

Diss & District Neighbourhood Plan Issues & Options Consultation (1) Results Summary: Burston and Shimpling



Introduction

This four page summary can be read alongside the longer more detailed report, available on the DDNP website's parish page for Burston and Shimpling, www.ddnp.info/burston-and-shimpling. 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 across the DDNP area, with 52 taking part for Burston and Shimpling.

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 (LGS):

Of the nine possible LGSs listed, six reached the 80% agreement threshold. Those that didn't are shown in italics in the list below.

BUR1: Church Green; BUR2: St Mary's Churchyard; BUR3: Crown Green; BUR4: St Georges' Churchyard; *BUR7: Valley Farmhouse Meadow*; BUR8: The Carr; *BUR9: Shimpling Pond*; *BUR10: Dark Belt and Bridgefield Covert*; BUR11: The Meadow and Old Cricket Field

Important Views:

Both these views reached the 80% agreement threshold.

Viewpoint 1: Views towards St Georges Church and Viewpoint 2: Views all around from Market Lane

Non-Designated Heritage Assets (NDHAs):

Of the nine NDHA's listed, six reached the 80% agreement threshold. Those that didn't are shown in italics below.

A) Burston Hall; B) Patten Lane (possible Roman Road); *C) The Grange Moated Site*; D) Shimpling Place Medieval moated site; E) Shimpling Hall Medieval Moat; F) School and Old School House; G) Post Medieval Tower Mill; *H) Manor Farm Barn*; *I) Railway Line*

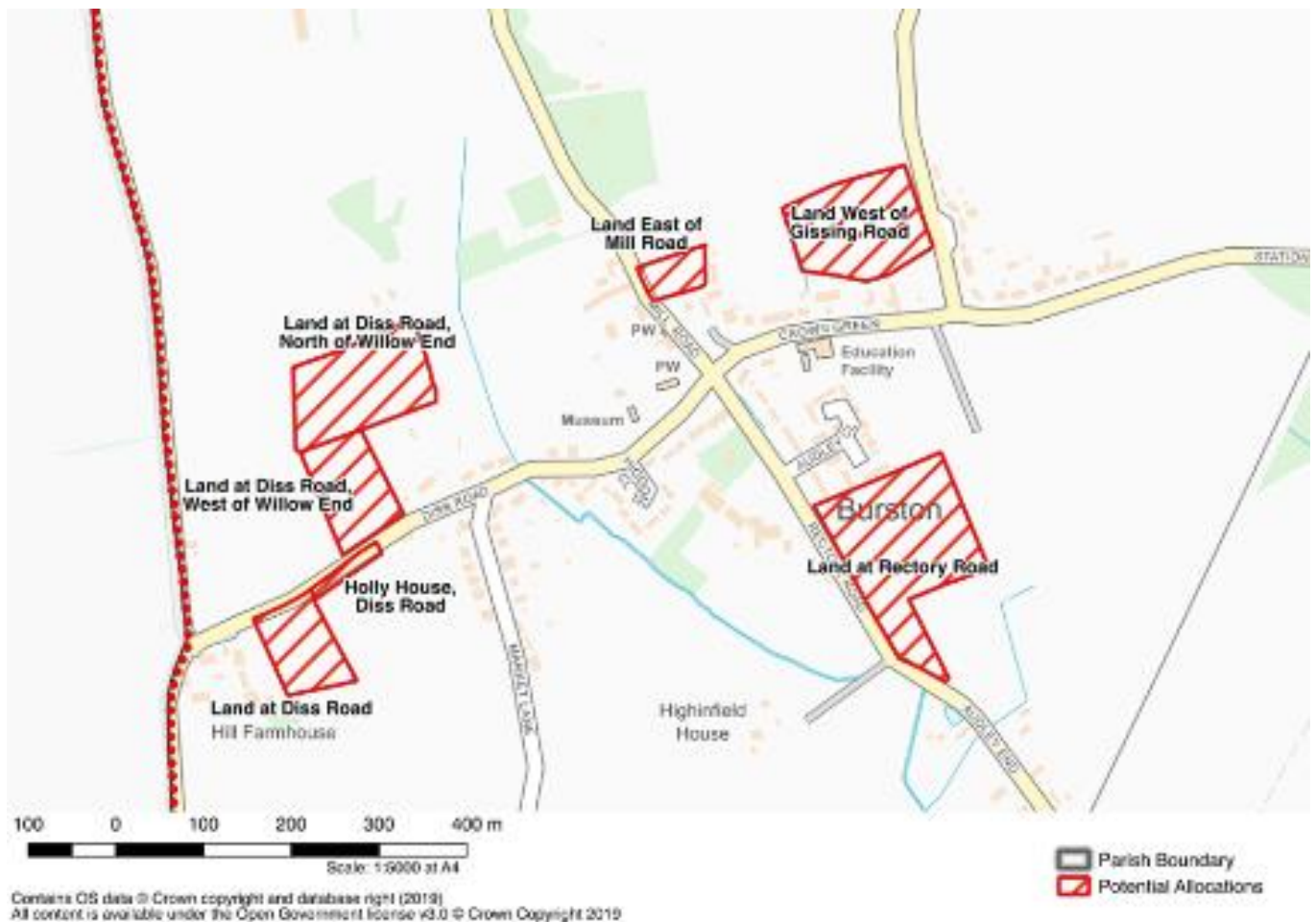
Walking and Cycling:

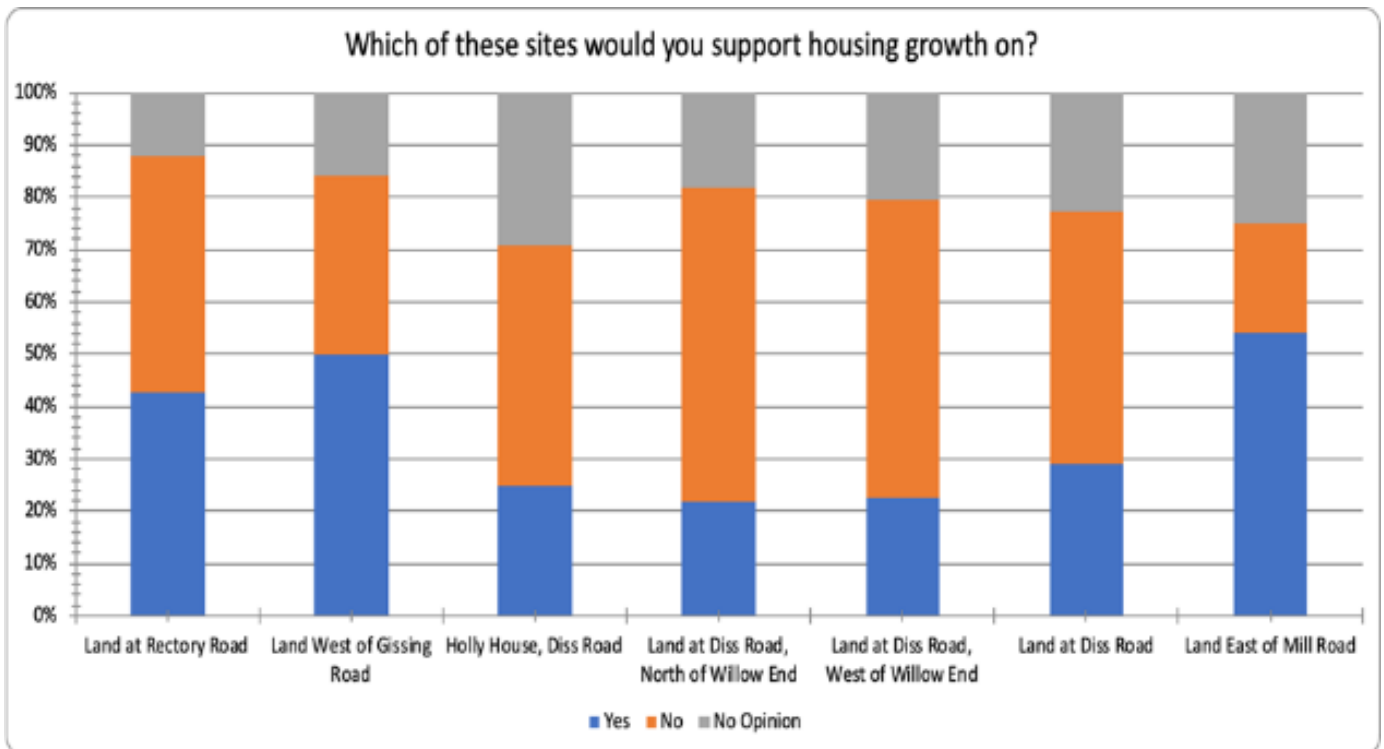
Summary of ideas put forward to improve facilities for walking and cycling in Burston and Shimpling:

- Improve cycle lanes from village to Diss (4)
- Reduce speeds between Burston and Shimpling/extend 30mph zone (2)
- Implement environment noise buffering
- Improve eroded verges / overgrown footpaths/pavements (7)
- Manage lorry traffic (3)
- Reduce some areas to 20mph

Housing Growth/*alternative sites:

Seven possible sites were put forward to the community for consultation





- Land East of Mill Road is the preferred site with over 50% of respondents supporting it and the lowest number of people not supporting it.
- 49% of respondents supported Land west of Gissing Road being allocated
- All other sites received a greater proportion of people not supporting than supporting
- The Diss Road sites were not favoured, mainly because they were seen as being too far from the centre of the village and extending it too far into the countryside

** 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: **85% agree**
- Ensuring **density** of new developments reflects the character of the surrounding area: **94% agree**
- The cascade used by South Norfolk Council for **affordable housing** should include mid-Suffolk parishes: **65%**
- That larger developments should set aside some plots for **self builders**: **49% agree**
- A requirement for development to reflect the **Design Codes** for the area to reflect local identity and styles: 80% agree (Design Codes for the area can be viewed at www.ddnp.info/documents.)
- Protecting **dark skies** by limiting light pollution in certain areas: **93% agree**
- A requirement of developers to **improve areas for wildlife**, including creating new areas: **91% agree**

Traffic:

- Should the proposed allocation north of the cemetery in Diss provide a new road linking Shelfanger Road with Heywood Road? **52% agree**
- A requirement that any major development likely to impact **congestion on A1066** should assess and address the impact? **79% agree**
- Any development should provide measures to better manage **traffic speeds** through the villages in the Neighbourhood Plan: **87% agree**
- Diss Town Centre: Should the Plan have policies should support retail, enhance the town centre and make good use of empty shops? **89% agree**
- Should the Neighbourhood plan support the installation of new **broadband infrastructure**? **81% agree.**

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

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