






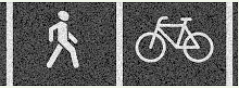



Little Chesterford Village Questionnaire 2016 results (1)

Prepared from responses from
40 households (50%)

Area	Summary of findings	Considerations/Actions
Population 	Little Chesterford has a high proportion of small households (50% 1 or 2 people), and an aging population who have lived in the village for a long time (80% over 10 years) . Most people (57%), work locally or at home with 20% working in Cambridge, and 11% in London	Ensure needs for aging population and local working are built into Neighbourhood Plan (<i>Neighbourhood Plan committee</i>) Consider ways to facilitate local working (eg broadband) (<i>Parish Council</i>)
Values 	There is a high degree of agreement that it is the community spirit and nature of a small village together with the open rural countryside and peace and quiet that makes Little Chesterford a great place to live. Proximity to Saffron Walden and good transport links help too!	Ensure protection for size of village and surrounding countryside are built into Neighbourhood Plan and planning decisions (<i>Neighbourhood Plan committee, Parish Council</i>)
Assets of community Value  	There is a high degree of agreement that the Village Hall, Church and the surrounding meadow/carpark should be listed. Some fields surrounding the village, especially along the river, also received multiple responses	Ensure Village Hall, Church , Meadow and carpark are listed as a priority. Review other sites for consideration. <i>Neighbourhood Plan , Parish Council</i>
Residential	93% of residents prefer to see not more than 10 homes	Ensure these preferences are built into

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Traffic & road safety 	<p>Villagers primary concerns are volume and speed of traffic on village roads, and cars parked on the on the High Street. Almost all households (93%) use a car to get to work. Small numbers use the train regularly, but public bus use is sparse.</p>	<p>Consider ways to address road safety concerns. (<i>Parish Council</i>) Ensure residents transport needs are reflected in Neighbour Plan (<i>Neighbourhood Plan Committee</i>)</p>
Cycle paths & footpaths 	<p>Cycle routes are well supported and residents say that they will be well used. A small number of residents are concerned with the maintenance of footpaths, and the ability to join up the footpath network with other villages/towns</p>	<p>Work with other bodies as appropriate to support creation of cycle paths and footpaths. Investigate footpath maintenance. (<i>Parish Council</i>)</p>
Education 	<p>Respondents feel strongly about the ability of Little Chesterford children to attend primary school in the Chesterford. 82% thought it very important, with an additional 11% thinking it quite important. If necessary, they would like to see the school expand and relocate rather than send children elsewhere.</p>	<p>Endeavour to ensure that needs of Little Chesterford primary school children are met in the Chesterfords when educational provision is planned (<i>Parish Council, PCC, Neighbourhood plan committee</i>)</p>
Communication and Democracy 	<p>The Parish Council has room for improvement in getting information to residents. Future input to Neighbourhood Plan should be through meetings/distribution of information.</p>	<p>Establish better ways of communicating activities. (<i>Parish Council</i>) Hold meeting(s) and distribute information for comment (<i>Neighbourhood Plan Committee</i>)</p>
Recreation 	<p>There is a high attendance at village events, and residents find it easy to find activities they enjoy. The village is</p>	<p>Hold consideration of children's play area until demand changes or new development arises. (<i>Parish</i></p>

Conclusion

Keep and build on what is great about Little Chesterford as it moves forward into the future....

Ensure we stay “Little”

- Limit development to new 10 homes over next 15 years
- Favoured sites are adjacent to existing homes at Manor Cottages, opposite Rectory Farm

Keep the rural nature of the village

- Protect surrounding fields and green spaces, open views
- Protect the hub of the village – church, meadow and hall and historic core
- Maintain and improve the network of footpaths

Protect our safety, peace and quiet

- Manage traffic volume and speed, especially with regard to limiting cut-through
- Ensure on-street parking does not impact on safety of pedestrians and cyclists

Maintain and strengthen the close community spirit

- Ensure that future development of Gt Chesterford primary school includes Lt Chesterford children
- Ensure a mix of housing
- Ensure support for ageing population
- Improve Parish Council communications
- Ensure meetings are held to review Neighbourhood plans and materials are distributed/available.

Support local employment

- Ensure infrastructure supports local employment (within 5 miles) and home working
 - including provision of cycle routes, footpaths, improved broadband

A more detailed version of this report is available on the village website www.little-chesterford.org.uk or on request from Fiona Wilkinson, Woodene, Walden Road 531822