infrastructure Aspirations

 Parish Boundary

**Access and Openspace Theme**

-  Accessible Sites
-  Formal Recreational Areas
-  Other Green Infrastructure

**Rights of Way**

-  Bridleway
-  Footpath
-  Permissive Footpath

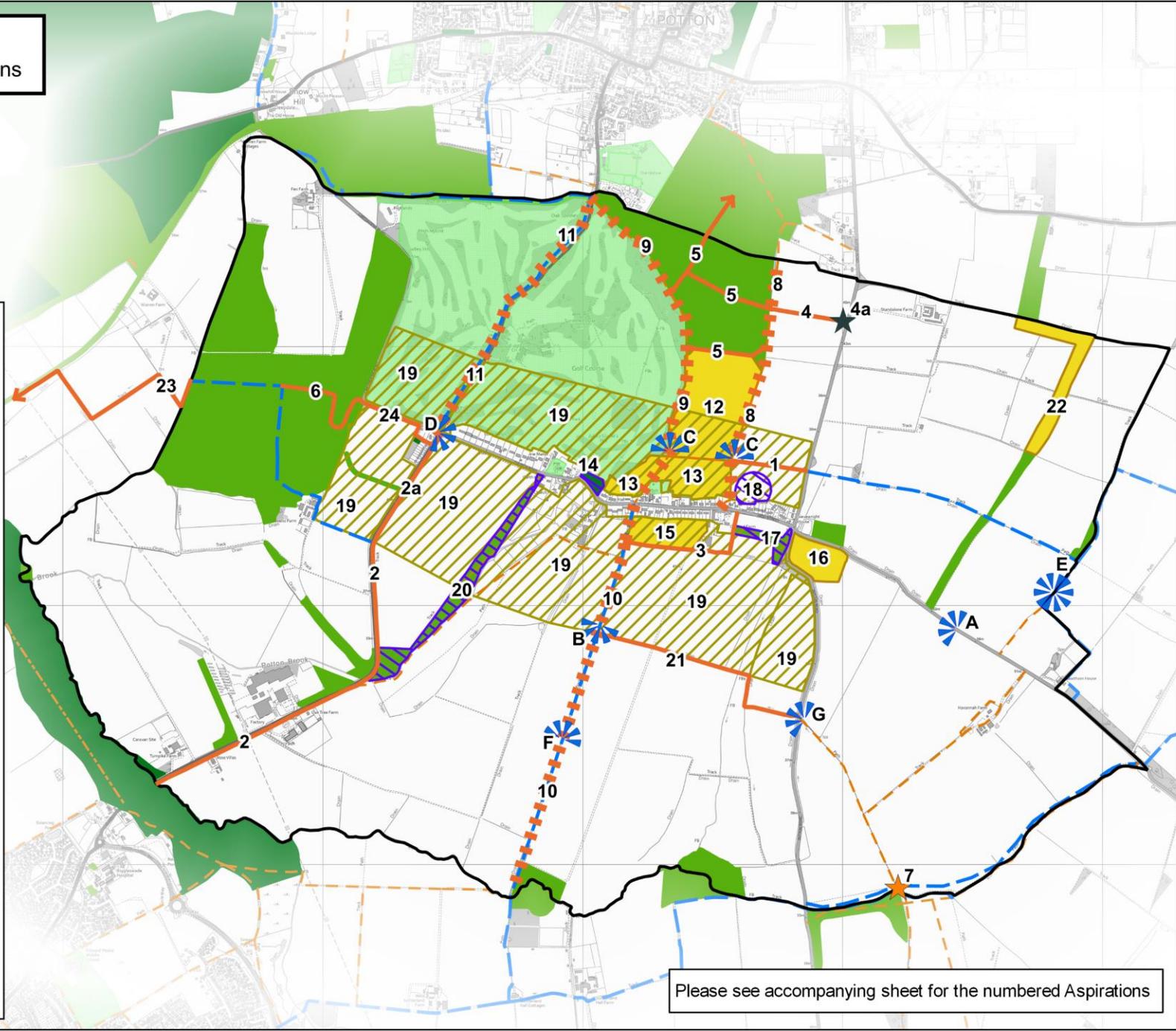
**Aspirations**

-  Green Infrastructure Sites
-  Enhanced Access Management
-  Important green gaps
-  Green Infrastructure Route
-  Right of Way Upgrade
-  New Bridge
-  Improve Car Parking
-  Protect Views

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# Green Infrastructure Plan – Aspirations

1. Create footpath / bridleway to link FP11 to Sutton Road and on to BW6
2. Create cycleway alongside Biggleswade Road from Sutton crossroads to Biggleswade Common
- 2a. Enable northern section of Aspiration 2 (between BW8 and BW9) to also be available to horse riders
3. Create footpath to link BW3 (Lantern Lane) to High Street, east of Clayend Farm
4. Create footpath to link FP2 at Pegnut Wood with car park – with height restriction - at Aspiration 4a
- 4a. Enhance car park on Sutton Road, west of Standalone Farm - if footpath at Aspiration 4 is created
5. Reinstate public access routes within Pegnut Wood
6. Create new bridleway to link corner of Carthagen Road with BW9 and Aspiration 23
7. Install bridleway footbridge to link FP7 and BW10 to Dunton's BW17 and FP1
8. Upgrade footpath to cycleway from High Street northwards towards Potton
9. Upgrade footpath to cycleway from High Street northwards to Biggleswade Road
10. Improve condition of BW3 (Lantern Lane) to enable cycling
11. Improve condition of BW8 alongside Biggleswade Road [to Potton] to enable cycling
12. Extend Pegnut Wood southwards
13. Create accessible greenspace for quiet / informal recreation [behind/north of High St]
14. Enhance and protect accessible greenspace [Church Field]
15. Create publicly accessible greenspace [Rear of some houses on High Street (south)]
16. Create community orchard on derelict nursery site, east of Sutton Road (opposite High Street)

17. Provide public access in Millennium Wood
18. Enhance and protect Bear Garden heritage site
19. Create 'important green gaps' with appropriate strategic tree planting to north and south of village
20. Seek enhanced management of 'The Belt' (linear woodland) for wildlife conservation
21. Create new footpath to link Sutton Road to BW3 (Lantern Lane)
22. Create woodland belt to link existing woodland belts east of Standalone Farm as an important wildlife corridor
23. Link BW9 to old railway line and on to RSPB and Biggleswade Common, as a bridleway
24. Create an off-road footpath to connect Sutton crossroads, through the playing field, to proposed new footpath at Aspiration 6
25. Sutton Neighbourhood Plan to include a policy supporting the creation of 'important green gaps' with appropriate strategic tree planting to north and south of village

-- Important Views --

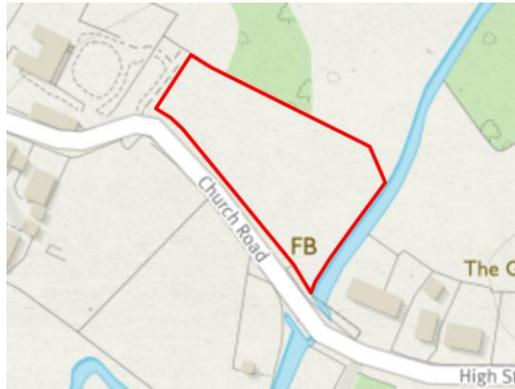
- A. Sutton Hill towards village
- B. Looking south along BW3 (Lantern Lane)
- C. Views towards Pegnut Wood and Potton from north of village
- D. View into village along Church Road
- E. Views east towards Cambridge and Royston, and west to Greensand Ridge
- F. View from BW3 (Lantern Lane) northwards to village
- G. View north-westwards from Sutton Road to village

-- General --

Protect and enhance hedgerows for biodiversity

# Proposed Local Green Space Designations

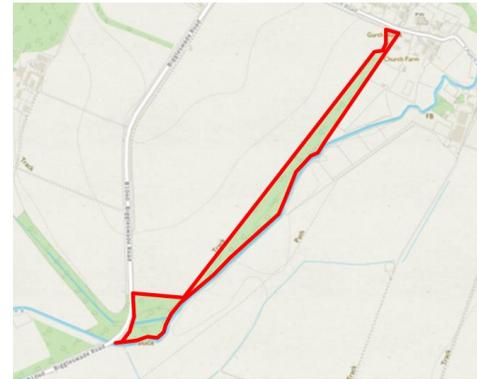
As part of the Green Infrastructure Plan, residents identified a wish to designate some areas as Local Green Spaces. The following identified areas passed the specific Green Space Assessment (stage II assessment) and are being included in the draft Sutton Neighbourhood Plan for designation as Local Green Spaces:



Church Field (0.45ha)



Sutton Lower School Playing Field (0.38ha)



The Belt (5.53ha)



Pegnut Wood (South) (18.25ha)



Millennium Wood (1.00ha)

Note: These proposed Local Green Spaces do not get legal designation until the Sutton Neighbourhood Plan has passed referendum and been adopted.

Questions? Feedback? Ideas?



Thank

You

