

West Suffolk Local Plan Issues and Options October 2020

Part 2 questionnaire

West Suffolk's local planning issues

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Note

Please be aware that any representations made cannot be treated as confidential and will be made available for public inspection.

Landowner details

Please provide full contact details of the landowner, including name, address, telephone number and email address.

Name:
Address:
Telephone number:
Email address:

Developer details

If there is a developer for the site please provide their full contact details, including organisation name, address, telephone number and email address.

Organisation:
Contact name:
Address:
Telephone number:
Email address:

Agent details

If you are an agent please provide full contact details, including your name, organisation (if applicable), address, telephone number and email address.

Organisation:	Wickhambrook Parish Council
Contact name:	Hilary Workman
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Telephone number:	07508 039810
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Climate change question

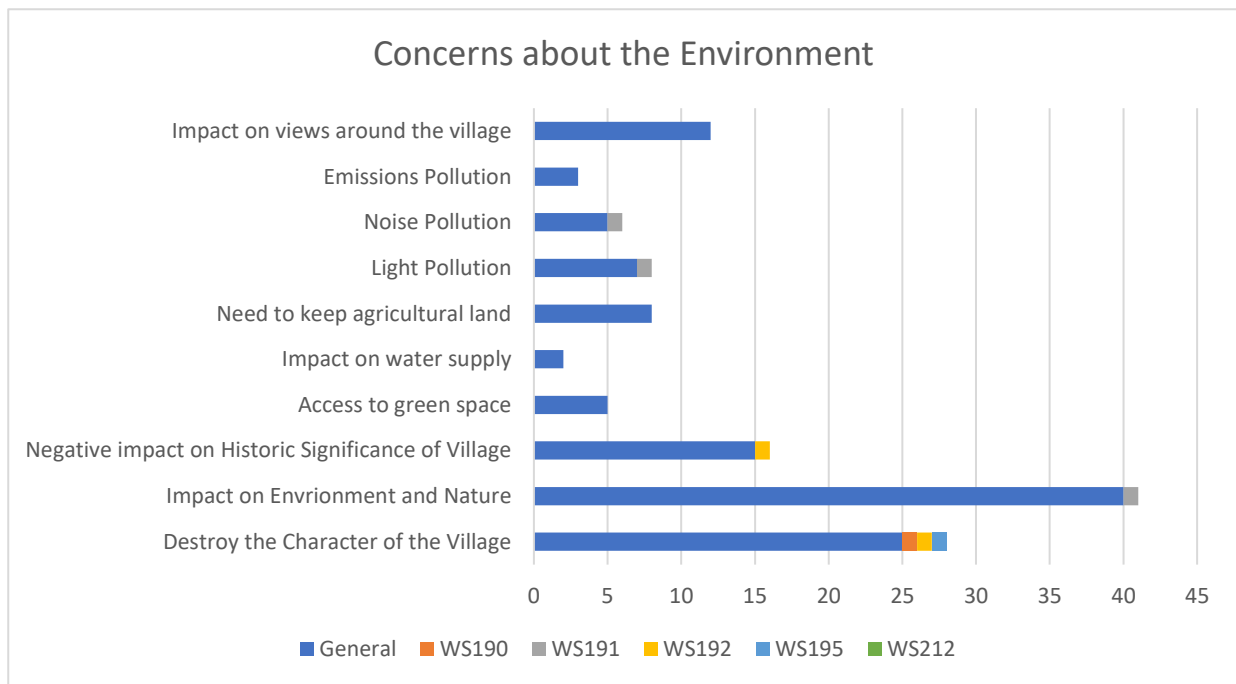
Do you think that this is the right climate change issue to focus on?

(Please click in the box to show your answer)

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Please set out any changes you think we need to make.

Responses to the proposals submitted by local residents to Wickhambrook Parish Council focussed strongly on the need for encouraging sustainable modes of transport, environmental quality and halting the loss of biodiversity through green infrastructure provision, improving air quality, and ensuring sufficient water capacity.



Housing question

Do you think these are the right housing issues to focus on?

(Please click in the box to show your answer)

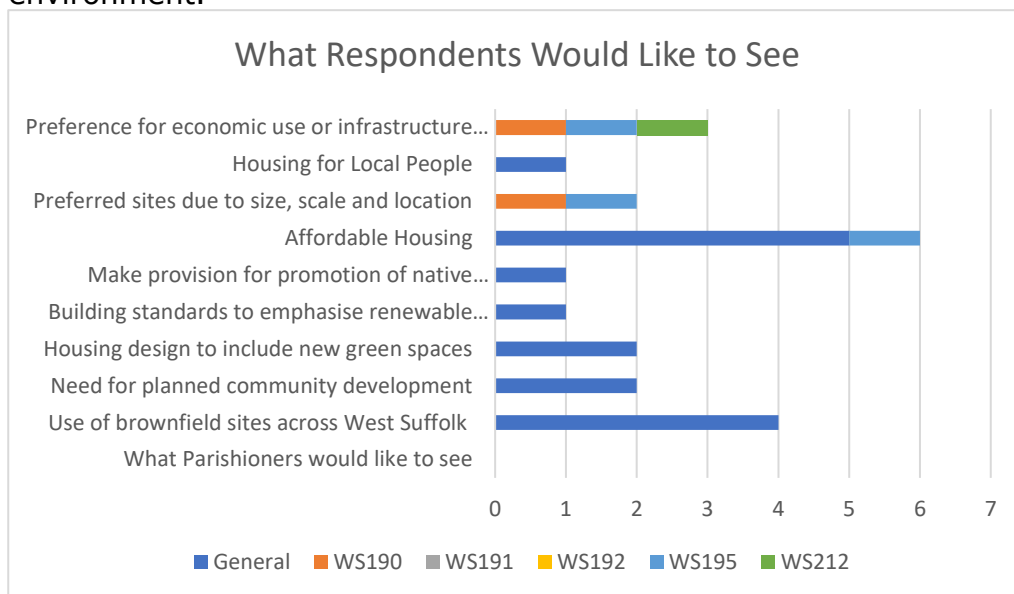
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Focussing on

- enabling local people to change their housing and tenure types whilst remaining in their home parish.
- The provision of housing which enables young people to move (back) to independent living within their parish if they chose to do so.
- Enabling wickhambrook residents to downsize to more accessible properties or small scale supported housing developments so that they can remain in their community
- Affordable provision for veterans moving back into their former local area, with adapted or full disable access housing where needed.

More generally, mixed residential and business purpose buildings in the local community to enable local business to flourish and reduce impact of travel on the environment.



Meeting the needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople question

Are you aware of any suitable sites to meet the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers?

YES **NO**

Please submit details of the size and ownership of the site with a red line.

Provision for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Show people has already been made in Wickhambrook at Kelly's Meadow - a site for 10

Employment question

Do you think that these are the right employment issues to focus on?

(Please click in the box to show your answer)

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Please set out any changes you think we need to make.

Don't understand why employment land is only being interpreted to include B class use development only, when certainly A, C and possibly also D would be relevant to the creation of sustainable local service centres. In rural areas, it may not be possible to attract or use land for B Class, whilst other classes may on their own make significant contributions to the sustainability and vibrancy of the local community.

For example, if further housing development takes place, there may be an increased demand for arts, cultural and leisure facilities such as a local library.

Respondents referred to inadequate employment opportunities within the parish, and the impact poor public transport links have on enabling sustainable commuting for employment out of the parish

A preference for one or more of the sites identified under SHELAA to be allocated to employment land or mixed residential and business (retail) purpose buildings in the local community to enable local business to flourish and reduce impact of travel on the environment.

Transport question

Do you think that these are the right transport issues to focus on?

(Please click in the box to show your answer)

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Please set out any changes you think we need to make.

Yes, but there is insufficient focus on the development and re-instatement of regular public transport networks to key service centres and towns for the purposes of employment, access to services and leisure. This means regular routes which enable residents to arrive at their service centre in time to start a full day's employment and return home afterwards.

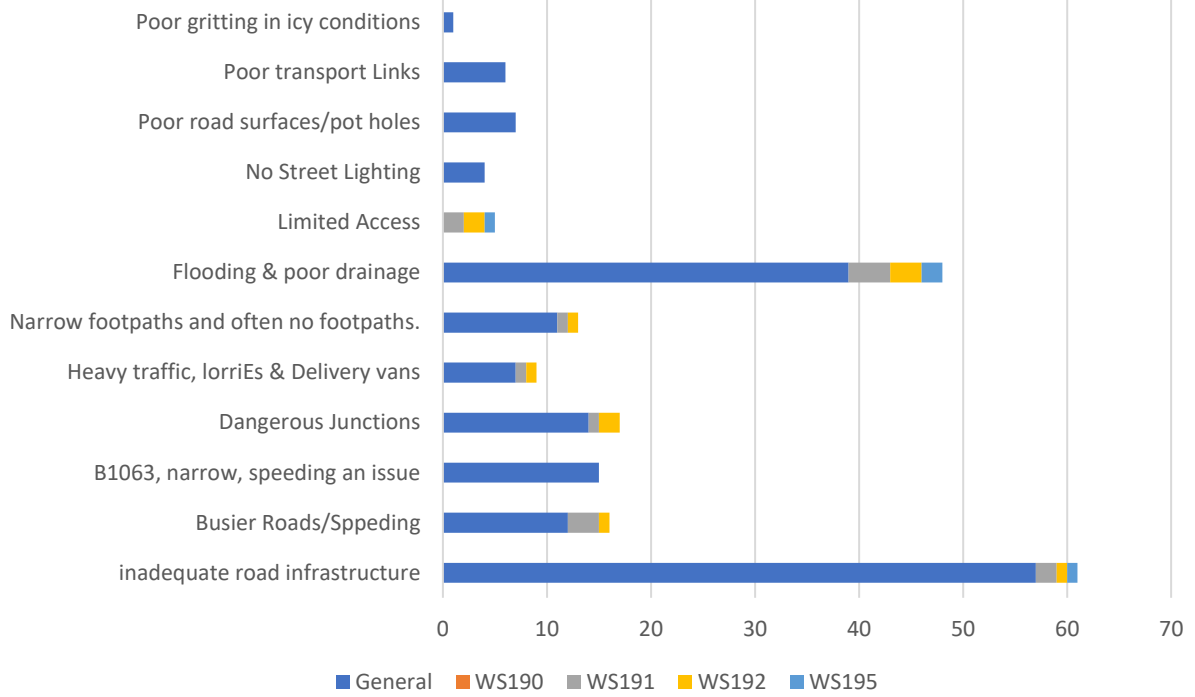
Focus on improving walking and cycling is unlikely to succeed without substantial work to change speed limits (down) on rural roads, regularly cut verges so that pedestrians can move about safely, establishment and maintenance of good quality footpaths/pavements accessible to all needs and consistent maintenance of the network of footpaths and byeways (drainage, surfacing, cutting).

Both of these are particularly important with an aging population, who may no longer have access to private transport.

Responses to the parish council included the following issues raised:

- The prevalence of speeding vehicles through the village, concerns about safety of pedestrians and cyclists
- The network of roads through the parish are almost all single track, inadequate to support access to new development sites, and the prevalence of dangerous junctions impeded by poor maintenance of hedgerows impeding sight lines
- Poor maintenance of ditches and culverts leading to poor drainage, flooding onto roads and increased incidence of pot holes
- Poor maintenance of public footways, footpaths and byeways, and overgrown hedges and verges impedes their use by pedestrians and cyclists
- Poor public transport links to towns and key service centres, insufficient to support commuting for employment and impeding a move to a more sustainable travel network.

Concerns relating to Highways



Retail, leisure and wellbeing question

Do you think these are the right retail, leisure and wellbeing issues to focus on?

(Please click in the box to show your answer)

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Please set out any changes you think we need to make.

Rural communities question

Do you agree that these are the right rural community issues to focus on?

(Please click in the box to show your answer)

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Please set out any changes you think we need to make.

Agree – the key points relevant to Wickhambrook are;

- new development and settlement expansion has the potential to impact upon the varied and rich landscape character.
- It will be important to protect settlement identities, including settlement settings and the nocturnal landscape.
- Historically there has been an under provision of affordable housing in West Suffolk.

Please also consider:

Improved internet access

Improved public transport infrastructure

Improved grading of key routes in and appropriate speed limits to support local residents, businesses and key services, and reduce congestion

Key concerns raised by residents are:

- Affordable housing and housing for local people
- Poor public transport
- Poor broadband
- Oversubscribed surgery and school
- Any development would further reduce the scale and quality of district , county and public services such as bin collection, emergency response

Natural environment question

Do you think that these are the right natural environment issues to focus on?

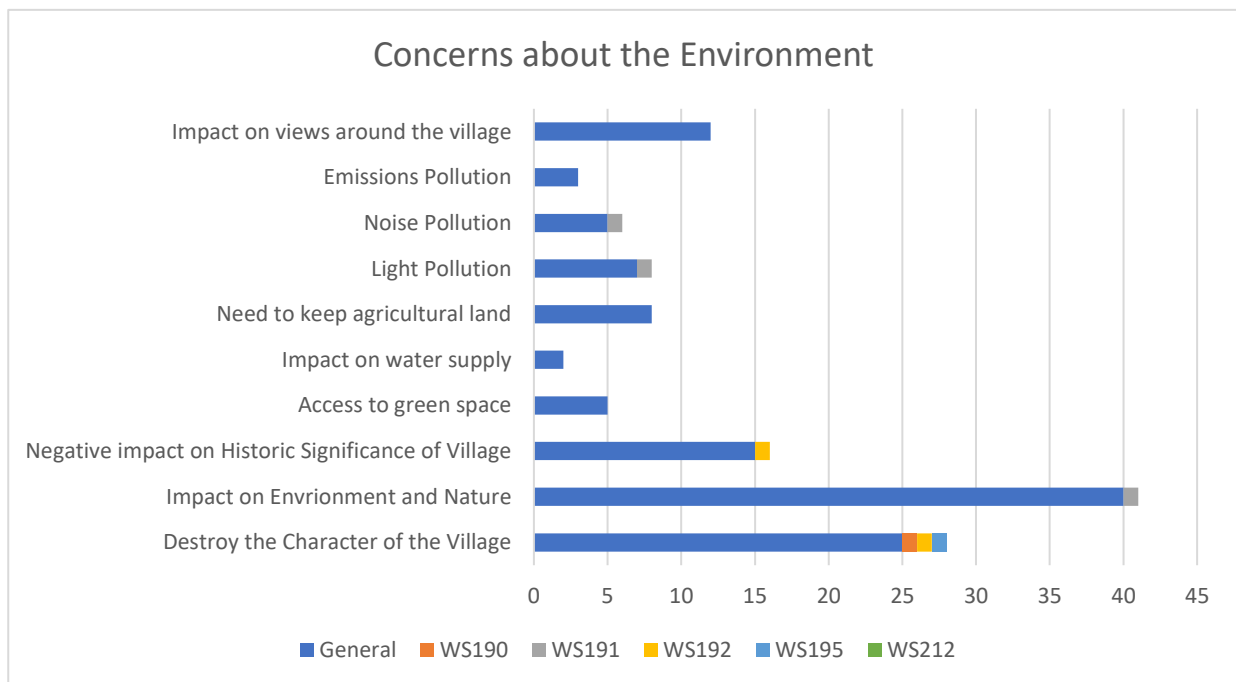
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- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Please set out any changes you think we need to make.

Residents in Wickhambrook strongly concurred with the key issues identified for the local plan:

- Protection of biodiversity
- Protection of landscapes and landscape features
- Provision of green infrastructure to support development (namely, the maintenance of its networks of greens and open spaces).



Natural resources question

Do you think these are the right natural resources issues to focus on?

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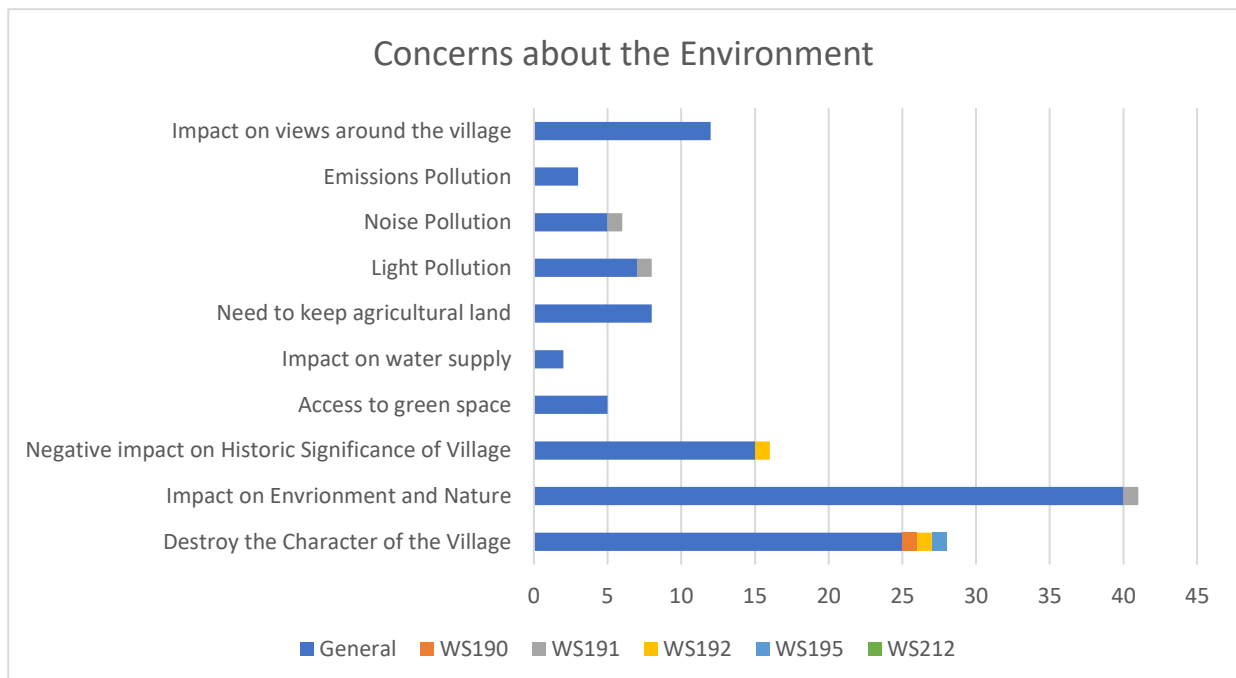
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No changes, residents in Wickhambrook strongly concurred with the key issues identified for the local plan

- Fluvial and surface water flooding management
- Maintaining water supply and quality
- Protecting best and most versatile land and reuse of brownfield land
- Air quality improvements and minimising noise effects and light pollution.

See below responses from residents of Wickhambrook.



Historic environment question

Do you think these are the right historic environment issues to focus on?

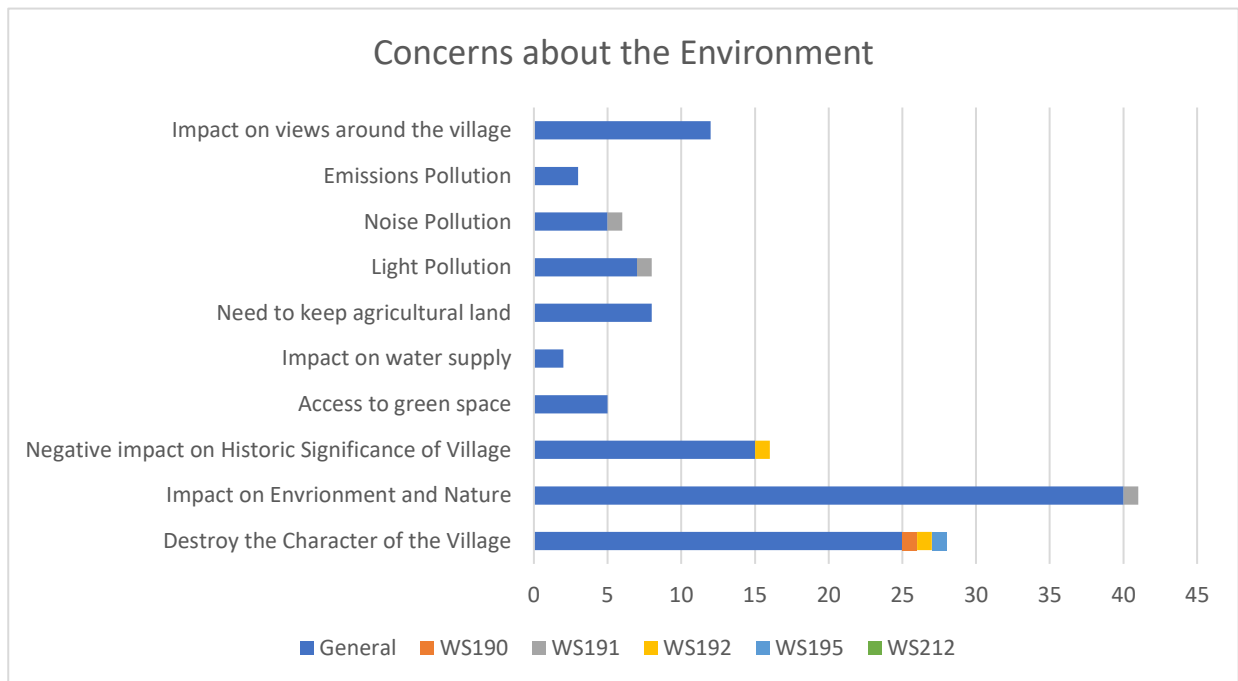
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- Strongly agree
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- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Please set out any changes you think we need to make.

Include in this, Identify, protect, conserve...

The historic significance of the landscape and built environment needs to carry the same weight when considering planning applications as that of historic towns.



Horseracing question 1

Are there any horseracing related issues that we have missed? If so, please tell us what they are

Please tell us what horseracing issues you think we have missed, if any.

Horseracing question 2

If you know of any sites or proposals for racehorse industry related uses that should be allocated in the new plan please submit a site plan along with details of the uses.

