

Diss & District Neighbourhood Plan

Issues & Options Consultation (1)

Results Summary: Scole



Introduction

This is a three page summary which can be read alongside the longer more detailed report, available on the DDNP website parish page for Scole, www.ddnp.info/scole. It provides an overview of results for the first of two Issues and Options Consultations, which ran across all parishes involved in the Neighbourhood Plan from mid-July to mid-August 2020. This consultation is one element of the evidence and assessment work which will help determine the final policies and site allocations. All of the evidence compiled to support the Neighbourhood Plan will be made publicly available on the website – www.ddnp.info

A total of 961 people took part in this first consultation across the DDNP area, with 69 taking part for Scole.

Methodology

Respondents were asked to agree/disagree the extent to which the following list of local green spaces, important views and non-designated heritage assets were important to them. A benchmark of 80% agree/strongly agree has been applied to the data received. Those which didn't meet that 80% agreement benchmark are shown in italics. Suggestions for additional local green spaces and important views were also invited and are currently being considered for further consultation.

Local Green Space: **13 of the 14 assets proposed reached the 80% benchmark. Those that didn't are shown in italics:** SCO1: Billingford Common; SCO2: Billingford Upper Street Green; SCO5: Green Triangle; SCO6: War Memorial Green; SCO7: Playing Field; *SCO9: Rodgers Pond*; SCO10: Pocket Park; SCO11: St Andrew's Churchyard; SCO12: Bowling Green; SCO13: St Mary's Churchyard; SCO14: Scotland Wood; SCO16: Wood near Billingford Bridge; SCO17: Waveney Wood; SCO18: Scole Lodge Grounds

Important Views: **All six views listed in the survey reached the 80% benchmark:**

1: Millers Lane; 2: Views of the River Waveney from Pocket Park Bridge; 3: Frenze Beck; 4: St Leonards Church looking south towards Hoxne; 5: Views of the River Waveney from Billingford Upper Street Junction; 6: View over water meadows from the corner of Scole Pocket Park

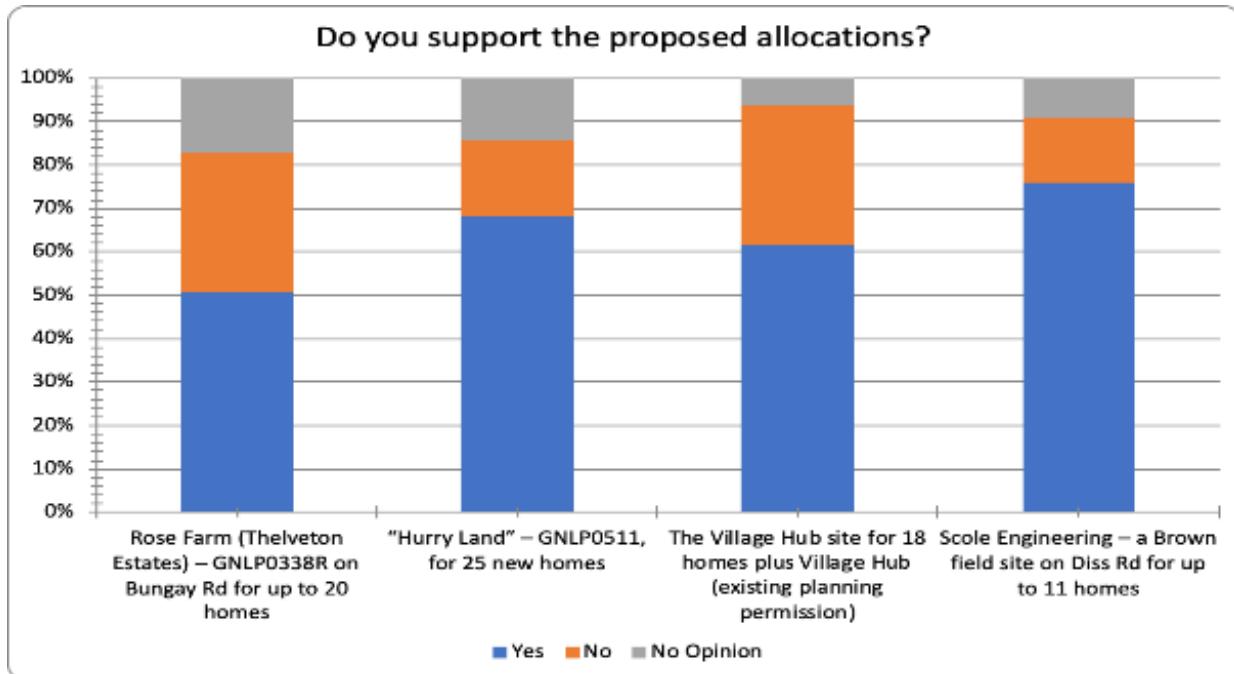
Non-Designated Heritage Assets: **16 of the 21 assets proposed reached the 80% benchmark. Those that didn't are shown in italics:**

A. Site of the Villa Faustini and associated Roman remains; B. Site of possible Roman Cemetery; C. Remains Roman cobble floor (monument); D. Thorpe Parva, site of deserted medieval village; E. Mill Building 1799; F. Possible medieval moat at Scole Old Hall; G. Medieval moat (monument); H. Circular enclosure (monument); I. Thorpe Abbotts WWII Airfield and sunken battle HQ; J. Betts' 19th century brickyard. (monument); K. *Possible Roman midden*; L. *18th/19th century Flax factory site*; M. *Former Thelveton Elementary School, 1878*; N. 18th century milestone marking Norwich 18 miles, Ipswich 25 miles.; O. 19th century milestone marking Harleston 6 miles and Scole 2 miles; P. 19th century milestone marking Harleston 7 miles and Scole 1 mile; Q. 18th century milestone marking Norwich 19 miles and Ipswich 24 miles; R. Scole Primary School; S. *Post-medieval kitchen garden wall* T. *Outbuildings at Belmont Grange, Scole*; U. Route of Scole Railway

Walking and Cycling: The three priorities for walking and cycling in Scole were ranked:

1. Improve the footpath along the A1066, including widening and developing a new permissive path, a crossing at Frenze Beck and over the A140
2. Flax farm Byway/Footpath reroute (RB35/FP36)
3. Improve Millers Lane route to Diss (RB32/RB9 & Diss RB38)
4. Improve signage

Housing Growth/*alternative sites



- 50% or more people supported every allocation
- Scole Engineering Site received the most support with 75% of respondents supporting the proposed allocation of 11 homes there
- Rose Farm received the least support

* A number of other sites were suggested during the consultation and are currently being assessed. Those that are considered potentially suitable for housing development will be consulted on again within the community.

What policies did respondents agree should be included in the DDNP?

- Strong guidance on **Housing Mix** as part of any future development: **87% agree**
- Ensuring **density** of new developments reflects the character of the surrounding area: **98% agree**
- The cascade used by South Norfolk Council for **affordable housing** should include mid-Suffolk parishes: **58%**
- That larger developments should set aside some plots for **self builders**: **52% agree**
- A requirement for development to reflect the **Design Codes** for the area to reflect local identity and styles: **90% agree** (Design Codes for the area can be viewed at www.ddnp.info)
- Protecting **dark skies** by limiting light pollution in certain areas: **92% agree**
- A requirement of developers to **improve areas for wildlife**, including creating new areas: **98% agree**

Traffic:

- Should the proposed allocation north of the cemetery in Diss provide a new road linking Shelfanger Road with Heywood Road? **43% agree** (27% no opinion and 18% disagreed)
- A requirement that any major development likely to impact **congestion on A1066** should assess and address the impact? **89% agree**
- Any development should provide measures to better manage **traffic speeds** through the villages in the Neighbourhood Plan: **89% agree**
- Diss Town Centre: Should the Plan have policies should support retail, enhance the town centre and make good use of empty shops? **90% agree**
- Should the Neighbourhood plan support the installation of new **broadband infrastructure**? **97% agree**.

Thank you to everyone who took part. Your input is very much appreciated.

**The DDNP Steering Group
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