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1. Introduction

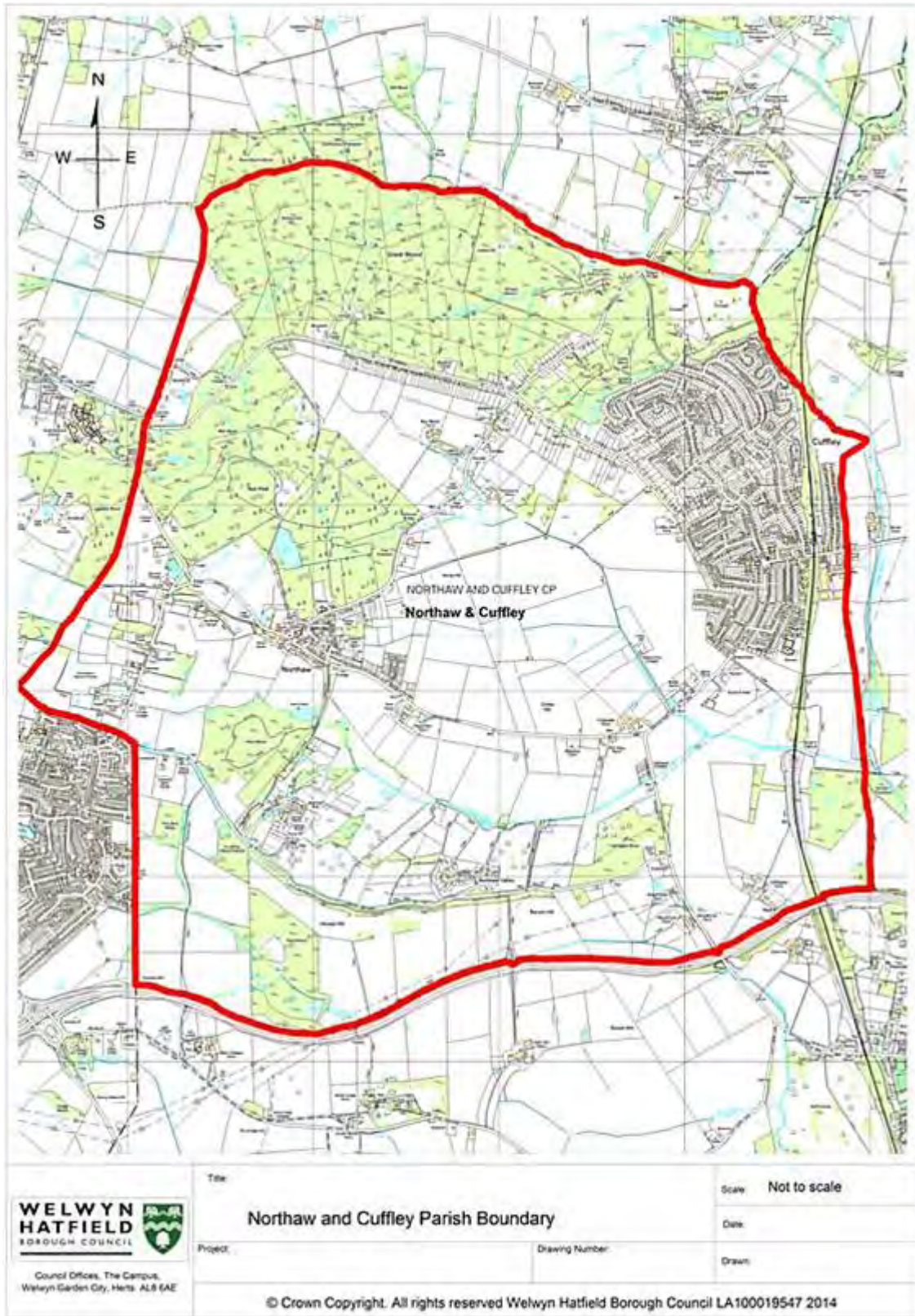
- 1.1 This consultation statement has been prepared to meet the legal obligations of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 in respect of the Northaw and Cuffley Neighbourhood Plan.
- 1.2 The Consultation Statement is submitted alongside the Basic Conditions Statement and draft Neighbourhood Plan for the purposes of the 'Regulation 16' publication stage, independent examination and referendum. The consultation bodies referred to in the Consultation Statement will be notified of the draft Neighbourhood Plan upon submission.
- 1.3 The legal basis of the Consultation Statement is provided by Section 15(2) of Part 5 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, which requires that a consultation statement should:
 - Contain details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan;
 - Explain how they were consulted;
 - Summarise the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and
 - Describe how those issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan.

2. Background

- 2.1 Following an application from Northaw and Cuffley Parish Council (NCPC), Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council (WHBC) designated a Neighbourhood Area for Northaw and Cuffley for the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan (Figure 2-1 overleaf). The designated Neighbourhood Area is known as the Northaw and Cuffley Neighbourhood Area. This followed a seven-week consultation period which concluded on 13th August 2014.
- 2.2 Work on the Neighbourhood Plan commenced shortly after the designation of the Neighbourhood Area. However, the plan making process has been interrupted to a degree due to the uncertainty surrounding Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council's Draft Local Plan and parallel examination process (which remains an ongoing examination as at April 2022).
- 2.3 Prior to 2020, the previous cohort of Parish Councillors had worked with consultants AECOM and Troy Planning and Development in formulating technical evidence and facilitating community engagement events. In the Spring of 2020 a new cohort of Parish Councillors were in place who continued to take forward work on the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 2.4 In October-December 2020 the current cohort of Parish Councillors formally restarted the process of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan by forming a new Neighbourhood Plan steering group. At the same time AECOM were appointed as planning consultants to support the Parish Council and steering group in the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish Council formed the steering group in December 2020, which initially included 16 residents and 6 Parish Councillors, with the task of generating and evaluating a range of policies and projects to form the core of the emerging Neighbourhood Plan. Over the course of 2020-2022 the steering group formed sub-groups (as required), to concentrate on particular themes within the Plan e.g. the Biodiversity and Environment. Membership of the steering group was open to any residents or business owners within the Parish at all stages with minutes and materials published regularly on the Parish's website¹.
- 2.5 The Neighbourhood Plan acts as a long-term plan for the area and identifies a series of complementary community projects and neighbourhood infrastructure items. For instance, projects in the submitted Neighbourhood Plan include enhancements to the Parish's open spaces and Playing Fields.

¹ Accessed at: <https://northawcuffleypc.org.uk/the-neighbourhood-plan/>

Figure 2.1 Northaw and Cuffey Neighbourhood Area



2.7 This report is structured as follows:

- **Section 3 Consultations with stakeholders** – outlining who has been consulted as part of the creation of the Neighbourhood Plan and principal activities undertaken to engage with the community.
- **Section 4 Informal public consultation events** – detailing engagement activities prior to 2020 which fed into the early work on the Neighbourhood Plan
- **Section 5 Community survey** – summarising the approach and principal feedback received of relevance to the Neighbourhood Plan.
- **Section 6 Formal consultation stage** – describing who was consulted, how consultees were invited to participate, the community meetings that were convened and details of materials utilised to garner feedback.
- **Section 7 How the issues and concerns have been considered** – setting out how the Qualifying Body has responded to the main issues and concerns raised by consultees.

3. Consultation with stakeholders

Persons and bodies consulted about the Neighbourhood Plan

- 3.1 Table 1 (below) sets out the consultee groups engaged throughout the consultation process according to broad groupings.
- 3.2 The steering group and Parish Council was eager to seek representation from a range of groups. The majority of the steering group are residents, this reflects the high proportion/dominance of residential land uses within the Neighbourhood Plan Area. However, the Parish Council and steering group sought representation from other key stakeholders including local businesses and local interest groups and community groups.

Table 1 Consultee Groupings

Type of consultee	List of Organisations
Residents	Local residents, Residents Association
Business	Business owners with premises in the Parish, self-employed business owners resident in the Parish, employees of businesses based in the Parish
Other	Adjoining Parishes, Hertford Shire County Council (HCC), special interest groups e.g. sports clubs/environmental groups, Public/Third Sector organisations and the Specific Consultees

How stakeholders were consulted

- 3.3 The identification and prioritisation of objectives, policies and projects came via the work of the steering group, inputs from the Parish's appointed consultants (including facilitated consultation activities), informal public consultations events (held in February and November 2019), a Community Survey conducted in Spring 2021 and the formal consultation stage in Autumn 2021. Throughout the plan-making phase, both cohorts of the Parish Councillors (pre and post Spring 2021) were actively engaged with the community on interrelated planning matters (in response to planning applications and the Local Plan consultation/examination phases) and have fed the community's concerns and ideas into the formulation of the Neighbourhood Plan. The principal forms of engagement and consultation were as follows: Survey; Public meetings and events; and Individual meetings with key stakeholders (including WHBC and HCC)
- 3.4 The following sections detail the outcomes from the engagement process.

4. Informal public consultation events

Description of consultation

- 4.1 In February 2019, a workshop was hosted on behalf of Northaw and Cuffley Parish Council to engage with a selection of local stakeholders on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan to date. The session was facilitated by Troy Planning and Design and Convene Consultants (see **Appendix A**).
- 4.2 For the February workshop approximately twenty local stakeholders were invited to attend, ranging from residents, businesses, local sports clubs, the Reverend of the local church, a representative from the Residents Association and Parish Councillors.
- 4.3 In November 2019, two drop-in sessions (one in Northaw and one in Cuffley) were hosted by Troy Planning and Design on behalf of Northaw and Cuffley Parish Council to engage with local stakeholders on the Neighbourhood Plan. The drop-in sessions were attended by approximately 60 local residents (see **Appendix B**).
- 4.4 Residents were made aware of the sessions and encouraged to attend through a series of promotional materials including a poster put up around the Parish two months preceding the event, email reminders in the run-up to the event and a door-to-door leaflet drop the week of the event.

Consultation feedback

- 4.5 The discussions held in the February 2019 workshop enabled the group to develop a common language in terms of refining the focus of the Neighbourhood Plan and what it can do. The workshop also presented the opportunity to discuss, in detail, what the vision should contain for the Parish for the duration of the Plan period. It was clear that infrastructure, open space and wellbeing and housing were the key themes in terms of identifying the priority focus areas for the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 4.6 The two November 2019 workshops successfully identified a number of issues that resonated with the local community including congestion, a disjointed footpath network, insufficient public transport services, green spaces in need of protection and the need for healthcare facilities. Importantly, the use of the maps meant that comments were understood spatially. Conversations about Neighbourhood Planning in general were useful in helping residents understand the process and importantly how it can help address the above issues. Following these sessions, the information gathered during the drop-in sessions was used to begin formulating a Vision, Objectives and the identification of potential Local Green Space designations.

5. Community Survey

Description of consultation

- 5.1 Northaw and Cuffley Parish Council wished to engage with people who lived in the community about issues and priorities, as well as evaluate likes and dislikes in regard to the local area and evaluate views about the Parish Council. The findings from the survey were used to inform the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 5.2 With this in mind, Northaw & Cuffley Parish Council commissioned Enventure Research to develop and conduct a survey with residents in April and May 2021.
- 5.3 A questionnaire was co-designed by Northaw and Cuffley Parish Council and Enventure Research. The survey was hosted online and a flyer detailing the link to take part was posted to every address in the community. The survey was also publicised via posters around the community and social media. The survey was open to everyone aged 16 and above that lived in the villages of Northaw and Cuffley, and those who owned or managed businesses or organisations in the community.
- 5.4 People in the community were also able to take part by requesting a paper copy of the questionnaire or over the telephone with a researcher. For more information about the methodology, please see the Methodology and survey design section of the report (**Appendix C**).
- 5.5 Between 21 April and 27 May 2021, 559 people took part in the survey.

Consultation feedback

- 5.6 The key findings of relevance to the Neighbourhood Plan were as follows:
 - Nearly all respondents liked Northaw and Cuffley as a place to live, with the proximity to the countryside and London being the most favoured things about living there
 - Traffic and congestion are a key cause for concern amongst respondents, as well as over development
 - Facilities and things to do for pre-school age children was rated highly, whilst facilities and things to do for older children and young people received a low rating
 - The Youth Centre is not very frequently used, although a large proportion agreed that investment should be prioritised for it
 - Whilst both village halls were rated highly, Cuffley Hall is visited more frequently and is considered a higher priority for investment than Northaw Village Hall

- The lowest rated facility in Northaw and Cuffley is the Northaw Playing Fields, but isn't considered a priority for investment
- Although it is visited frequently, the Station Road area is the top priority for investment and there is room for improvement, particularly in regard to traffic management and the choice of places to eat and drink
- Those who owned or managed a business or organisation in Northaw and Cuffley were most likely to have small businesses

6. Formal consultation stage

Description of consultation

6.1 Formal consultation on the draft Neighbourhood Plan was conducted between Monday 20th September until midnight on Monday 1st November. The consultation was conducted in accordance with Regulation 14 (Pre-submission consultation and publicity) of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012:

(a) publicise, in a manner that is likely to bring it to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the neighbourhood area—

(i) details of the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan;

(ii) details of where and when the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan may be inspected;

(iii) details of how to make representations; and

(iv) the date by which those representations must be received, being not less than 6 weeks from the date on which the draft proposal is first publicised;

(b) consult any consultation body referred to in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 whose interests the qualifying body considers may be affected by the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan; and

(c) send a copy of the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan to the local planning authority.

6.2 The NCPD and WHBC websites (see **Appendix D**) held information on the 'Regulation 14' consultation outlining:

- The proposals of the Neighbourhood Plan (with a link to the digital copy of the draft Neighbourhood Plan), alongside links to the accompanying: Northaw and Cuffley Neighbourhood Plan Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulation Assessment Screening Opinion (WHBC, October 2021); Statement of Reasons (WHBC, October 2021); and determination letter (WHBC, October 2021).
- Where hard copies of the Plan could be inspected. These locations were the Reception of Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council, at their Council Offices, The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 6AE (Opening hours: Monday – Thursday 9am – 5pm, Friday: 9am – 4.45pm); and at the Parish Council Offices, 7 Maynard Place, Cuffley, EN6 4JA (Standard office hours: Monday and Thursday 13.00 – 17.00 and Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10.00 – 14.00);
- Information on timeframes for the formal 6 week consultation period; and

- How consultees could make representations via email, hard copy and telephone.
- 6.3 The consultation bodies (see **Appendix E**) referred to in the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (Schedule 1) whose interests may be affected by the proposals of the Neighbourhood Plan were each sent letters and emails (see **Appendix F**). In addition, a copy of the Neighbourhood Plan was shared with WHBC.
- 6.4 During the formal consultation period the Parish Council convened two public meetings where exhibition boards (see Figure 6.1) detailing the main components of the draft Neighbourhood Plan were made available alongside presentations on the Community Survey results and summary of the Neighbourhood Plan process, purpose and proposals. A feedback form was provided which included additional information on how to submit further representations. Each session included an open Questions and Answers session with Councillor Stubbs (NCPC) and inputs from David Carlisle (AECOM), the Parish Council's appointed consultants.
- 6.5 The 7th October meeting was held at The Undercroft, St Andrews Church, 26 Plough Hill, Cuffley, Potters Bar EN6 4DR. It was attended by 19 People: 7 members of the steering group, 1 representative from AECOM, 1 member of the Parish Council Staff and 10 members of the public. There were 3 completed feedback forms returned on the night. The 15th October meeting was held at Northaw Village Hall, Northaw. It was attended by 20 people: 9 members of the steering group, 1 representative from AECOM, 1 member of the Parish Council Staff and 9 members of the public. There was 1 completed feedback forms returned on the night.

Figure 6.1 Exhibition board



6.6 The events were publicised via email, the NCPC website and posters on NCPC notice boards and other locations (**Appendix G**). The Neighbourhood Plan presentation shared at the two public meetings was also delivered to the Northaw and Cuffley Residents Association and made available online.²

Figure 6.2 Northaw public meeting 15th October 2021



Consultation Feedback

See Section 7 (overleaf), Table 1 sets out the consultee, response format, a summary of the representation and the response from the Qualifying Body detailing any changes made to the Plan.

² Accessed at: <https://northawcuffleypc.org.uk/13-10-21-neighbourhood-plan-presentation/>

7. How the issues and concerns have been considered

7.1 The table below summarises the main issues and concerns raised during the formal consultation stage. These are organised by respondent and include details of how the steering group has responded to suggestions and/or objections. Individuals names are redacted. The table provides a response detailing how the issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the submitted Neighbourhood Plan. Where no change has been made the reasoning is set out as to why. Please note: some responses are included in full, whereas as others are shortened to ensure the table remains as concise as possible.

Table 2 Formal consultation feedback

Rep ID	Consultee	Response Format	Representation Summary	Response
1	Resident	Email	Do you actually think that anybody will read 83 pages? I doubt if 1% of members would read this which makes it a 99% waste of time.	This comment was reviewed 9/11/21. The length of the Plan is anticipated to be reduced as it moves closer to being 'made'. Summaries of the main components of the Plan were available on the Parish website and exhibition boards used at the 7 th and 15 th October 2021 public exhibitions. The referendum will be accompanied by a video explaining the main elements of the Plan to assist those eligible to vote. No further action required.

2	Resident	Email with attachment	The Parish Footpath Warden circulated to the group, via email, suggested updates and additions to the	Updates were applied to the Plan's Key Diagram and Walking and Cycling mapping to reflect the inputs.
3	Resident	Letter	The Meadway (Policy S1), the dwelling number should be 60 and not 70. No public footpaths should be shown in the Green Belt for links from The Meadway and therefore no direct access to the open countryside from the site.	This comment was reviewed at the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group (NPSG) meeting on 4/10/21 and it was agreed to adjust the number of dwellings from 70 to 60 and to remove the following text "and link with the existing footpath network" from Policy S1.
			Road and Footpath System: Greater clarity required on how roads and footpaths will be changed to accommodate the additional traffic anticipated from development. Changes needed to the corner of Bridge House to improve safety. Crossings on Station Road need to be suitable for the number of pedestrians and obvious destinations.	Suitable provisions are included within the Neighbourhood Plan, including recognition that safety improvements are required for these locations (see Policy T1 and Station Road Transport and Public Realm Works Improvements figure)
			Construction: What plan is in place to ensure that the construction traffic from the work required to Station Road won't disturb residents?	This comment was reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted, resolution would lie with Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council (WHBC) at the application stage.

Local Plan: Has the Crews Hill development been taken into account when formulating the Neighbourhood Plan.

This comment was reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted, although resolution would lie outside the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish Council will continue to make representations on the WHBC Local Plan and adjoining Districts/Boroughs emerging Local Plans.

4	Resident	Email with attachment Regarding the Meadway (Policy S1), the Northaw and Cuffey Parish Council (NCPC) Neighbourhood Plan should conform to the WHBC Local Plan number of 60 dwellings.	This comment was reviewed 9/11/21. See response to Rep ID 3.
		The Meadway - As stated in the WHBC Plan the area east of the line of the existing plots on The Meadway is not part of the development proposals The maps at fig 2.1 3.1 and 6.2 should be redrawn to more accurately reflect the actual development site and the new defensible boundary. Typically, the Green Belt boundary would follow the edge of the built development and the proposed allocation.	This comment was reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted, although resolution to emend Green Belt boundaries would typically lie outside the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan which is focussed on design policies and high-level concept plan.
		The Meadway There are no public footpaths in the green belt surrounding The Meadway site Cuf1 HS27. A correction is required.	This comment was reviewed at the NPSG mtg on 4/10/21. See response to Rep ID 3.
		(Policy T1) Station Road 1: In the vicinity of The Meadway and Station Road crossing point is needed to allow pedestrians a safe crossing over the B156 to the new BMX/skateboarding facility and Hertfordshire Way National Trail Footpath, allowing safe access to the open countryside.	This comment was reviewed 9/11/21 and it was agreed that the inclusion of a roundabout at the entrance to The Meadway would

			preclude the addition of a pedestrian crossing.
		(Policy T1) Station Road 1: The vehicle exit to the east of the Station does not provide a safe crossing point. The standard 2 metre minimum width pavement is required to ensure the safety of Meadway pedestrians walking into the village centre.	This comment was reviewed 9/11/21. See response to Rep ID 3.
		Objective 6: Facilities for BMX/skateboarding at the Northaw & Cuffley Youth & Community Centre have been omitted from the Plan	This comment was reviewed 9/11/21 and was agreed to update Appendix 1 to include reference to facilities for BMX/skateboarding at the Northaw & Cuffley Youth & Community Centre within the Neighbourhood Infrastructure and Community Projects Schedule.
		Map at Figure 6.1: The welcome concept of a roundabout at The Meadway/Station Road T- junction has not been tested and may fail at the technical survey stage. An alternative back up plan is required to ensure the safety of motorists from the planned 143 Meadway households (inc flats at Cuffley Motors) who are all obliged to travel via the junction. NCPC helpfully raised the hazards involved at The Local Plan Examination.	This comment was reviewed 9/11/21 and observations were noted. See response to Rep ID 3.
5	Resident Email	Policy S1: The Meadway. As residents of the Meadway we are concerned about the future plans for housing on the land at the end of the Meadway. Firstly WHBC have stated this plan is for 60 new homes yet the parish council state 70 new homes? Can this be explained on how the amount is different from them both?	This comment was reviewed at the NPSG mtg on 4/10/21. See response to Rep ID 3.

The plan shows 5 pedestrian links coming from the new site, yet there are no public footpaths in the surrounding area linked to any network. Consequently there is no access to the open countryside, so can these pedestrian access walks be explained?

This comment was reviewed at the NPSG mtg on 4/10/21. See response to Rep ID 3.

Regarding Policy S1, the development proposal will have a concerning level of pressure to the services and facilities of the infrastructure for sure, our locals doctors surgery and primary schools are at their maximum load [the consultee summarised the local school capacities and noted that the medical facilities are also under pressure]. The proposed 60-70 homes (140 adults 70+ children) and the proposed development of Cuffley motors 12 homes (24 adults 12+ children) alone is a possible 246 more residents on The Meadway with the possibility of a minimum 164 vehicles all these will be obliged to travel on The Meadway and Station road. Where is everyone going to go? Where is everyone going to park? Station Road is already a hazardous and dangerous point for traffic flowing in and out with blind corners and speeding traffic. This is just one street of a small village how will it cope?.

This comment was reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted, although resolution to allocate the Meadway and grant of planning permission lies with WHBC. The Neighbourhood Plan focusses on achieving good design and addresses the interrelated impacts on Station Road via Policy T1 and Station Road Transport and Public Realm Works Improvements figure.

Page 37 Policy T1 A proposed crossing point near to The Meadway is required but also changes to the mini roundabout are needed and would definitely suggest speed cameras as the speed of traffic flowing through Station Road is a serious concern, WHBC would also benefit with money from fines.

The exit of Cuffley Station is appalling as its completely blind, I use the station regular work and you have to be very cautious as the drivers do NOT see pedestrians waiting to cross. The roundabout isn't clear enough to control the traffic, the lines faded very quickly from being repainted and don't prompt drivers to slow down on the approach. The pavement is far too narrow and puts walkers at risk. Cuffley Station isn't disability friendly as there are only steps to exit the station, there is a ramp to platform 1 into London but not on returning into Cuffley.

The big lorries that are accessing Sopers Road are often trying to change direction at this junction which obviously isn't big enough and are crashing into the wall of Bridge House flats on several occasions. Bridge House at present has a badly damaged wall that's been knocked down I assume waiting repair.

This comment was reviewed 9/11/21. See response to Rep ID 4.

Policy D3: Green infrastructure 7, the green verges maybe a feature of Cuffley but are sadly left neglected, unmanned and overgrown. Particularly on The Meadway our neighbours and ourselves keep the grass cut when we do our own lawns, secondly they are used for parking everywhere in Cuffley has residents, visitors and workers parking on the verges all the time this is never monitored or anything done to stop it.

This comment was reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted, although resolution would lie outside the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan policies.

6 Resident Email

I was surprised by the fact that there is no mention of the traffic into the parish on Cattlegate Road, where we have daily tailbacks from the junction with Northaw Road, often reaching all the way back to Crews Hill. This poorly designed junction is the single worst thing about living in Cuffley in my opinion and will only worsen as the population of the village grows. I would like to see plans to improve this situation in the Plan.

This comment was reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted, although resolution would lie outside the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan and is the responsibility of

Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) Highways Authority.

7	Resident	Email	Complaints related to the proposed development at The Meadway plus a request for a roundabout at The Meadway/Station Road Junction.	This comment was reviewed 9/11/21. See response to Rep ID 3.
8	Resident	Email with attachment	<p>Policy S1: (relating to play facilities) Whilst this is commendable, all of these properties will have sufficient garden space for daily play. Additional funding could be used to enhance the facilities at the nearby youth and community centre which is underutilised, out-dated and lacks amenities to encourage residents to support and use this space.</p> <p>3.4: It should be noted that The Meadway site will be a very long walk from the centre of the village and some older people would not undertake this journey on foot, thus pushing more people to drive. I empathise with the need for smaller retirement properties, but this site is probably not the appropriate space for this provision. However, properties built here could have caveats placed in the title deeds restricting further development.</p> <p>4.2: Perhaps there could be a less linear development scheme within Northaw with some small housing developments built, as it could be argued that Northaw roads have more capacity as the majority of traffic flow from and through Cuffley head into Enfield via Cattlegate Road. Northaw is also closer to the large urbanisation of Potters Bar where there are better transport links and greater employment opportunities than those for Cuffley.</p>	<p>This comment was reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted, although resolution to grant planning permission lies with WHBC.</p> <p>This comment was reviewed 9/11/21. Ibid (as above).</p> <p>This comment was reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted, although resolution would lie outside the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan as Northaw is washed over by Green Belt and the Plan does not propose allocations for new housing or employment in the village.</p>

4.19: There are opportunities for building on other parcels of land including Wells Farm, where perhaps “retirement living” schemes could be proposed and considered by both the PCC and developers.	This comment was reviewed 9/11/21. Ibid.
5.5: Perhaps planning consideration needs to be given for the addition of a small local shop or “community shop”.	This comment was reviewed 9/11/21. Ibid.
5.8 : <i>"Sopers Road Industrial Estate... The trading estate is located on the edge of the village, separated from residential development by the railway line."</i> No it isn't, unless of course The Meadway and properties on Station Road are not considered to be part of the residential development of Cuffley, it is in a pocket development to the east of the village. NB. Many road users seem to also lack this knowledge, cross the mini roundabout by the railway station and then accelerate at pace, without any consideration to residents, there is a serious and urgent need for traffic enforcement here.	This comment was reviewed 9/11/21, and it was agreed to amend the wording in the final Plan to state 'core' residential area.
6.2-6.5: One point which exacerbates this is that there are no secondary schools within Cuffley and Northaw all secondary age children need to be transported out of the Parish, public transport provision to schools is weak at best. Coach transport is costly especially if you have 2 or more children and also inflexible to varied finishing times, pushing families to use cars. School transport for pupils within the community should be overhauled and free to the user at standard school times. Additionally there are mass building developments along the B156 beyond Goffs Oak which will hugely impact the roads, safety and wellbeing for Cuffley residents.	This comment was reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted, although resolution would lie outside the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan and with HCC Local Education Authority.

<p>6.8: I have a bicycle but rarely consider using it as the roads are very busy and unsafe to all but very confident cyclists. A cycle path scheme could be added to the Hertfordshire Way from the rear of the Youth Centre, this could bypass the village centre and head towards Enfield via Burnt Farm Ride, or head toward the KGV playing fields under the railway bridge, and then onwards through the Dell. I am also a regular walker and dog owner; this path is known to me as the Hertfordshire No-Way as at many points during the year it is inaccessible due to overgrown footpaths. It is a great route to open countryside that is under appreciated.</p>	<p>This comment was reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted. Appendix 1 of the Plan identifies a series of infrastructure items and community projects aimed at improving the Parish's green infrastructure and pedestrian/cycle networks.</p>
<p>6.13: In addition to my comments above regarding cycle paths, smaller shuttle buses could be introduced to bring commuters to the railway station from the fringes of Cuffley, Northaw and Goffs Oak. This should be made cheaper than parking to encourage use, this could potentially free up space for residential development.</p>	<p>This comment was reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted, although resolution would lie outside the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan.</p>
<p>7.10 (King George V Playing Fields): Excellent idea, good luck with that! I'm sure all three clubs will not want to give up their independent spaces for fear of losing their identity, regardless of the fact that they will get a better facility. It would be great if the plan could include consideration for further recreational opportunities within the parish, for example; mini golf, swimming pool, ten pin bowling, cinema, skate park amongst other ideas which could develop a more cohesive feel to the community, create employment opportunities and give less cause to drive greater distances for leisure.</p>	<p>This comment was reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted. The precise enhancements to King George V Playing Fields will be subject to continuing public engagement following adoption of the Plan.</p>
<p>General comments: Overall, I feel that the draft plan is good, but additional consideration should be given to sustainability, green initiatives including our commitment to reducing waste and nudging the community to adopt better practices. We should include the use of Solar panels on the large public buildings and any new build projects, as well as pressurise developers to use ground source</p>	<p>This comment was reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted, although resolution would lie outside the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan. The</p>

heat pumps in new build projects. Additional plans are needed on how we can enhance and protect our environment from the impact of climate change. Installing E charging points in public car parks, perhaps e-bike hire schemes and communal car hire, using porous surfaces for and future parking provision commitments – compressed shingle, not tarmac surfaces. Tree planting especially near the light industrial site and roads to improve air quality and general wellbeing... I could go on.

supporting text in relation to climate change and the role of the Plan has been updated within the Introduction.

9	Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust	Email with attachment	Comment made that we should consider including a Biodiversity Chapter	This comment was reviewed 9/11/21. Updates have been made to D2, D3, Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 to reflect the 10% Biodiversity Net Gain and provisions of the Environment Act 2021. The Plan purposely marries together the Environment and Design sections to ensure biodiversity/nature is a critical consideration in all applications.
10	Resident	Email with attachment	The attachment contains details of spelling and grammatical errors, along with corrections on various statements made within the document.	This comment was reviewed 9/11/21. The amendments required have been updated in the Plan.
10a	Resident	Email with attachment	Attachment contains details of spelling and grammatical errors, along with corrections on various statements made within the document.	This comment was reviewed 9/11/21. Ibid.
11	Natural England	Email with attachment	Natural England does not have any specific comments on this Neighbourhood Plan consultation.	This comment/letter was reviewed 9/11/21, and no action is required.

12	The Coal Authority	Email	The Coal Authority is only a statutory consultee for coalfield Local Authorities. As Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council is outside the coalfield, there is no requirement for you to consult us and / or notify us of any emerging neighbourhood plans.	This comment was reviewed 9/11/21, and no action is required.
13	Resident	Feedback form at community meeting	Supportive of the Plan. Unable to comment on whether their opinion had been changed by the meeting as he had not read the plan before the meeting. Question: How does the proposed 20mph limit for cars travelling along station Road help reduce current levels of vehicle emissions/pollution?	This comment was reviewed 9/11/21, and no action is required.
14	Resident	Feedback form at community meeting	Supportive of the Plan. Opinion on the plan has been changed following the meeting. No other feedback.	This comment was reviewed 9/11/21, and no action is required
15	Resident	Feedback form at community meeting	Supportive of the Plan. Opinion on the plan was not changed following the meeting. WHBC have responsibility to take into account the Local Plan the impact of Enfield proposal for Crews Hill/White Webbs and to recognise non-sustainability	This comment was reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted, although resolution would lie outside the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan. See response to Rep ID 3.
16	Resident	Email	1. The Government have been stressing recently that there should be a greater emphasis on good design. Should the Neighbourhood Plan have some paragraphs highlighting the Government emphasis, relating back to the NPPF etc in order to strengthen the view of the local community? I am sure we can all point to examples in the Parish which seem to indicate that WHBC seem to have forgotten that good design, layout and relationship to neighbours is the test of good planning.	This comment was reviewed 9/11/21 and updates made to the Plan to reference the National Model Design Code and National Design Guide. The Plan's policies and Appendix 2 place great emphasis on good design.

<p>2. WHBC seem to be taking, as usual, longer than necessary in finalising the approach to the Community Infrastructure Levy. Should the Neighbourhood Plan set out at least the current position with a best guess as to the likely income to the Parish over the Plan period?</p>	<p>This comment was reviewed 9/11/21, a footnote has been added relating to the progress on CIL by WHBC.</p>
<p>3. Although not much of an issue in our Parish at present, there is no mention in the draft Plan of how to approach any applications for conversion of properties into flats. It could become an issue during the Plan period and perhaps deserves a mention within the draft.</p>	<p>This comment was reviewed 9/11/21. It was agreed that the WHBC Local Plan policies can address this Borough-wide issue. The Plan focusses on achieving high design standards, protecting local character and the amenity of residents.</p>
<p>4. The approach to Station Road is to be welcomed but is it possible to write in some words which would assist in tying down HCC Highways to commit to the principles of the approach?</p>	<p>This comment was reviewed 9/11/21, and it was agreed that key features of this project are already included in the Plan, however, further discussions with HCC will continue following adoption.</p>
<p>5. Whilst the draft is only allocating two sites for significant development, the most likely and more frequent development proposals are likely to be replacement, subdivision or back land. If sensitively handled there is nothing wrong with any of these but perhaps the draft should recognise that these forms of development should be welcomed as long as they meet the design criteria (and, of course, are likely to be the main source of CIL in the coming years).</p>	<p>This comment was reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted. Policies D1 and D2 do not seek to prevent back land development, they provide a policy framework to encourage high quality development.</p>

6. With the impact of traffic (and the attendant pollution) being a top community concern, should the draft be strengthened to highlight the Parish concerns over the impact of development in the Broxbourne Council area, the Enfield Council area as well as the proposed development in Hertsmere around Potters Bar? Anyway, those are my comments for your consideration with many thanks for your efforts on behalf of the community.

This comment was reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted. See response to Rep ID 3.

17 Resident Email

We have taken note of the neighbourhood plan and realise that a lot of work has gone into it to help Cuffley become a good place still to live in. However, could we just add that if the KGV playing fields redevelopment goes ahead it should include safer pedestrian access into the playing fields, at present children can run into oncoming cars as they go into the car park by the playgrounds which is totally unsafe. I have suggested that perhaps the public footpath by the side of the playing fields could be upgraded just for a few yards and pedestrian access gained into the play area away from the car park. Also during the winter months it is impossible to walk through the playing fields and a path around the perimeter would help dog walkers, runners and others who like to walk through the playing fields not get muddy!! We do hope our suggestions are taken up and not ignored.

This comment was reviewed 9/11/21. There is already access from the footpath onto the Playing Field further down the path, other comments have been noted and the illustrative proposals (Figure 6.2 and Figure 7.4) seek to encourage improvements to the pedestrian environment.

18 Resident Email

Section 3.1 should read 60 dwellings as stated in the WHBC local plan and not 70 as started in the draft neighbourhood plan.

This comment was reviewed at the NPSG meeting on 4/10/21. See response to Rep ID 3.

Policy 51 states the site will provide access to open countryside and link to existing footpaths but figures 2.1 3.1 and 6.2 do not show this. These needs correcting.

This comment was reviewed at the NPSG meeting on 4/10/21. See response to Rep ID 3.

Figure 6.1 shows a proposed mini roundabout at the end of the Meadway onto station road. This will do nothing to assist turning

This comment was reviewed 9/11/21. See response to Rep ID 3. All illustrative

right out of the Meadway, due to the speed of cars exiting the station roundabout in the direction of the Meadway.

proposals shall be subject to a further detailed design stage and this shall include discussions with HCC Highways Authority.

On a personal note, the design of the proposed development removes the open view of countryside that the properties at the latter end of the Meadway have enjoyed for many years. Our view will disappear completely and be replaced with a row of houses with no consideration to what the Meadway residents will be losing.

This comment was reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted.

19 Resident Email

I am concerned regarding the proposals for Station Road. As we are all too aware the B196 is a major conduit between the A10 and M25. Traffic holdups can be chronic, especially at peak times but not exclusively so. It seems to me that any traffic 'calming' measures and the introduction of another pedestrian crossing would just exacerbate the situation. Furthermore the removal of kerb stones to create a 'pedestrian' environment would be dangerous for pedestrians. Station Road is not suitable for this treatment given the frequency of HGV activity. The Plan acknowledges that residential roads could become 'rat runs', something which happens now in Theobalds Rd, but could extend to Tolmers Rd and Hanyards Lane should the junction at the top of Station Rd have altered priorities, which has been suggested.

This comment was reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted. This comment was reviewed at the NPSG meeting on 4/10/21. See response to Rep ID 18. The illustrative proposals for Station Road seek to encourage residents to make more trips on foot and by bicycle to help encourage people out of their cars.

20 National Grid Email with attachment

Statutory response received, including details of the National Grid assets within the Parish.

This comment was reviewed 9/11/21, and no action is required.

21 Resident Feedback form at community meeting

Neutral on the plan. Opinion not changed by the presentation. If the Parish Council is worried about overdevelopment on greenfield sites should you build a new pavilion on greenfield sites or improve the facilities at Cuffley Hall.

This comment was reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted.

22	Resident	Feedback form at community meeting	Happy with the plan. Opinion not changed by the presentation. Excellent presentation. Clear some of the audience have "hobby horses" - risk they would be prepared to vote No in the referendum without realising the consequences of <u>not</u> having a Neighbourhood Plan.	This comment was reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted.
23	Resident	Email with attachment	NCPC should use SMART Objectives throughout the Neighbourhood Plan tables on pages 54-64. NCPC should rectify the omission of "Climate Change" and the "Climate Emergency" in the Vision, and high level objectives, of the Neighbourhood Plan	This comment was reviewed 9/11/21, and the supporting text in relation to climate change and the role of the Plan has been updated within the Introduction and Objectives. Appendix 1 reworded to strengthen wording relating to Climate Change mitigation and adaptation. The Table 1 Monitoring Indicators will support the Plan, Monitor, Manage approach and will enable the Parish Council to measure the success of the Plan against the vision and objectives.
24	Resident	Email	I agree with the 20 mph speed limit for Station Road but I feel that in addition to this there should be traffic calming (e.g. speed humps) along the whole length of Station Road right up to the junction with The Meadway. This would slow down traffic, particularly outside of rush hour, along Station Road and traffic exiting the Railway Station. It can be very difficult and dangerous to exit The Meadway because of the speeding traffic. The path for exiting Cuffley Station to turn left into Station Road is at present very narrow and almost non-existent and therefore dangerous for pedestrians. This should be widened. The lay-by in Station Road opposite Theobalds Road should be	This comment was reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted. See response to Rep ID 18.

retained with its 30 minute waiting time. This is very convenient for those who wish to make a quick visit to the Bank, Chemist, Newsagent etc. Convenient parking should be retained for the benefit of residents and for the economy of local shops. The idea of diagonal parking in Maynard Place opposite the Co-op will not work. Knowing human nature there will be many motorists who will not use the entry or exit route through the car park. They will resort to 3+ point turns for their parking. There will be even more chaos when traffic will be held up in Maynard Place spreading back to the main traffic flow in Station Road. The present parking arrangement should be retained in spite of vehicles being parked on the double yellow lines opposite the parking spaces. There is talk that the Co-op is closing down next month. What will take its place?

As for the proposed development on the Green Belt land at the end of The Meadway, I believe that the original proposal was for 30 new dwellings. This figure, at the time, was reluctantly accepted by many residents. This figure seems to have increased to 60, to 70, to? This comment was reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted.

25 ³ Northaw and Cuffley Bowling Club	Email	<p>Re Policy W3, 7.4 and 7.10: Summary</p> <p>1.1 The Bowling Club support some of the measures proposed for the KGV recreation ground but are strongly opposed to the re-siting of the proposed sports pavilion away from the current site for the football pavilion.</p> <p>1.2 The proposals to sandwich the bowling club between two large football related constructions occupying all of the adjacent green space will undoubtedly create noise, disruption and significant additional parking demand.</p> <p>1.3 Collectively, these proposals could possibly affect the very existence of the bowling club which has brought sport and recreation to, often older, Northaw and Cuffley residents since its' formation in 1937 and enjoys a high reputation in Hertfordshire.</p> <p>1.4 We feel that little provision has been made for the future needs of residents who wish to bowl and generally to the social and environmental impact of the proposed changes.</p> <p>1.5 We believe that the Parish Council's priorities for the KGV should be to upgrade to modern environmental and social standards, those facilities for which it is landlord and where there is a proven community need for the sport / activity. That includes Football and Bowling pavilions.</p> <p>2 Key Points</p> <p>2.1./ At a time when we are being encouraged to reduce our impact on the environment, it is wrong to re site the football pavilion and cover green space with more concrete.</p> <p>2.2./ This will also adversely impact upon the visual amenity, quiet enjoyment and parking for the bowling club and other users of this section of the KGV.</p> <p>2.3./ We do support the refurbishment or, if essential, rebuild of the Football pavilion on its present site.</p> <p>2.4./ We believe the concept of a multi-purpose pavilion is flawed and is strongly opposed by members of the bowling club (and we</p>	<p>These comments were reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted. Concerns will be dealt with as the project develops and then again during the detailed planning application stage. References to potential enhancements at King George V Playing Fields include new text confirming that in due course NCPC will undertake community consultation and feasibility assessments on the eventual use of the additional land plus any other changes that may be required on the existing site in response to needs and demand.</p>
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³ Rep ID 26 removed (duplicate entry)

understand the tennis club) as experience shows shared arrangements between individual sports clubs are rarely successful and can lead to domination by a stronger club to the detriment of other parties.

2.5/ Although likely to impact detrimentally upon the bowling club, we do not object to the proposed all weather football pitch as we believe that this will be a very popular facility in Cuffley which unselfishly we should support.

2.6./ There must however be measures to protect the current parking arrangements enjoyed by the bowling club as these could be dominated by users of the all-weather pitch. This should include access to the all-weather pitch through the top car park and allocated parking for bowlers. Bowling requires heavy equipment which, given the age group of members, cannot be easily carried over a longer distance.

2.7./ The bowling club pavilion provides no indoor toilet, changing or disabled access and we feel that the Parish Council, as Landlord, should be seeking improvements within this plan to provide such facilities given the significant use made by local residents, many of whom are elderly, and visiting clubs from all over Hertfordshire.

27	Resident Email	<p>A huge thank you to all the people who've given up their free time to create this impressive document & present it to the Community. Everything seems to have been considered & I do like the proposals for Station Road's traffic calming & pedestrian safety. If possible, I would like to see back land development stopped as it provides no benefit. I'd also like there to be policies to make it really difficult for the farms to sell off their land for development i.e. along Northaw Road East near Cattlegate Road. They keep on putting in applications & need to be stopped once & for all. It may be that the draft N Plan does already enable this! I do appreciate it's the WHBC Local Plan that ultimately deals with housing. My biggest concern is that there isn't much detail regarding fighting the nature & climate emergencies which are of course totally linked so must be dealt with together. Can the final N Plan cross-reference to the information that will come out of the upcoming COP26 meeting? When planning for pro-environmental ideas, please can we refer in the Neighbourhood Plan to specific organisations who can have such a positive input such as Herts & Middx Wildlife Trust & especially the RSPB who is not just about birds but advises Government on how to counteract the Climate Change emergency & already has many successful projects to prove its worth . It makes sense to obtain these organisations' expert advice.</p>	<p>This comment was reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted. Appendix 1 and Introduction has strengthened wording and details on projects relating to Climate Change.</p>
28	Resident Email with attachment	<p>Comments about how the plan will affect the members of the Bowls Club</p>	<p>These comments were reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted. All concerns will be dealt with as the project develops and during the detailed planning application stage. See response to Rep ID 25.</p>

		<p>With the current KGV play area restricted to up to 11 year olds, there is limited provision for older children. This has been a major Parish deficiency for years, which this plan signally ignores, much to the (continued) detriment of this overlooked group of young people.</p>	<p>This comment was reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted. See response to Rep ID 25.</p>
29 Resident	Email	<p>I attended the consultation event at St Andrews Undercroft on 7th October. It was a very informative evening, especially from Bob who has a great knack of explaining things in very understandable terms. If I'm honest, I was disappointed at the turn out of local residents and I do hope that the turnout was better at the Northaw meeting on the 15th. The hard work that everyone has obviously put into this plan certainly deserves a good response from the residents. I love the ideas for Station Road. All of them meet with my approval. I asked at the meeting if the traffic control ideas could be extended into Theobalds Road at school drop off and pick up times. It was made clear that the idea was a non-starter. If I'm honest I still don't understand why not and I would respectfully ask that if the committee see an opportunity to do something about the daily traffic problems in Theobalds Road please do so. The KGV playing fields ideas also meet with my approval. My reservation is that the floodlit pitches will not attract the 12-18 year old age group like the committee hope. Because of this I urge that the idea of bringing pressure to bear on those running the Youth Centre to do better for the young in our community is pursued at every opportunity. The future windfall funds from developers reaching the Parish Council should hopefully help in this respect. Finally, I heard loud and clear when it was that principles included in the Neighbourhood Plan can assist limit, to a certain extent, future development plans for the locality. We certainly must not miss this golden opportunity in the final published Plan.</p>	<p>These comments were reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted. although resolution would lie outside the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan and with the Highways Authority in relation to Theobalds Road. Appendix 1 and policies S2 and T1 include provisions to help improve matters in this location. See response to Rep ID 25.</p>

30 Resident	Email with attachment	<p>The National Heritage List for England (NHLE) is the only official, up to date, register of all nationally protected historic buildings and sites in England - listed buildings, scheduled monuments, protected wrecks, registered parks and gardens, and battlefields.</p> <p>https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/</p> <p>The NHLE has this entry Captain William Leefe Robinson VC memorial obelisk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• List Entry Number: 1453981• Heritage Category: Listing• Grade: II• Location: East Ridgeway, Cuffley, Potters Bar, Hertfordshire, EN6 4AW, Northaw and Cuffley, Welwyn Hatfield, Hertfordshire <p>A correction to page 21 of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan is required as it incorrectly states that there are no Listed Buildings in Cuffley – text copied below. Presumably the number of listed structures should now be increased to 30? The current number of 29 will include structures such as historic walls, a telephone kiosk and so is not limited only to buildings. Draft Plan Para - 4.11 There are a total of 29 Listed Buildings in the Parish including three Grade II* Listed buildings – Northaw Place, Parish Church of St Thomas a Becket, and Dower House. The majority of Listed Buildings are focussed around the Conservation Area at Northaw and its rural hinterland. There are no Listed Buildings in Cuffley due to the fact that it has mainly developed since 1910 and is relatively more ‘modern’ than Northaw</p>	<p>This comment was reviewed 9/11/21, and the required amendments have been made accordingly to the Plan in the introductory paragraphs for the Environment and Design section.</p>
<hr/> <p>Page 92 - delete the reference to the Co-op. Residents have had confirmation that it is closing.</p>			<p>This comment was reviewed 9/11/21, wording updated to refer to supermarket.</p>

A pedestrian crossing is required in the vicinity of Cuffley Station/The Meadway to ensure public safety. The LIH plan (below) clearly shows a crossing at the station – marked in green. LIH had undertaken “extensive highway investigations and associated works”. This crossing does not appear in the Draft NP page 38. The LIH housing development presentation gained general public acceptance because of the benefits offered to residents. With the opening of the multi-venue Sopers House and The Orchid restaurant since LIH published the Station Rd plan, the crossing is of even more importance for pedestrian safety. (*Related image provided on attachment*).

As you may be aware Sopers House, Sopers Rd is now advertising "office and meeting spaces, function rooms, a gym, beauty rooms, fine dining restaurant, café and a bar". The licensed premises will inevitably attract customers who prefer not to drive. Also Cuffley Place, Sopers Rd is advertising "A Selection of newly refurbished serviced offices, ideally located within a few minutes' walk to Cuffley British Rail Train Station". Consequently there is an even greater need for a pedestrian crossing point in the vicinity of the Station, across the B156 - Station Rd, in view of increasing footfall from these new enterprises

This comment was reviewed 9/11/21 and it was agreed that the inclusion of a roundabout at the entrance to The Meadway would preclude the addition of a pedestrian crossing. See response to Rep ID 18.

4. Greenfields units should be restricted to Parish residents. Draft Plan para 3.4 ..there is a shortage of smaller dwellings in the Parish which is being exacerbated by a housing stock of large houses being extended or demolished and rebuilt at a larger scale. This means that existing residents, particularly those whose children have left home or are older residents looking for a smaller property more suitable to their needs, cannot downsize and remain within the parish. Greenfields provides sheltered rented housing for older people and consists of a group of self-contained residential units accompanied by a management office and communal areas. Great anxiety has been created by the appointment of the new management Housing Association in 2020 - First Garden City Homes. Local residents with assets (home owners) fear that they may no longer be eligible to rent a Greenfields' property – following information provided by the new Housing Association. Under the Equality Act age is a "protected characteristic" i.e. any age group can be put at a disadvantage if their needs are not considered. The Neighbourhood Plan should support maintaining the long established eligibility criteria so that any Parish resident could potentially qualify for Greenfields housing. This has the obvious advantages of releasing local family sized homes whilst allowing the elderly to stay in the Parish and maintain their valuable community contacts.

This comment was reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted, although resolution would lie outside the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan. It is WHBC's responsibility to prepare Borough-wide affordable housing policies and related housing strategy.

5. Need to safeguard the LIH gifted land in perpetuity. Fields in Trust protection will not automatically be extended to the additional land gifted by LIH. NCPC should commit to registering it with Fields in Trust to protect the land for community use in perpetuity.

This comment was reviewed 9/11/21, and it was agreed that as the land, when gifted, will already include restrictive covenants no further action was required.

The proposed fully commercial All Weather Pitch lettings disadvantage the community

- The extension to KGV with land gifted by LIH was proposed as a community benefit by LIH.
- NCPC should observe Sports England and WHBC's policies* which focus on provision for junior, youth, and community facilities to meet the needs of local clubs and residents.
- The proposed commercial lets to businesses and pub 5-a-side leagues would disadvantage local residents and particularly those on low incomes or students with no incomes. Commercial lets attracting healthy fees were referred to in the online presentation at <https://northawcuffleyipc.org.uk/13-10-21-neighbourhood-plan-presentation/>
- NCPC's ambition for fully commercial lets of the proposed All Weather Pitch should be reconsidered and more consideration given to the interests and needs of local residents of all ages.
- Local residents would have less need for parking and showers on site making the proposed new pavilion redundant.
- The health benefits of participating in sport should be prioritised above maximising revenue. Other Parishes take this view e.g. Wheathampstead developed an ATP after extensive consultation with residents. The Village Plan identified the lack of all-weather facilities in the village and the winter training needs of the younger children. The ATP is open for casual use unless it is privately booked at £41 per hour. In Sport England's submission to the LIH Planning Application Ref: E/WH/2015/40173/N, reference was made to the Council's Sports Facility Study (2011) which was supplemented with a Sports Facility Strategy (2012) which provided the Council's evidence base for community sports facilities at the time. The Council's Playing Pitch Strategy and Built Facility Strategy (2019) which forms part of the emerging local plan's evidence base and provides an assessment of current and future outdoor and indoor community sports facility needs to support the delivery of the

These comments were reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted. See response to Rep ID 25.

Local Plan. The Playing Pitch Strategy has identified current and/or future deficiencies for junior and mini football pitch types in the Southern Villages analysis area. The updated evidence base would therefore support the proposal to provide an extension of the King George V Playing Field if the extension was to be used for marking out additional pitches as it would potentially offer more playing pitch capacity for local football teams. Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council Playing Pitch Strategy and Built Facilities Strategy – Executive Summary January 2020 – this includes:

Recommendation G1: Work with well-run sports clubs to utilise the existing volunteer network across Welwyn Hatfield and providing more autonomy for clubs, allowing those organisations that have adequate governance and financial stability to develop facilities and participation.

Recommendation F3: Provide sites where there is significant use of adult pitches to meet Youth Football and Mini Soccer pitch demand with mobile goal posts to ensure the appropriate sized goals and pitches are being used for these age-groups.

Recommendation F4: FA calculations estimate that there is a current deficit of three full sized 3G AGPs in Welwyn Hatfield, which is expected to increase to five by the end of the strategy. Identify at least 3 sites to develop full sized 3G AGP provision, to meet the growing demand for this pitch type and meet the needs of local clubs and residents. The following sites should be considered, as identified as part of this study, and in conjunction with any priorities identified in the emerging Local Football Facilities Plan for Welwyn Hatfield [including King George V Playing Fields]. KGV Summary 1. Club consultation revealed severe drainage problems due to the site being built on London Clay. 2. The clubhouse on site is of poor quality and requires upgrading Recommendations 1. Improve quality of maintenance on site with a view to improving drainage on site 2. Assess the ancillary with a view to refurbishing the existing facilities

31 Resident Email	<p>My first main concern is the lack of provision in the draft plan for the youth in the community. There has been vague mention of a Skate Park or BMX provision at Cuffley Youth & Community Centre. I have heard reference made to the ownership of CYCC. The land/ area lies in Broxbourne. However it is owned by WHBC who lease it to NCPC. The Parish Council sublet the premises to CYCC and the lease still has in excess of twenty years. The CYCC is a charity and the PC has no say in their affairs. The current lease to CYCC still has approx. 20+ years to run and they are happy with the way they are proceeding at this time. It is apparent out of school hours that groups of young people between the ages of 12 - 15yrs do need somewhere to meet. The young people did not have the opportunity to give their views on the survey... as the questions were based around Buildings, Greenspaces, Station Road and the vision for KGV which it has become obvious is mostly focused on an all-weather pitch the hope that it will attract sports groups from outside Cuffley, to gain income for the Parish, and to build a new pavilion for those people but not for the young people of Cuffley who do not necessarily belong to an organised group. To provide somewhere for young people would need a Youth Worker and it would be useful if the NP could add this to the vision for the future. Funding for such a post would need to be discussed between Hertfordshire County Council/Welwyn & Hatfield and The Parish Council.</p>	<p>These comments were reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted. See response to Rep ID 25. All proposals shall be subject to further public consultation and feasibility testing following adoption of the Plan.</p>
	<p>Station Road is the main hub of Cuffley and deliveries prove a problem, however the suggestion of those deliveries being made in the slip road behind - where possible - is not really a viable proposition as firstly the road is extremely narrow, it is an uneven track, and should more than one delivery vehicle arrive at a time there is no space and there is no way to turn the vehicles around so reversing out becomes the only option. The Slip Road outside the flats is a very useful short term parking area, it may result in illegal</p>	<p>These comments were reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted. See response to Rep ID 18.</p>

parking and congestion with the suggested option of removing the slip road.

Sopers Road / Station Road / The Meadway - Current redevelopment in Sopers Road is an indication of the speed of change. There is now a change from The Everest Building now called CUFFLEY PLACE which invites individual office rental - more vehicles. There is a new Gym. - IGNITE - which brings more vehicles into Sopers Road. There is a new building SOPERS HOUSE which has offices for rent. a gym and a restaurant facility. Already a very busy road evidencing vehicles in an out onto the busy Station Road, almost opposite the Station Exit and The Meadway. The suggestion for traffic speed control at this point must be carefully considered, together with the need for a pedestrian crossing. In addition the proposed new development of up to 60/70 dwellings at the end of The Meadway will increase traffic at a very dangerous point as vehicles leave and enter Cuffley Village. It is doubtful whether the suggestion of a roundabout will alleviate these problems. A further suggestion would be a raised roundabout at the exit from Cuffley Station, resulting in vehicles slowing, also a Pedestrian refuge at the area of these three converging road - possibly even traffic signals, and widening the pavement area which is at the moment only approx. 1 metre wide.

These comments were reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted. The inclusion of a roundabout at the entrance to The Meadway precludes the addition of a pedestrian crossing. Policy T1 figure 6.1 includes a raised table roundabout at the entrance to the Station. See response to Rep ID 18.

32 Resident Email and attachment

2. Vision and Objectives. Suggest inclusion of a reference to climate change and other challenges which are absent from the Plan. This would tie in with WHBC Climate Emergency policy e.g. 'Our community will be resilient against global shocks such as economic downturns, rising energy prices and climate change'. (Frome Neighbourhood Plan 2017)

- It is not clear how the Vision of 'excellent walking routes and a variety of cycling routes' will be delivered through this Plan

These comments were reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted. See response to Rep ID 23.

- How will local shops, services and community facilities 'within walking distance' be provided for Northaw residents in this Plan

These comments were reviewed 9/11/21, and it was agreed that the wording be amended to "within reasonable distance..." and incorporate reference to Northaw.

There is nothing in the Objectives relating to Climate Change and the challenges it will present over the term of the Plan. As part of a Neighbourhood Plan, communities can also look at developing a community energy plan to underpin the neighbourhood plan. See 'Planning practice guidance for renewable and low carbon energy'. (DCLG, July 2013). Suggest adding a paragraph on this such as: Combatting the effects of Climate Change and ensuring resilience; Identify and implement opportunities for carbon footprint reduction in the existing community; Carry out an environmental audit for the parish; Ensure new developments fully implement carbon reduction strategies; Facilitate reductions in vehicle usage; Provide opportunities for local food production.

These comments were reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted. See response to Rep ID 23.

Housing - Include a reference to maintaining the status of Northaw as a 'washed-over village' and resist it being taken out of the Green Belt. Final bullet point very vague. What are 'key local characteristics'? Could include 'protect existing street trees' and 'enhance green spaces'.

Community well-being - Suggest for KGV 'improve leisure facilities for all ages and abilities'. Suggest provision of allotments, protection for existing gardens and minimum sizes of gardens for new dwellings.

Natural Environment - 'Improve flood resilience and help to mitigate/adapt to climate change impacts'. This objective is not addressed in the Plan in terms of current problems. Flooding sufficient to disrupt traffic is an issue on Northaw Road East, Judges Hill and Coopers Lane.

Environment and Design - Para 4.4. Public access is not a requirement for designation as a Local Green Space so more could be added: Cattlegate Wood. This is the only semi-natural ancient woodland in the parish so should have a higher degree of protection. The Dell (off The Ridgeway), Hook Wood, Northaw Pastures Local Wildlife Site. Para 7.5 Northaw Playing Fields not Northaw Park

These comments were reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted. Wording to be amended from Northaw Park to Northaw Playing Field as required.

Community Wellbeing Policy W1. Para.2 Community facilities and services in Northaw Include: Five Acre Wood/Potters Chase Wood; Northaw Community Garden; Fir and Pond Woods (not Fir Woods and Pond Woods)

These comments were reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted.

Policy W3: King George V Playing Fields

The all-year-round pitch and floodlighting will impact on wildlife. Removal of green surface and replacement with artificial surface and extra car parking is not environmentally sustainable. In Fig 7.4 the proposed new paved and built area covers approximately 25% of the existing green space. The green area lost should be compensated for elsewhere by providing the equivalent green area e.g. as green roofs on new development. Councils have a statutory obligation to increase biodiversity on their land, not reduce it. The online survey found that increased sports facilities was not a priority (as stated in the NP), only 22% wanted increased sports facilities and only 13% wanted the all-weather pitch. Recreational facilities other than sport, have not been included in the vision for KGV e.g. a skatepark which was the most popular suggestion when Phase 2 of the playground was being considered previously. An all-weather surfaced track for joggers is not mentioned here but it is mentioned in Appendix 1. Objective 5: Playing Fields. When the suggestion of an integrated clubhouse was proposed in the original draft of the NP the tennis club and bowls club were not in favour. Have they been consulted for this draft? The existing clubhouses function well and are independent of each other. The new clubhouse is cut off from the car park. Its position is unsustainable and will only be accessed by car, increasing traffic. Toilets and other facilities which might be useful to families attending the playground are too far away.

These comments were reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted. All concerns will be dealt with as the project develops and during the detailed planning application stage. See response to Rep ID 25.

The proposals only benefit a very narrow section of the community and do not meet the needs of 'as much of the community as possible' as stated. Most users will come from outside the parish. Enventure stated that the online survey seriously under-represented the younger members of the community. Running the all-weather pitch as a commercial venture means that it will not benefit the community as it should do under S106 regulations. NCPC has acknowledged that the Football and Bowls Clubs will have to book their parking due to increased pressure on the car park which also reduce the benefit of these facilities to the community. There are already plenty of food and beverage facilities within walking distance in Cuffley. A new shared clubhouse would compete with other facilities such as the village halls, churches and community centre which are well used. Figure 7.3 Very old photo of old playground which has since been removed. Need to update photograph showing new playground

These comments were reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted. See response to Rep ID 25.

8. Implementation

Policy I1: Community Projects

The provision of new and improved cycle paths, footpaths and other facilities as required according to circumstances. This needs to be more specific and is currently a vague wish list. Proposed routes need to be in the Plan.

These comments were reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted. Suggested footpaths shown on Figure 6.2 Walking and Cycling Routes. Appendix 1 provides the hook for further detailed work post adoption.

Table 1 Monitoring Indicators

Natural Environment -There are no proposals for new green infrastructure in the draft NP so how can this be monitored.

Getting around - Electric Vehicle charging points – no specification of where they will be or how many

These comments were reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted. Green infrastructure proposals are included as part of Policies S1, S2, D3, D4 and T2. The Plan encourages enhancements to existing green

infrastructure as well as identifying new items.

Appendix 1 Neighbourhood Infrastructure
What does 'Now/soon/later' mean. Timescales needed here

These comments were reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted. Footnote added.

Objective 2: Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure. Much more detail needed. Timelines are too vague. Nothing in here about Northaw Playing Field which has woodland and a large mown area which could provide increased biodiversity with a suitable plan. This site is not mentioned under Objective 5: Playing Fields. Watercourses are not mentioned. These need to be improved especially in Home Wood and there is potential for improvement and development of wetland in the SE corner of KGV Playing Fields. Northaw Pond to be upgraded and maintained. How will Northaw Pond be upgraded and maintained to improve biodiversity? Details needed following a survey and a formal management plan put in place. Land/pond to the rear of Northaw Hall (Northaw Village Hall?) to be upgraded and maintained. This is not NCPC land so how will this be implemented? Home Wood to be planted with additional trees. The objective here is inadequate. Home Wood and Peters Wood need a formal 5-year management plan along the lines of that provided in Northaw Great Wood by WHBC. Just planting trees is not sufficient to improve biodiversity. Opening rides, glade creation, improving light along the brook are just some of the measures. This is a key opportunity for the NCPC to fulfil its obligations to increase biodiversity. The same should apply to Peter's Wood and Tolmer's Camp. Wildflower areas to be incorporated into KGV and Northaw Park (? Northaw Playing Fields). Where have sites been identified? At KGV potential areas for planting are being lost due to extra car parking, development of a new 'pavilion' and an all-year-round pitch. This needs to be more specific.

These comments were reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted. Northaw Playing Fields covered by Policies D4 and W1. The NPPF recognises that not all infrastructure can be identified from the start. As like the illustrative proposals for Station Road and King George V Playing Fields, work on the identified projects will not stop upon adoption of the Plan. The Plan provide the hooks for further feasibility testing, refinement of proposals and commits to ongoing engagement with the public and specific consultees.

Native trees to be planted on existing verges. Which verges and where? Current street trees should be assessed for health and measures taken to improve them e.g. large oaks along The Ridgeway. Tree Preservation Orders should be sought on all appropriate trees as a matter of urgency. Create a tree planting strategy to determine where more trees can be planted in the Parish. This strategy should be part of the NP not a wish for the future. Protect trees in the parish especially street trees and trees in gardens.

- Need to record and document existing mature trees
- Request TPOs for existing mature trees or ask for an area wide tree protection policy
- Implement a two for one tree policy where trees are removed due to development.
- Residents to plant trees in their gardens to replace street trees lost
- Include policies for retaining and protecting existing trees in developments including their root space.

Objective 6. Halls, Youth Centre and Library. Research what young people themselves in the area would like in terms of facilities. This should have been done already so as to include their ideas in the current draft. Too late to leave it till the period of the plan. Objective 9: Transport and Getting Around. Footpath/cycle lane improvements – too vague where will they be. Currently no cycle lanes. Nothing about improving connectivity between Northaw and Cuffley Car charging points to be installed in Maynards Car Park, KGV Car Park, Northaw Great Wood and Station Road. Northaw Great Wood not in NCPC's gift. Land owned by WHBC. If NCPC does have a say then should also include car park by Scout Hut in Northaw. What about Soper's Road Car Park, Northaw Village Hall? These should be specified in future developments. No solutions are proposed for parking problems in Northaw. Objective 10: Community Wellbeing Improvements to local leisure/recreation facilities. Too vague and not evidenced.

These comments were reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted. Appendix 1 includes a community project to prepare a tree planting strategy. It is anticipated that much of the detail covered in this representation can be utilised to input into the post-adoption implementation phase.

Similarly in respect of youth facilities and transport enhancement/interventions, the Plan sets the Policy framework for new planning applications and Appendix 1 sets out a list of neighbourhood infrastructure and community projects (which do not constitute land use planning policies) that shall be pursued to help realise the vision and objectives.

Need to add Objective for Climate Change/Sustainability. Proposed Climate Change/Sustainability actions:

- Carbon footprint audit of council offices
- Ensure residents are able to access initiatives for carbon reduction and energy saving
- Ensure new developments, extensions, conversions and subdivisions of existing buildings are constructed to a high standard of energy efficiency , preferably carbon-neutral, and include green energy infrastructure e.g. solar panels, electric charge points, a high level of insulation, less reliance on gas for heating and more use of ground and air source heat pumps.
- Ensure new developments have suitably sized gardens
- Enable community composting
- Provide allotments to serve the needs of those living in flats without gardens e.g. in Cuffley. NCPC should explore the demand for allotments and provide land accordingly.
- Encourage 'car clubs' or similar schemes for traffic reduction
- Conserve 25% of front gardens when drives are constructed for off-street parking.
- Create wetlands at KGV to alleviate flooding on B156 Northaw Road West

These comments were reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted. Ibid and see response to Rep ID 23.

33	Historic England	Email and attachment	<p>Thank you for inviting Historic England to comment on the Regulation 14 Pre-Submission Draft of the Northaw and Cuffley Neighbourhood Plan. We welcome the production of this neighbourhood plan, but do not consider it necessary for Historic England to be involved in the detailed development of your plan at this time. We would refer you to our advice on successfully incorporating historic environment considerations into your neighbourhood plan, which can be found here: https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/planning/plan-making/improve-your-neighbourhood/</p>	<p>This comment was reviewed 9/11/21, and no action is required</p>
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34 Resident Email

Pg27, p5 and p7 - these shouldn't be where possible. They should be included in the development. In addition, rather than trees as boundaries, it should be hedgerows as they promote biodiversity. If you research, hedgerows are being reintroduced for that purpose.

Pg 32, p5.14 - what are the areas for improvement? Details of areas for improvement should be provided. Otherwise this sentence is pointless and should be removed.

Pg32, p5.17 - what is the set of guidelines? The guidelines should be provided or at least details of where to find them, i.e. a website.

P36,p6.4 - Goffs Oak does not have a junction on the M25. Enfield does. This should be amended to reflect this.

Pg36, p6.6 - it is 2 trains an hour off peak during the week not 3 and this should be amended.

Pg36, 6.8 - earlier in the document it refers to "excellent walking routes" and here it refers to poor walking and cycling infrastructure. This or earlier needs to be changed to be consistent.

Pg36 - there is nothing about buses, how often they run, how more could be done, etc. More information on buses as a mode of transport needs to be included.

Pg47, policy I1, bullet 1, am I right in thinking that the developments at KGV are subject to the funding from green fields? If so, how can it be a priority project? What are public realm improvements, examples need to be given, please.

In appendix 1 there are things that have a timeline of now /soon but are not mentioned as projects. I think the projects section need to reflect Appendix 1.

Pg52, objective 5, first row, what about the land? It's not clear.

Objective 6, can the Parish Council upgrade the community centre, or does that fall to the leaseholder? If so, should this be in the NP? Objective 6, last row, this should have already been done as part of the survey or the consultation. The NP should be based on all residents and that includes youth. What consultation has been done with youth of Northaw and Cuffley? There are no details about

These comments were reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted. Details on highways and train/bus services checked and updated as required. Policy wording using 'should' replaced where possible. It is not for the Plan to design up in detail all projects and infrastructure items in Appendix 1 (and related illustrative figures in the Plan), this will come later with community inputs into each. See response to Rep ID 23.

future developments being sustainable, i.e. solar panels, heat pumps, district heating, fully insulated, suds, etc Nor have I been able to see anything about electric vehicle charging.

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| 35 | Resident Email and attachment | <p>I would like to thank the steering group for their time and effort in producing this plan. Specific comments where the plan could be improved:</p> <p>Section 2- Vision and Objectives pp 10-13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Whilst many of these are laudable, they are lacking in enforceable targets. So what does 'Station Road continues to operate as a high street and is not oversupplied with food outlets, offering a mix of commercial uses (with a vibrant mix of both retail and non-retail)' mean in reality. Without a specific target this is unenforceable.• The lack of targets for most of the other objectives leave them too open to interpretation. <p>Section 3 Sites (pp14-19)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The policies for both sites need to be more robust about smaller and affordable residences within these developments. The developers must be expected to provide the statutorily required proportions of affordable housing and smaller houses. 'The site must provide a mix of house sizes including smaller (2-3 bedroom) properties for families and residents who wish to downsize.' is too vague.• There isn't enough in here about insisting on greener development. Examples include a requirement for solar panels and restricting the use of hard surfaces (tarmac, paving, artificial grass) in the gardens such that natural lawns/plantings are a majority (75% minimum) of the gardens <p>Section 4 Environment and Design pp20-29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• See Section 3 comments which also pertain to section 4.• In 'Policy D4' what are Northaw Community Gardens'? Do you mean the Millennium Gardens? Also, I have read that Five Acre Wood has undergone a name change. | <p>These comments were reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted. References to Northaw Park to be amended to Northaw Playing Fields as required. See response to Rep ID 23.</p> |
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Section 7 Community Wellbeing pp41-46

- 7.5- 'Northaw Park' is a housing development. I think this refers to Northaw Playing Fields
- Policy W3. The community survey showed only 13% support for a new, all-weather facility/pitches. Therefore, if the Neighbourhood Plan specifically supports this development, it is against the wishes of the majority of the residents. In particular the light pollution from floodlights is actually against the Neighbourhood Plan policy on light pollution as stated in Section 4 (policy D1) and design code guidance (page 60)
- What is the evidence that all the sports clubs are in favour of a joint clubhouse? The site of a joint clubhouse (as shown in the presentations at the community engagement meetings) would seem to be unlikely to be supported by the tennis or bowls clubs. It is also in the wrong place in terms of access for the general public.
- Provision of a food/drinks outlet is going to reduce the custom of local cafes, restaurants and pubs.
- Provision of a new facility for hire would serve to undermine existing halls in the villages.
- Land used for extra parking and development of the 'Multi use sports pitch' reduces green space on the area and in particular green space in KGV which is likely to be resisted by both residents and Fields in Trust.
- Other objections to the 'Multi use sports pitch' include:
 - o the extra traffic,
 - o the extra noise,
 - o the impact of reduced parking on users of existing facilities (it was acknowledged in the community presentation that there would be a parking restriction placed on other users at times of high use)
 - o the fact that the majority of users would be non-residents, thus using local tax-payers money for the benefit of non-residents and without any obvious benefit to residents, despite the disadvantages listed above.

- o Charging for hire of this facility as a commercial enterprise would further restrict access to local residents
- o Using CIL money for greener developments would be better - only 20% of survey respondents supported further sport development at KGV. I do not accept that the use of the CIL money for the Multi use sports pitch is a done deal, as stated in the community presentation.
- What has been done to re-patriate the Cuffley rugby club from its current base at Botany Bay?

Appendix 1

- ‘Home Wood to be planted with additional native trees’. Since the recent loss of the volunteer group there has been a degradation in habitat with little understorey or open glades. Home wood is in desperate need of a new management plan by the PC, its owner.
- ‘Land/pond to rear of Northaw Hall to be upgraded and maintained’
I am not aware of any prior consultation with the land owner. How was this need assessed?
- ‘Create a tree planting strategy to determine where more trees can be planted in the Parish.’ Isn’t this an opportunity to use the CIL money earmarked for the all-weather pitch to be used in a way that the residents approve i.e. more green space?
- ‘Interventions to prevent delivery trucks to Tesco and Co-op causing disruption’. The Co-op is closing, to be replaced by a NISA store.
- Objective 5 Playing Fields – see comments on section 7 above.
- ‘Upgrade of Cuffley Hall and Northaw Village Hall to attract a wider and more diverse group of people and groups.’ What is the evidence that this is needed? Have you performed a formal assessment of current usage and diversity? Have you agreed this plan with the two relevant management committees?
- ‘Research what young people in the area would like in terms of facilities’ Why has this not been done already? The community survey was deficient in representation from younger residents and therefore this group should be consulted in detail before the

Neighbourhood Plan is submitted, not just presented as an aspiration.

- 'Northaw Park and Play area - possible MUGA (multi use games area) on the tennis court area.' Northaw Park is a housing development off Hook Lane. I presume you mean the Playing Fields. Has there been adequate community engagement in this plan?
- I would like to see a greater emphasis overall in acknowledging the threat of climate change and how the plan could address this through better environmental initiatives.

36 Northaw and Cuffley Residents Association	Email and attachment	<p>This is the feedback of the Committee of the Northaw and Cuffley Residents Association. We thank the Parish Council, individual Councillors and residents on the Steering Group, and consultants who have obviously worked very hard to produce the very comprehensive Draft Neighbourhood Plan. We agree with most of it and it would be pointless producing a long list of things with which we agree.</p> <p>Vision- Page 10 This is the starting point of the Plan and therefore should be an accurate reflection of the two villages as they are today. We disagree strongly with the statement “Local shops, services and community facilities are within walking distance for most residents....” This could not be more wrong for Northaw residents and there are many Cuffley residents who find it impossible to walk to the centre of Cuffley due to either the distance, the hilly nature of their route, or both.</p> <p>Cuffley Village Centre – Page 11 We have heard comments from local people that Cuffley is already oversupplied with food outlets which contradicts what is stated in the first bullet point.</p>	<p>These comments were reviewed 9/11/21, and it was agreed that the wording on P10 would be amended to "within reasonable distance...". The objectives are set for the whole plan period and seek to address identified issues.</p>
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		<p>Station Road – Page 32 We disagree strongly with paragraph 5.17. We see no attraction in having a row of shopfronts which are consistent. Variety is considered attractive by many and we do not support the idea that public money should be spent replacing sound shopfronts which were chosen by those who had them installed. There is some support for minimal guidelines. Examples include to prevent the village looking more like offices than shops, or having seating areas outside food outlets covered by an odd selection of gazebos or similar that very quickly become shabby.</p>	<p>These comments were reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted, the proposals for shopfronts will not preclude variety. Rather it is intended to uplift the overall quality of the street scene.</p>

Transport and Getting Around – Page 36

We would like to see some mention of Coopers Lane Road. A convenient place for this might be between paragraphs 6.4 and 6.5. We suggest the following:-

Another road which carries more traffic than was intended when it was created is Coopers Lane Road. It is used as a diversion by HGV drivers who know of it when the M25 is blocked, and at other times drivers of motor bikes and cars think it is a race track. Many cyclists also use this road and it is particularly dangerous for them. There was a near miss during the last few days when there was a cyclist on a bend and a lorry took the bend too fast narrowly missing the cyclist and one of our Committee members.

We think traffic calming is essential for this road before there is a fatal accident. Options might include a 20 mph speed limit throughout the length and/or chicanes to discourage the larger vehicles.

Paragraph 6.8 - We think one of the major reasons that the use of cycles is disproportionately low is mainly due to the very hilly terrain and the relatively older population. We think that should be recognised in this paragraph. However, we should provide safe cycling for young people and visitors who choose to visit on their cycles.

Buses are unreliable and on the main Station Road, some residents mostly of a certain age would like a smaller “hopper” type bus that they can access rather than having to walk first to Station Road and wait for a bus that does not turn up and then have to get home from Station Road.

These comments were reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted, although resolution would lie outside the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Station Road – Page 37 - A main criticism relates to the proposals for the B156 and in particular Station Road. The traffic flows currently are very slow and getting worse, particularly during the morning and afternoon peak times. These will be further exacerbated by the building developments in Goffs Oak and in due course those proposed in Cuffley. This road is a major conduit between the A10 and the M25 and the holdups on those major arteries, which are becoming more frequent, result in chronic congestion on the B156. Any 'traffic calming' measures such as proposed in the Plan for Station Road could cause further major problems and could result in 'rat runs' via nearby roads, as mentioned in the Plan.

However, there is significant support for a 20 mph speed limit through the centre of Cuffley village which would help to reduce the speed at which many drive through the area at non-peak times.

Page 37 - paragraph 6.10 - "Identified measures to achieve this include (referring to the preceding paragraph about Visibility and highway safety issues)remodelled car parking....."

Page 38 - Figure 6.1 - In this diagram the angled parking bays in Maynard Place are shown with the access end nearer to Station Road than the end near the wall. This will encourage drivers to travel forwards into the bays. When leaving the bays they will then be forced to reverse out of the bays potentially into the path of oncoming traffic. This will not improve visibility or safety, particularly in cases where the vehicle in the next bay on the Station Road side of the reversing vehicle happens to be a van or small lorry without any side windows. We think that angled bays are a good idea but that they should be angled with the access end further from Station Road than the end near the wall. This will encourage drivers to reverse into the bays making it safer to drive forwards when leaving.

This comment was reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted, traffic calming and improved pedestrian safety measures alongside proposals to promote walking and cycling will encourage active modes of transportation. See response to Rep ID 18.

Diagram – Page 38 It is not clear from the diagram where it is intended to place the third pedestrian crossing near the station. There is already a crossing in the station forecourt between the 20 minute waiting area and the booking hall area. We think that should be extended eastwards from that waiting area to a footway along the side of Bridge House and then across Station Road towards Sopers Road and the Car Park.

Community Wellbeing – Page 41 We think there should be a mention at the beginning of paragraph 7.4 that there are several nursery schools in the villages.

Library and GP Surgery – Page 44 We think paragraph 2 should be deleted. Paragraphs 1 and 7.8 portray a positive future whereas Paragraph 2 will worry many residents if they think they are going to lose their local surgery.

These comments were reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted, Figure 6.1 is an illustrative plan. All proposals shall be subject to further consultation with HCC, WHBC and the local community.

The policy and supporting text seek to maintain community facilities in this central location.

37	Resident	Email and attachment	Mainly queries about proposed planning policies and an objection to diverting traffic through local roads in Cuffley (<i>Attachment included</i>)	These comments were reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted. See response to Rep ID 36.
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38 Resident Email	<p>The continual neglect to cover issue relating to climate change and sustainability of the built environment is very alarming.</p> <p>The pursuit of the redevelopment of KGV is surprising, as the survey implies that there was no need for increased sports facilities. The proposals for KGV included in the draft plan would not benefit the two villages but only outside users.</p> <p>Should such a proposal go ahead, an environmental approach should be adopted to include a wide-ranging recycling scheme, the elimination of single use plastic this should include all PC properties. The pavilion should be built of sustainable materials including a green roof, a heat exchange system, sustainable lighting, and electric car charging points.</p> <p>The land allocated through the Greenfields Development, would be put to better use as a field of solar panels with wildflowers.</p> <p>The Parish Council should be more proactive concerning Climate Change. The Neighbourhood Plan is intended for the next 10-15 years which of course means now – you have the responsibility for future generations to have benefits we have and enjoy today.</p>	<p>These comments were reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted. See response to Rep ID 23.</p>
39 Resident Email and attachment	<p>Suggestion for policies to be included relating to climate change.</p>	<p>These comments were reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted. See response to Rep ID 23.</p>

40 Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council	Email and attachment	<p>Housing and Green Belt policy would be considered a strategic policy, as they set out fundamental principles for the growth and containment of urban areas. Draft Local Plan Policy SP3 Settlement Strategy and Green Belt boundaries is such a policy. Whilst an emerging local plan would not constitute part of the statutory development plan. It still needs to be considered by neighbourhood planning bodies. To avoid the risk of policies in a neighbourhood plan being superseded by a later local plan, it is necessary for the two plans to work in a complementary way.</p> <p>Sites (S1 and S2) - The respective policies with Concept Plans add site-specific policies and design guidance to these site allocations. In his report to the Council following the Stage 9 Hearing Sessions, the Inspector has identified that two sites are yet to be found sound but may be subject to the final strategy. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HS29 (Cuf12) Land North of Northaw Road East• HS30 (Cuf7) Wells Farm, Northaw Road East <p>An additional site (Cuf15 Land to south east of KGV playing fields) was also examined by the Inspector. Subject to the final strategy to meet the FOAHN additional housing sites in Cuffley, may be submitted to the Examination and subject to Main Modification consultation. There is a risk that the neighbourhood plan will progress and not be in general conformity with strategic policies of the draft Local Plan if it was to progress to its next stage in its current form.</p> <p>Within the draft Local Plan, the proposed Cuffley allocations (Policy SADM 33) include 'Site Specific Considerations' (Table 17). These considerations will help guide development on the sites and have been discussed at length during the examination of the draft Local Plan. We would advise that these considerations be referenced within the site policy. For example, to avoid duplication, you may wish to refer to the respective draft Local Plan policy and corresponding site considerations, before identifying the supplementary Neighbourhood Plan key features. Alternatively, you</p>	<p>These comments were reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted. References added to incorporate reference to SADM 33 (and Table 17) of the Draft Local Plan and including explicit reference to mitigating noise pollution. The Plan has not included policies relating to Cuf15, should this allocation come forward it will still be subject to the development management policies contained in the Neighbourhood Plan. The Plan has been updated to reference the National Design Guide and National Model Design Code. Policy D1, D2 and Appendix 2 have been updated to help aid clarity and remove onerous provisions. However, policy re: external lighting is maintained to help protect residential amenity and minimise disturbance to wildlife. Footnotes added for HCC Landscape Character Assessment. Evidence in support of the proposed</p>
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may choose to replicate all site specific considerations into the Neighbourhood Plan site policy. We would highlight that, Policy S1 The Meadway does not refer to the Local Plan site specific consideration requiring mitigation of noise pollution from the railway. Design - The National Planning Policy Framework makes clear that creating high quality buildings and places is fundamental to what the planning and development process should achieve. When preparing design policies and guidance the Council would advise the Parish to seek to ensure criteria is not overly prescriptive and does not conflict with the delivery of strategic policies in the Local Plan. Such an approach may result in a wholly unimaginative approach to building design and at worse a 'tick box' mentality.

Policy D1 Residential Design and Amenity refers to development proposals for plot sub-division, infill and back land development as being required to consider design features in the interest of residential amenity and highway safety. The Policy goes on to refer to external lighting and retention of side gates. We would advise reviewing this policy to ensure that criteria are not overly prescriptive and does not include criteria that would fall under permitted development.

As you may be aware, The National Model Design Code was recently published, in July 2021. The Code sets out the design parameters to help local authorities and communities decide what good quality design looks like in their area. You may find this document helpful, it is available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-model-design-code#history>

Landscape Character Assessment - Table 6 refers to the Theobalds Estate Landscape Character Area – Area 55. It may be beneficial to show this area on a plan to show the relationship with the neighbourhood plan area. We would also note only this Landscape Character Area is referred to, you may wish to consider the relationship with Northaw Common Parkland, Chestnut Common,

Local Green Space designations are set out in the Basic Conditions Statement.

Northaw and Great Wood.

Local Green Space Designation - Guidance on the designation of Local Green Spaces in Neighbourhood Plan can be found in the document Making Local Green Space Designations in your Neighbourhood Plan. It would be helpful to provide links to the evidence used to support the designations. The guidance recommends that this should include what type of green space it is, any existing statutory designation or status, the quality and condition of the space and the value and benefit of the green space to the community. Evidence of the need for green space in the form of a green space audit and assessment may be carried out to support the proposed designations. The availability of this evidence will assist in demonstrating the proposed Local Green Spaces meet some of the criteria of being 'demonstrably special', as set out in the NPPF. We would also wish to highlight that several of the proposed Local Green Spaces are already the subject of statutory designations. For example, Northaw Great Wood, which is in the Green Belt, is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and is a Local Nature Reserve. It is therefore unclear what benefit there would be from the additional designation as Local Green Space. Thank you for consulting with the Council.

41 Marrons Planning Group on behalf of Lands Improvement	Email and attachment	<p>Land Improvement's position is that the Neighbourhood Plan fails to meet both basic conditions by: Inclusion of unclear and ambiguous policies preventing the achievement of sustainable development; and Incorrect designation of Local Green Spaces. The 13 pages that follow are summarised below where specific comments are made in relation to the Plan:</p> <p>Request to amend the figures for The Meadway (S1) to reflect the Main Modification totals within the emerging Welwyn Hatfield Local Plan.</p> <p>Policy SADM 16 of the emerging Local Plan requires proposals to take full account of the relevant Landscape Character Assessment. Therefore, Policy S1 part 1 bullets 3 and 4 are considered</p>	<p>These comments were reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted. Dwelling figures for the Meadway have been revised to 60. Policies SADM 16 and SP 9 in the emerging Local Plan were deemed to be too high-level for the purposes of the Neighbourhood Plan. Policy D2 and Appendix 2 of the Plan are based upon a</p>
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unnecessary and should be deleted in line with NPPF paragraph 16(f).

The Neighbourhood Plan should identify the Land to south east of King George V Playing Fields (Site Location Plan included at Appendix 2) as a Direction of Growth for consideration through the Local Plan as a preferred site.

The Neighbourhood Plan has not set out how the Design Code and Guidance has been developed or whether consultation with relevant parties has taken place...the design code must be cognisant of emerging Policy SP9 (Place Making and High Quality Design) and other policies. Policy D2 is considered overly restrictive and does not allow for any element of viability or site constraints to be taken into account in the design of the scheme.

Policy D3: Green Infrastructure part 1 is not considered to be clearly written and unambiguous, as required by NPPF paragraph 16, the policy lists a number of landscaping features that development proposals must include.

Some Local Green Spaces are not in reasonably close proximity to the communities, particularly Fir and Pond Woods (Site E) and Five Acre Wood (Site F), and are not suitable for designation.

detailed analysis and recommendations made by planning consultants AECOM (see Basic Conditions Statement Appendix A) which were tested at the formal consultation stage and received positive feedback from the community. Good design should not be more costly or require site-specific viability testing. The Neighbourhood Plan does not allocate land for new development, it is for the Local Plan to allocate sufficient land to meet needs. Policy D3 has been amended with the list of interventions moved to a supporting footnote and 'where applicable' added as suggested. The steering group and Parish Council have put forward Local Green Space Designations cognisant of national policy and guidance (see Basic Conditions statement).

42	Hatfield Town Council	Email	Members considered your Plan and expressed their support for it.	This comment was reviewed 11/11/21, and no action is required.
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43 Herts' County Council	Email and attachment	<p>It is encouraging that Cuffley Primary School and Northaw Church of England Primary School are listed as community facilities and services in Policy W1 of the Neighbourhood Plan. This shows the importance of these services provided by HCC within the community.</p> <p>Re: Policy W1: Community Facilities and Services, there is an implication that it is provided as a joint facility with the GP Surgery as it is listed as 'GP Surgery and Library, Maynard Place' which is not the case. It is therefore suggested that the library and GP Surgery are listed separately in the list of community facilities and services within this policy.</p> <p>It should be noted that HCC is committed to delivering a library service in Cuffley and the building is still required by HCC for that purpose. There may be reason to alter this text or provide further supporting text to clearly make this point As HCC does not have plans to withdraw this service.</p> <p>HCC request that references to their adopted waste and minerals plans be inserted into the Plan.</p> <p>The Waste Planning Authority welcomes the Parish Council's commitment to resist the loss of this valuable employment area to residential development, as stated within the supporting text for Policy E2.</p> <p>HCC request improved reference is made to Biodiversity Net Gain and they also sought amendments to the native trees wording. It is suggested that the planting scheme for a site should be created or approved by a suitably qualified person such as a landscape architect, arboriculturist or ecologist to ensure that appropriate species are selected for planting.</p> <p>Great care should be taken with the siting of floodlight, directional nature of the light beam and the light temperature. Herts LEADS recommends that lighting should be a primary consideration in the location and orientation of any proposals for redevelopment of King George V Playing Fields.</p>	<p>These comments were reviewed 9/11/21, and the observations were noted. Updates made to GP Surgery and Library sections.</p> <p>References added to HCC development plan documents and supplementary guidance. References to Biodiversity Net Gain inserted.</p> <p>Clarification that qualified persons shall inform species selection.</p> <p>Amendments made to proposals for King George V Playing Fields. See response to Rep ID 25. With regards to climate change – see response to Rep ID 23. Policies S1 and S2, alongside Policies T1 and T2 (Figures 6.1 and 6.2), support improvements in infrastructure to support sustainable modes of transport. Appendix 1 has been updated to include projects to identify Biodiversity Net Gain recipient sites and the</p>
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It is considered that Appendix 1 could be expanded to indicate recipient sites for BNG offsetting from other sites. If there are any aspirations for green corridors linking different areas of biodiversity value that are projects that the community consider could benefit, it would be beneficial to add them in.

Additional references could be made within the Plan to consider adapting development to future climate change to protect the community from the effects of climate change and building long term resilience to future climates e.g. flood mitigation, infrastructure protection and design, etc Furthermore, the energy efficiency of buildings could be considered. In terms of new domestic home developments, it is considered that these should aim for an EPC rating of B or above in relation to BREEAM standards.

(Policy S1: The Meadway and Policy S2: East of Northaw Road East) there is an opportunity to ensure designing in the provision for sustainable modes and linkages at masterplanning stage to the key destinations would support the station car park considerations and assist in reducing the need to consider additional parking provision as part of the developments. In relation to Policy S1, point 4 relating to development proposals for The Meadway needing to meet the requirements of other policies within the Neighbourhood Plan, HCC supports this approach, however would recommend infrastructure supporting sustainable travel from the site linking to the station and village amenities, therefore alleviating pressures on the station car park capacity.

Policy S2, point 1, bullet point 5, which refers to car parking issues related to the school run, HCC considers that on street parking near to the school entrance should be discouraged in order to reduce the traffic congestion at drop off and pick up times. There is a need for the local school to provide a new School Travel Plan with clear measures and objectives to demonstrate how to encourage active travel. To achieve this it is advisable that the school liaises with the

preparation of a school travel plan.

Adapted text to include reference to mobility scooters. Car charging and e-bike/e-scooter charging requirements are likely to come forward as changes to the Building Regulations and are not explicitly included in the Neighbourhood Plan. However, the general policies are supportive of sustainable modes of transport.

The detailed comments related to Appendix 2 are noted and these specific points are anticipated to be dealt with via the development management process and consultations with HCC and applicants (at the design/pre-app stage).

Active and Road Safety Team and becomes a member of Star Mode Shift STARS. Any School Travel Plan must comply with HCC Travel Plan Guidance. In addition, any pedestrian or cycling improvement must comply with HCC Road Design Guide.

Point 4 of Policy S2 refers to development proposals for East of Northaw Road East needing to meet requirements of other policies in the Neighbourhood Plan, demonstrating how impacts on local infrastructure, services and facilities will be managed, impacts on congestion and station car park capacity. HCC supports this approach however also recommends infrastructure supporting sustainable travel from the site linking to the station and village amenities, therefore alleviating pressures on the station car park capacity. Policy D1: Residential Design and Amenity, point 1.i) HCC as Highway Authority supports this requirement. Paragraph 6.5 refers to busy roads in the area and proximity to the M25 resulting in the road network becoming severely congested when there is disruption on the motorway. HCC supports the consideration being given to priority of sustainable travel modes being provided over vehicular modes where they comply with current policies. This support is also applicable when considering Policy T1: Station Road, point to give priority of sustainable modes of travel over vehicular modes. 20mph roads will be supported, provided they comply with the HCC Speed Management Strategy, including they are appropriate for the environment and can demonstrate mean speeds being at or below 24mph prior to implementation. 6.12, HCC supports consideration being given to the priority of sustainable travel modes and the proposed changes to the of public realm areas aimed at increasing usage where they comply with current policies. It is encouraging to see that Policy T2: Walking and Cycling, point 1, provides an opportunity to ensure all new developments contribute to the overall master planning of the village including the provision and standard of provision for accessibility to the key destinations (Railway Station and Station road) by sustainable modes and

mobility scooters. Re: point 3, HCC supports the provision of cycle parking and storage at developments. The type of infrastructure should also be given consideration and include charging points for electric bikes and the storage/parking of nonstandard bikes. Re: point 4 of Policy T2, opportunities for creating new cycle links and improvements to existing routes is an opportunity to ensure all new developments contribute to the overall master planning of the village, including as previously mentioned, provision for accessibility to key destinations by sustainable modes and mobility scooters. One amendment to note is within paragraph 6.13 where the text should refer to the 'HCC Local Transport Plan (LTP4)' rather than the HCC Local Travel Plan. Policy W3: King George V Playing Fields, all refurbishments of walking and cycling routes must comply with the HCC Road Design Guidance. Although parking is a District/Borough Council matter, schools should initiate measures in their School Travel Plan on how to encourage sustainable modes of travel that reduce the need to use cars, therefore reduce the need for providing parking area for parents and staff. All School Travel Plans must be secured via Section 106 legal agreement and an evaluation and support fee. Appendix 1: Station Road Environmental Improvement – the need to take the opportunity to design in the provision of sustainable modes and linkages at master planning stage. There should be appropriate walking and cycling infrastructure provided to encourage people to choose active modes and travel alleviate the pressures on schools to provide parking areas. The provision of electric charging points would be supported by HCC, however consideration should also be given to the charging and storage of electric bikes and non-standard bikes also. Appendix 2: Street dimensions and layouts (pages 60-65). It should be noted that the provision of cycle and walking routes should be in line with the latest Government's LTN 1/20 Cycle Infrastructure Design guidance, which moves away from the shared use of footway/cycleway provision. Re: parking design (pages 66-69), the

Neighbourhood Plan should include some focus on the reduction of vehicle ownership. Provision and convenience of facilities for cycles including storage and charging will support this. Re: street parking (page 70), the last bullet point refers to electric vehicle charging points being considered in the case of new development as they improve sustainability. HCC would support the requirement of electric vehicle charging points in new developments however discussions should be had with the Highway Authority over the provision with on street currently not being supported. HCC recommends that the development of a masterplan may be useful for the Northaw and Cuffley villages in the context of the proposed growth to ensure that a holistic view for a package of measures is required for the villages specifically in relation to highways matters. This could include routing of cycle links from developments to the rail station and Station Road along with upgrading walking routes connecting residential areas to Station Road area and station. This would allow for a more holistic view of sustainable transport for the village and allow for funding to be gathered from all future developments and benefit the village. Consideration should also be given to the implementation and promotion of these changes across the whole village. It is considered that there are opportunities to develop a multi modal approach towards sustainable transport and whilst the plan is forward thinking in the provision and prioritisation of modes on the network there does not appear to be a strategic level approach to modal shift which should be considered. Accessibility by all modes of transport should be given consideration in securing the right balance. Alongside the relevant sustainable transport infrastructure, the strengthening of policies in the Neighbourhood Plan which promote sustainable modes and create a foundation for change in travel behaviour is key. Policies should encourage and enable shorter journeys (including those by existing residents) to be made by sustainable means, including by walking and cycling, given the wider community benefits of active travel

44 Cuffley RFU	Email to the Clerk	<p>Primary comments concern Policy W3. The draft appears very focussed towards football (which is fine) though we (Cuffley RUFC) really would like to dream of the day that rugby can also be re accommodated at all age and sex levels (and potentially cricket?). We did secure planning consent and parish council support/ approval to move to KGV many years ago. Sadly we couldn't raise enough funds to finish off the project. To accommodate us long term we require 2 large/full size pitches (one of which could be subdivided for minis/juniors) and of course shared use of possibly larger, but shared changing rooms, plus bar/function rooms etc. Looking at your draft plan that would be best located on the LIH land to the west of the proposed new clubhouse (or existing bowls club) and would need say a further 5 acres (2ha) at least for 2 pitches alone, possibly also needing extra parking etc. The club now has enough resources and RFU support (subject to title/tenure) to secure such land.. The clubhouse would be beyond us alone though ..hence the dream of sharing, as is so often common best practice now, Clearly the Local Plan inspectors report/decisions on future Cuffley housing growth will have a major impact on LIHs aspirations for the suggested land, though with your support we believe a sensible land use/value balance can be struck. Hertsmere Boundary - We have also approached Old Owens FC about ground sharing and I see they just fall within the parish boundary...albeit adjoining the eastern edge of Potters Bar (and Hertsmere Council area) Sadly they have no spare land adjoining, only employment land and houses site who are unlikely to relocate given scarcity and or high values. We assume they are there for the long term. I can't recall what you have said about an eastern expansion of Potters Bar into your parish..? Broxbourne Boundary - Again no study of Cuffley can be prepared surely without taking into account the impact of the massive new housing developments recently approved just to the east in and around Goffs Oak. Again we have looked at ground sharing and or other flat land in this area, as yet without success.</p>	<p>The representations was received after the close of the formal consultation. However, the current draft has been edited so that it is clearer that one of the options for King George V Playing Fields is an all-weather pitch with a new pavilion, but all options will be considered, and the community consulted prior to a final choice. See response to Rep ID 25.</p>
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Housing - I had heard a suggestion that Cuffley has a very low, (if not no?) affordable housing as such. Albeit I assume to be included in the 2 new housing proposals at normal Welwyn Hatfield Local Plan %s and types. What about specialist care/retirement accommodation? Given several outstanding planning applications (i.e. Wells Farm) and promotions to the Local Plan will you seek to delay your final draft publication pre voting until the inspector has decided on his preferences/recommendations. I assume in spring next year? I assume you have studied Welwyn Council SHLAA and SHMA documents to see what they suggested for Cuffley and also their Green Belt review.

The observations were noted, WHBC are responsible for setting Borough-wide housing policies.

Local Employment - Is there not a case to try to expand/protect Sopers Road Industrial estate allowing it to accommodate several small outlying businesses (from likes of Wells Farm and similar). The ongoing changes and threats from Govt "Permitted Development" planning legislation also need to be factored in ..such as the possible switch of Everest House into private housing (with no affordable requirement).

The observations were noted, Policies E1 and E2 attempt to address these concerns.

Appendix A February 2019 public consultation event



Northaw & Cuffley Parish Council



Northaw and Cuffley Neighbourhood Plan Workshop and Engagement Session 12th February 2019

Introduction

The following note is a summary of both the process and key outputs of the February 2019 Neighbourhood Planning engagement session. The note follows the structure of the session and is supported by photos taken during the session.

Summary

In February 2019, a workshop was hosted on behalf of Northaw and Cuffley Parish Council to engage with local stakeholders on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan to date. Approximately twenty local stakeholders were invited to attend (attendees listed at Appendix 1).

The aims of the workshop were that by the end of it, participants would have:

- A common understanding of the key purposes of the Neighbourhood Plan and the process for its delivery;
- Developed a common language across the group of participants to enable the co-creation of the Neighbourhood Plan;
- Identified the Plan's priority focus areas and overall strategic direction (reviewing the vision and objectives); and
- Agreed on the next steps following the session (what, who, where, when).

The workshop was attended by invited stakeholders. Some had been involved in the drafting of the previous draft Neighbourhood Plan. This offered the opportunity to refresh the vision and objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan and ensure it is in line with current perceptions and aspirations for the Parish.

Arrival Task

Upon arrival, participants were asked to indicate on a map of the Parish, using coloured sticky dots, where they:

- live (red dot)
- work (blue dot)

- take your children to school (yellow dot)
- spend leisure time (green dot)

This exercise was an excellent way to start the workshop as it opened the conversation with participants sharing their personal stories, knowledge and getting to know each other. It offered the opportunity to become familiar with the extent of the boundary of the Neighbourhood Plan area and to discuss, even if indirectly, the areas of importance to them. It was interesting to note, for example, that the majority of leisure time was recorded as being spent in the open spaces around the Parish and did not reflect the use of any built facilities for leisure. A photograph of the map is shown at figure 1.

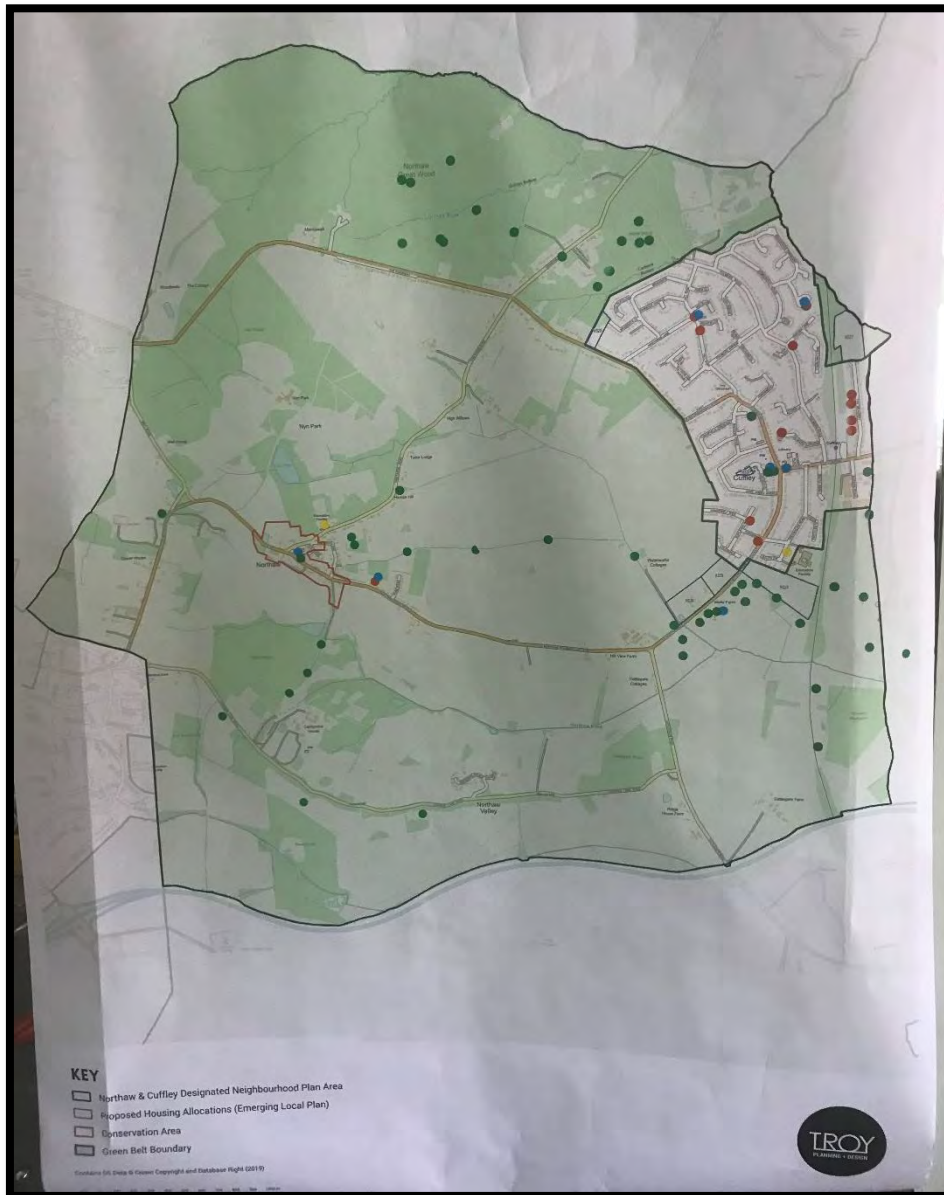


Figure 1: Map prepared during the arrival task, showing the areas of importance to stakeholders.

Introductions

The workshop was attended by invited local stakeholders. It was important to start the workshop with an introduction which offered the opportunity to ask each of the participants who they represent, what they brought to the workshop and what they were willing to let go of. This was useful in creating a common understanding of the topics that were key for discussion through the Neighbourhood Plan workshop and kick-started a collaborative inclusive conversation where each stakeholder was able to recognise that solutions would demand trade-offs rather than consensus.

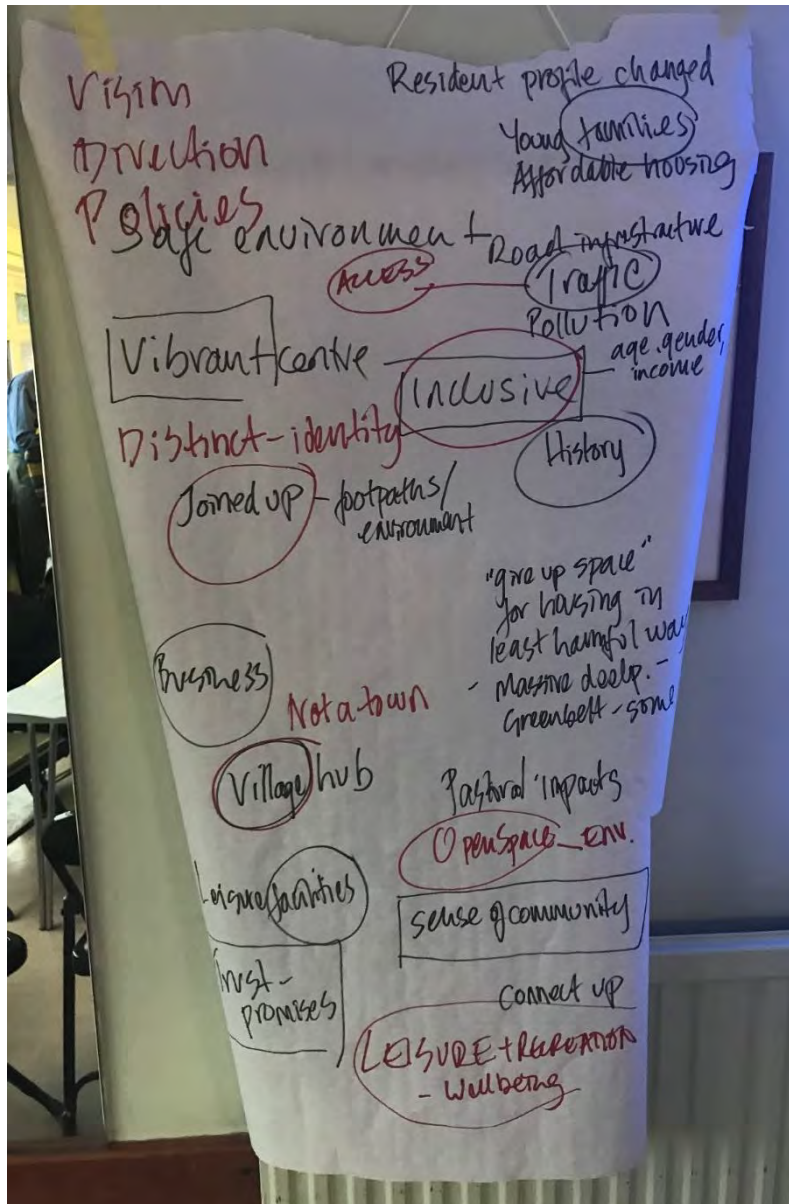


Figure 2: Key themes highlighted through the introduction task

Setting the foundations

An overview of the National Planning Policy Framework, the Localism Act 2011 and the Welwyn Hatfield Local Plan was given to the workshop group, to set the context for Neighbourhood Planning. The process of the Neighbourhood Plan was explained in detail. Discussions focused on different

perceptions of how much progress has already been made and some fear that the process would be very drawn out, how much room for real influence the Neighbourhood Plan has and where trust lies between the Parish and the Council.

The group agreed that more work does need to be done, particularly in relation to preparing further evidence base documents to support the Neighbourhood Plan and further definition of key priorities, options and wider consultation before it is ready for submission for examination.

Agreeing and unpacking the key priority issues (part 1)

To open the conversation on defining key priority issues of the Neighbourhood Plan the workshop utilised an innovative engagement technique, known as 'Poll Everywhere'. This is a virtual poll system with real-time results that can be shown to the group at they cast their vote in the poll, using a smartphone (as shown in figure 3). Figure 4 shows the results of the first question asked "What do you think is the key issue for Northhaw and Cuffley's Neighbourhood Plan?"



Figure 3: Using smartphones to cast votes on instant polling

The results for this question were very interesting as were the subsequent discussions. It is clear from the above that “infrastructure” is considered to be the key issue for the Parish. Discussions held showed that the stakeholders felt that transport, roads, walking, cycling and community infrastructure are all important for the Parish and that they would have voted for all three of these options, had that been possible. Also of note was the apparent lesser levels of interest in housing as a key issue. This was surprising but perhaps also reflects the acknowledgement that there will need to be some housing in the area and therefore the correct infrastructure will need to be in place to support it. However, what did emerge through the discussions was that stakeholders are concerned that it needs to be the right type of housing, in the right locations.

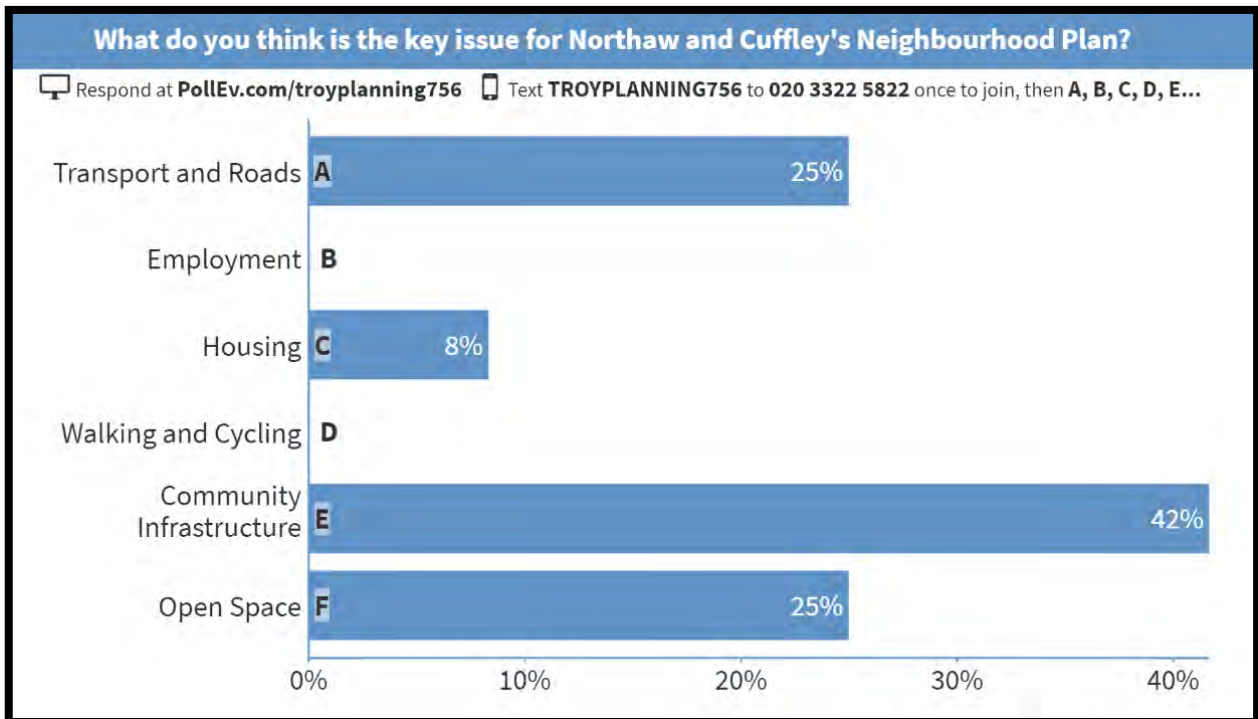


Figure 4: Responses to “What do you think is the key issues for Northaw and Cuffley’s Neighbourhood Plan?”

Setting the Neighbourhood Plan Vision

Building on both initial introductions and the first poll three potential 2032 visions were posed through Poll Everywhere. These were purposefully drafted to contain similar themes but with different focuses, in order to get participants to think about what was of most importance to them.

In relation to option a), conversations revealed little support for the Parish to be considered as a ‘growing community’, but that stakeholders were supportive of the Parish being vibrant with linked up services and infrastructure. Option b) was also popular but in this instance, there was less of a focus on infrastructure and services, but more on the village having a distinct character. It was felt that a merge of all three of the options would be the ideal vision for the Parish where the notion of conversing “heritage” in option c) should also be retained.

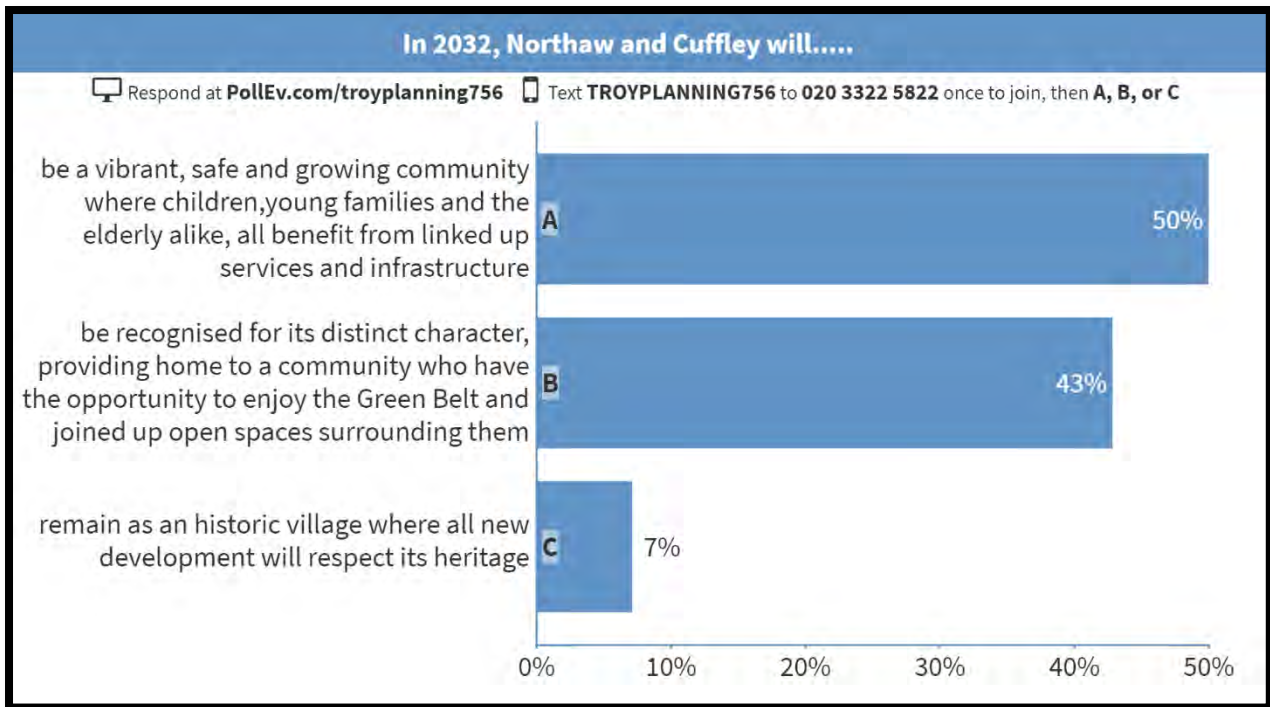


Figure 5: Responses to “In 2032, Northaw and Cuffley will...”

Agreeing and unpacking the key priority issues (part 2)

Having held discussions on the potential vision for the Neighbourhood Plan and the key issues for the Parish, it was important for participants to discuss how these identified issues can be addressed and propose a collectively agreed strategic direction. Each small working group chose to focus on one of the following three priority issues and respond to the three questions below.

Priority issues:

1. Open space and wellbeing
2. Infrastructure
3. Housing.

Questions:

- 1) How does this priority issue present future opportunities for Northaw and Cuffley?
- 2) What are the areas of risk or challenge?
- 3) What are the top 3 actions needed to make the most of these opportunities?

The groups then fed back the headlines from their discussions. The key headlines are set out below and will need to be considered further when the final vision and objectives are drafted.

Open Space and Wellbeing

- Making the most of what the Parish already has.
- Implementation of a walking and footpath plan.
- Protection for all types of open space, including gardens and hedgerows (attention to biodiversity).
- Developing connectivity throughout the Parish.

- Important that there is enhanced communication so residents are aware of access and connectivity.
- The concept of a village hub was also put forward. This could provide multi-generational leisure opportunities, a business hub for local people and nature/biodiversity enhancements.

Infrastructure

- Improvements to public transport including increased and better frequency timetable, more attractive pricing and buses for schools to reduce congestion in peak time.
- Introduction of village to village pathways and cycleways connecting key Northaw and Cuffley hubs and creating safe alternative and sustainable access means.
- Consideration of a bypass to Goffs Oak to reduce the number of journeys through the village.
- Understanding that there may be need for expert transport advice of traffic impacts of development.

Housing

- Building-for-Life standards could be applied
- Prevent back garden development
- Need housing of an appropriate mix including that of a size for downsizing
- Need affordable housing
- Would prefer a number of smaller sites that are dispersed throughout the Parish, rather than large, concentrated sites
- Want to consider brownfield options ahead of building on the Green Belt.



Figure 6: Group discussions to unpack the key priority issues

The 'look' and 'feel' of Northaw and Cuffley in 2032

Two further polls were launched to understand, through a visual mechanism, how the stakeholders would like the Parish to look and feel in 2032, i.e. post the Neighbourhood Plan period.

The first poll in this section asked "How would you like Northaw and Cuffley to look?" Images of housing developments of contrasting scale and type were used to generate discussion around which type would be appropriate for the Parish. The potential options showed a large, mansion style house, smaller modern properties, a typical house from a large housing development and also a flatted scheme.

The responses to this were surprising in some regards. Option D was for a flatted development and did receive some votes which is a departure from the norm of housing style in the Parish but something that is recognised as being a way to offer housing for those needing one or two bedrooms. More in keeping with the current housing stock was Option C, showing a large, house which the Parish Council often cite as something that they do not want any more of. The most popular option however, was the smaller, modern and more sustainable looking Option A.



How would you like Northhaw and Cuffley to look?

Figure 7: How would you like Northhaw and Cuffley to look?

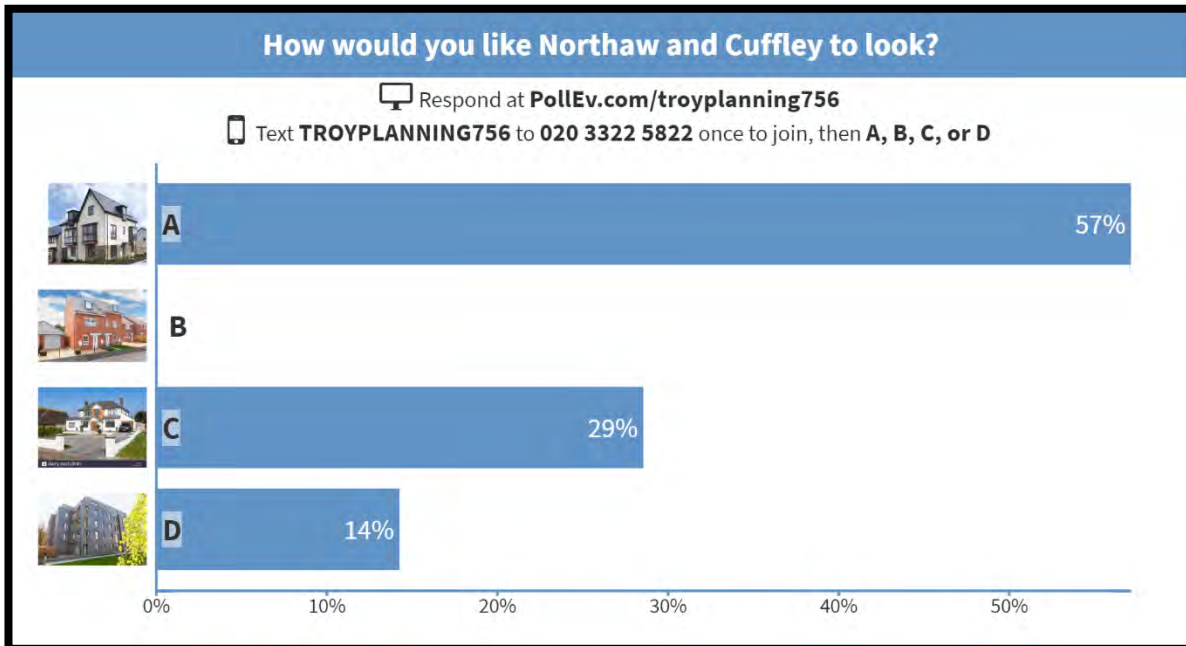


Figure 8: Responses to the poll asking “How would you like Northhaw and Cuffley to look?”

How would you like Northaw and Cuffley to feel?



Figure 9: How would you like Northaw and Cuffley to feel?

The second poll was regarding the 'feel' of Northaw and Cuffley. It was important to show that there are different potential options for how the village can 'feel' as well as how it might look. The options were a farmer's market, a retail led high street, a mixed use and high density high street, a pedestrianised high street or the option of suggesting something else. The results overwhelmingly showed support for a 'farmers market' style feel, owing to the other options appearing too over developed and out of character with the current feel of the Parish.

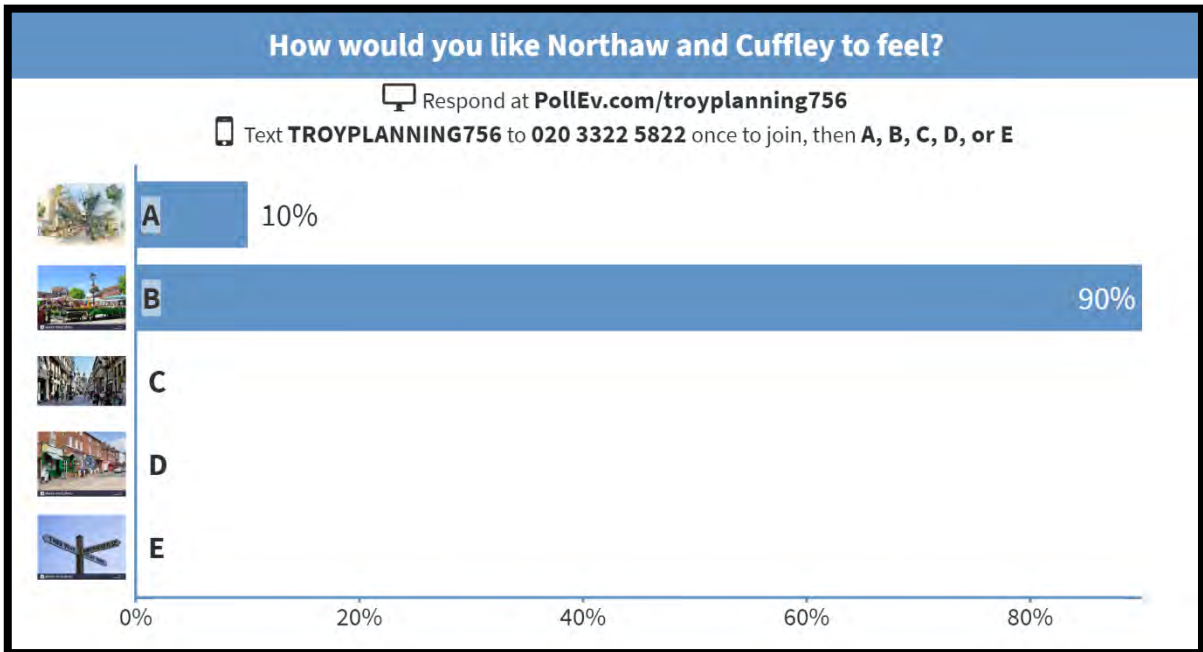


Figure 10: Responses to the poll asking “How would you like Northhaw and Cuffley to feel?”

Conclusion

The workshop was well attended, and several discussions were had that will assist in the continuing preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan. In considering the extent to which the aims of the workshop were met, the workshop successfully informed the group of the purposes of the Neighbourhood Plan and the process for its delivery. The discussions held in the workshop enabled the group to develop a common language in terms of refining the focus of the Neighbourhood Plan and what it can do. The workshop also presented the opportunity to discuss, in detail, what the vision should contain for the Parish for the duration of the Plan period. It was clear that infrastructure, open space and wellbeing and housing were the key themes and it was therefore a success in terms of identifying the priority focus areas for the Neighbourhood Plan.

The next steps were discussed which included the Parish Council clerk asking for confirmation that all attendees to the workshop were happy to be involved in the ongoing preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan, by way of being a member of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group. It was also identified that whilst a broad range of stakeholders attended the event, it will be important to engage with younger people too, and the mechanism to do this will be considered going forward.

The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group will also receive a proposed road map from Troy Planning and Design outlining the next phase of the Neighbourhood Plan process.

Appendix 1: List of Attendees

Name	Organisation
Sally Pollitt	Northaw and Cuffley Parish Councillor
Andrea Allgood	Northaw and Cuffley Parish Councillor
Fred Allgood	Northaw and Cuffley Parish Councillor
Jim Sharkey	Northaw and Cuffley Parish Councillor
Jane Brook	Northaw and Cuffley Parish Councillor
Carol Brannigan	Northaw and Cuffley Parish (acting Clerk)
Mavis Pett	Bowls Club
Vic Boyle	Bowls Club
Kevin Borley	Football Club
Simon Phillips	Football Club
Hanal Patel	Local businessman
Janice Randall	Local resident
Reverend Chris Kilgour	St Thomas and St Andrew representative
Ant Pattison	Local resident
Anna Sharkey	Residents Association
Troy Hayes	Troy Planning + Design (Consultants)
Becky Smith	Troy Planning + Design (Consultants)
Amanda Harding	Convene (Consultants / Facilitator)

Appendix 2: Additional photographs



Appendix 3: Workshop Agenda

Northaw and Cuffley Neighbourhood Plan Workshop & Engagement Session: 12 February 2019

By the end of the Session we will have:

1. A common understanding of the key purposes of the Neighbourhood Plan and the process for its delivery.
2. Developed a common language across the group of participants to enable the co-creation of the Neighbourhood Plan.
3. Identified the Plan's priority focus areas and overall strategic direction (reviewing the vision and objectives).
4. Agreed on the next steps following this session (what, who, where, when)

Participation:

Sally Pollitt, Andrea Allgood, Fred Allgood, Jim Sharkey, Jane Brook (Parish Councillors)
Carol Brannigan (Acting Clerk, Parish Council)
Anna Sharkey (Residents Association)
Mavis Pett and Vic Boyle (Bowls Club)
Kevin Borley and Simon Phillips (Football Club)
Hanal Patel (local business)
Rev. Chris Kilgour (St Thomas and St Andrews representative)
Janice Randall and Ant Pattison (Residents)

Becky Smith and Troy Hayes from Troy Planning, Amanda Harding from Convene

Agenda:

10.30 Arrival with tea and coffees

10.45 Interactive welcome and introductions

11.15 Setting the foundations – collective understanding

Taking stock of the Neighbourhood Planning process so far and the process moving forward

Checking in on collective understanding of the “purpose”, i.e. why do we need a NP and what will it do for us?

11.45 Agreeing and unpacking the key priority issues (Part 1)

Virtual poll on priority issues (all participants will need their smartphone/tablet)

12.00 Setting the Neighbourhood Plan vision

12.30 Lunch

13.30 *Virtual poll* on the vision messages and short discussion

13.45 Agreeing and unpacking the key issues Part 2

Priority issues that contribute to meeting the vision

14.45 The Look and Feel of Northaw and Cuffley in 2040

Virtual poll: housing “look”

Virtual poll: environment “feel”

15.00 Next Steps

What and Who – reaching out to “hard to reach”, ensuring the best mix

Setting milestones for a more detailed timeline

15.20 Conclusions & Wrap up for 15.30 close

Appendix B November 2019 public consultation events



Northaw & Cuffley Neighbourhood Plan

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Northaw and Cuffley Parish Council is currently preparing your Neighbourhood Plan, which will help to shape the future of the Parish.

To ensure that Neighbourhood Plan policies reflect local community needs and ambitions, we would like you to tell us what's important to you, what your biggest planning concerns are, and what you want the future of Northaw and Cuffley to look like.

Join us at one of our Neighbourhood Plan drop-in sessions to talk through key issues and ideas for resolving them:

FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER | 3PM-9PM | CUFFLEY HALL

SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER | 10.30AM-2.30PM | NORTHAW VILLAGE HALL

Alternatively, answer the questions on the back of this leaflet and return to the Parish Council Office, 7 Maynard Place, Cuffley, EN6 4JA before 17th November 2019.

THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE YOUR SAY!



<https://www.northawcuffleypc.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan/>

parish.clerk@northawcuffleypc.org.uk / Tel: 01707 875825

In February, we engaged with local stakeholders at a workshop, out of which a number of priority areas emerged. We would now like you to tell us how you feel about each priority area on a scale of 1-5, 1 being 'strongly agree' and 5 being 'strongly disagree'.

Priority Area 1: Open Space and Wellbeing

The plan should seek to...

- | | strongly agree | 2 | 3 | 4 | strongly disagree |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | 1 | | | | 5 |
| 1) Make the most of what the Parish already has | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 2) Protect open spaces and local biodiversity | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 3) Revitalise leisure facilities in the area, including the KGV Playing Fields | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Priority Area 2: Infrastructure

The plan should seek to...

- | | strongly agree | 2 | 3 | 4 | strongly disagree |
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| | 1 | | | | 5 |
| 1) Improve public transport, with more frequent services and more attractive pricing | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 2) Implement a walking and footpath strategy and develop connectivity by introducing village-to-village cycleways and pathways | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 3) Introduce measures to help reduce the number of car journeys through Cuffley | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Priority Area 3: Housing

The plan should seek to...

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| 1) Prevent back garden development providing new homes | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 2) Prioritise an appropriate mix of housing that includes smaller and more affordable houses | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 3) Ensure a high quality of design, and promote attractive and safe places to live | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 4) Encourage the development of brownfield sites ahead of building in the Green Belt | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Do you have any other ideas or comments about what the Northaw and Cuffley Neighbourhood Plan should contain?



Northaw & Cuffley Neighbourhood Plan

FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER | 3PM-9PM | CUFFLEY HALL

SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER | 10.30AM-2.30PM | NORTHAW VILLAGE HALL

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Northaw and Cuffley Parish Council is preparing
your Neighbourhood Plan

To ensure policies reflect local community needs and ambitions, residents are invited to join one of the above drop-in sessions to talk through key issues and ideas for resolving them.



✓ WHAT ARE YOUR BIGGEST
PLANNING CONCERNS?



✓ WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU?



> WHAT DO YOU WANT THE
FUTURE OF THE PARISH TO LOOK
LIKE?

THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE YOUR SAY!



If you can't make the sessions, let us know your thoughts on the future of Northaw and Cuffley by collecting a leaflet from the Parish Council Office, answering the questions and returning it to us by dropping it at 7 Maynard Place, Cuffley, EN6 4JA before 17th November 2019.

<https://www.northawcuffleypc.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan-2/>

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Neighbourhood Plan Consultation: Final Report

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Summary

In November 2019, two drop-in sessions (one in Northaw and one in Cuffley) were hosted on behalf of Northaw and Cuffley Parish Council to engage with local stakeholders on the Neighbourhood Plan. The drop-in sessions were attended by approximately 60 local residents.

Residents were made aware of the sessions and encouraged to attend through a series of promotional materials including a poster put up around the Parish two months preceding the event, email reminders in the run-up to the event and a door-to-door leaflet drop the week of.

The aim of the drop-in sessions were to:

- Identify the most important issues facing the neighbourhood for local stakeholders from a spatial perspective
- Identify key priority areas the Neighbourhood Plan should address
- Generate a common understanding amongst local stakeholders of the key purposes of the Neighbourhood Plan, the process of its delivery and what it can and cannot achieve



Session Stations



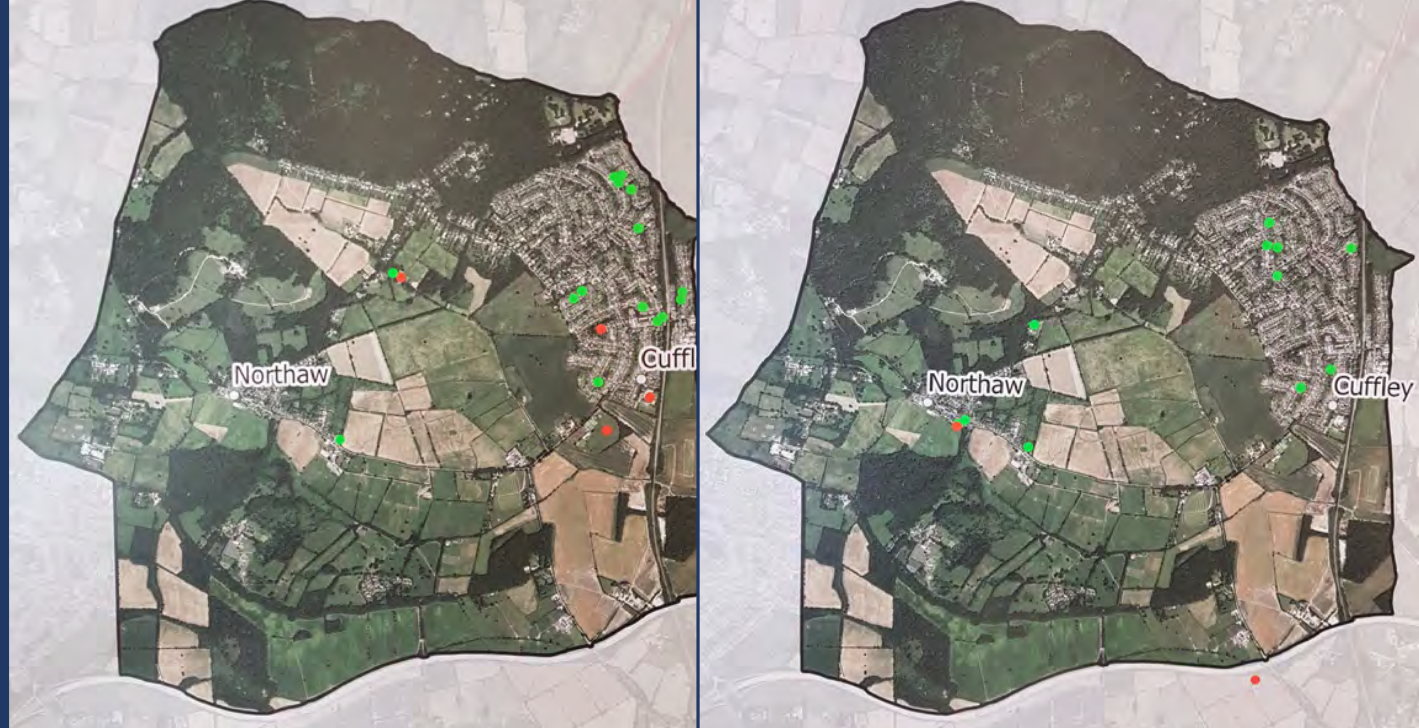
Northair & Cuttley Neighbourhood Plan

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STATION 1: Base Map

Upon arrival, visitors were asked to identify where in Northaw and Cuffley they live and engage with more general questions about the neighbourhood's best and worst qualities.

- The green dots on the maps indicate where participants live in the Parish, the orange dots indicate where people work (if located within the Parish).
- Most of the visitors lived within the settlement boundaries of Northaw or Cuffley, with a few working within the Parish as well.
- The word cloud represents the neighbourhood's best qualities as a place to live and work.
- The parish's rural qualities were identified as important aspects of the area, with words such as 'Green', 'Open' and 'Footpaths' repeatedly raised. Other qualities flagged include the Parish's connectivity with London, its safety and the community spirit.



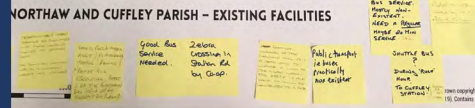
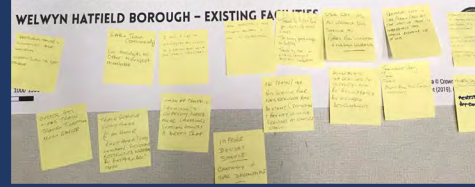
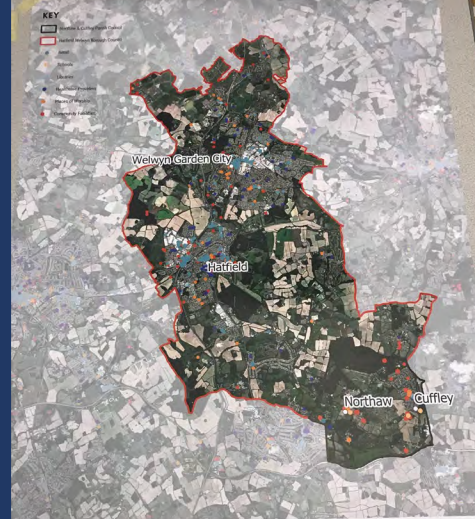
STATION 2: Existing Facilities

At this station, visitors were asked to identify what kind of facilities they felt the Parish was most in need of, which facilities were valuable to the community and what they had to regularly travel outside Parish for.

Local facilities valued by the community and in need of protection included the village halls, Cuffley GP surgery, the local sports facilities i.e. KGV Playing Fields, Northaw Community Orchard and the train service to London.

Alternatively the residents identified several areas where they felt the Parish was lacking:

- o Though a valuable asset, the GP service in Cuffley is overrun and in poor condition.
- o Community facilities such as shared working spaces, a gym and somewhere to host public events were thought of as ways that might help enhance community spirit.
- o Good quality 'independent' shops and a local/ village shop in Northaw.
- o Improved broadband facilities in Northaw.



FACILITIES

LIMITED ACCESS

- Zebra Crossing in Station Rd by Coop.
- Public transport ie buses practically non-existent
- Good Bus Service Needed.
- Bus Services Mostly Non-Existent. Maybe do Min Service - 1x/week
- Shuttle Bus? During 'rush' hour to Cuffley Station!
- A regular transport service between Northaw and Cuffley.

MISSING FACILITIES

- LOCAL PRODUCE**
- NORTHAW LOCAL SHOP**
- HEALTH**
- COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

VALUED FACILITIES

GOOD TRAIN SERVICE

CAR RELIANCE FOR EXTERNAL TRAVEL

- Use of car as no decent bus service to Cuffley for shopping & Welwyn Garden City
- Car + Train (Community)
- Car
- Van
- Motorbike
- Car
- Car
- Electric Car

STATION 2: Existing Facilities (2)

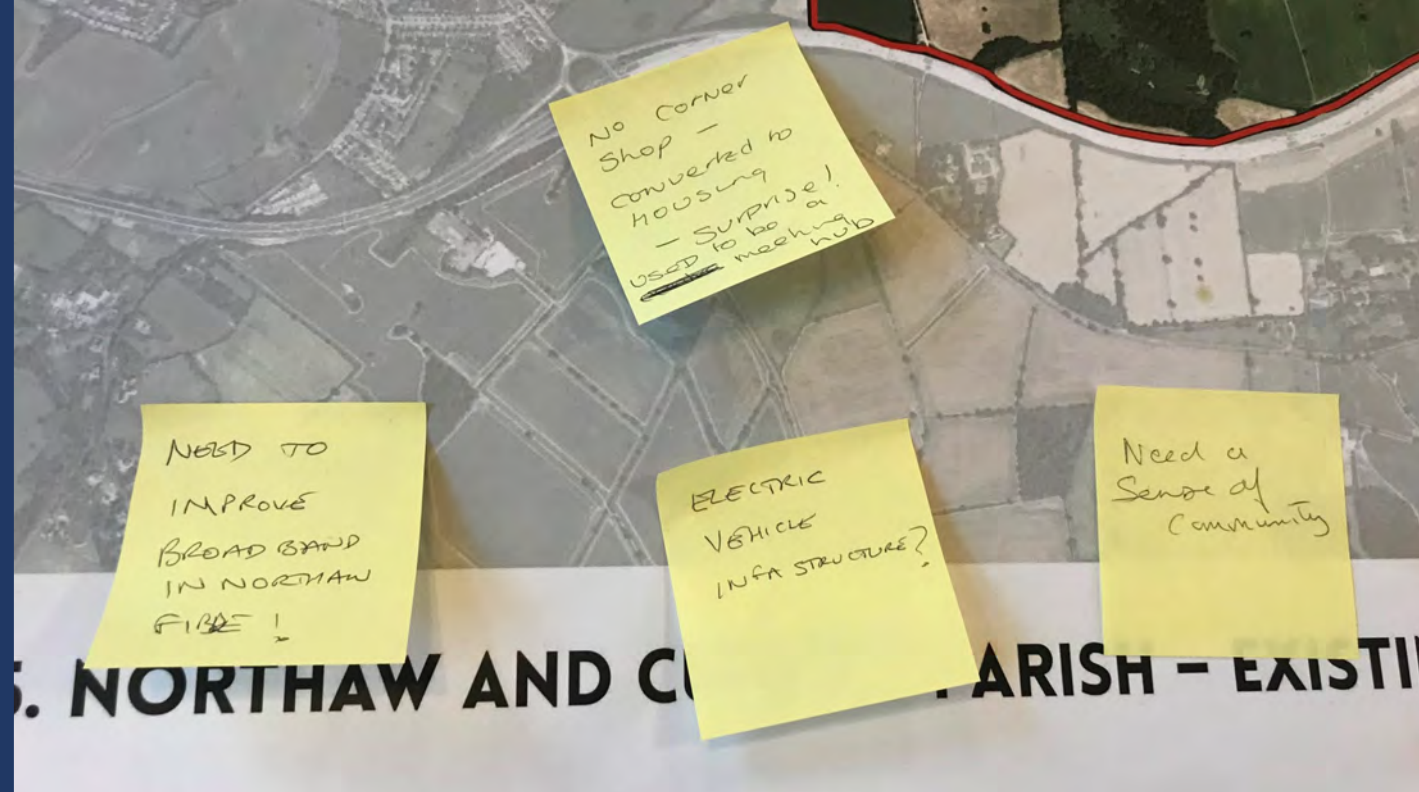
Access to facilities both within and beyond the Parish was also raised as an issue.

Poor public transport services were cited as a barrier to accessing external facilities in nearby settlements i.e. Potters Bar, Cheshunt, Hatfield, Welwyn Garden City. Residents are therefore forced to rely on cars when travelling beyond the Parish.

Pedestrian infrastructure along Station Road limits access to local shops, with cars prioritised. This includes an insufficient number of crossing points and narrow pavements.

This is particularly problematic for elderly residents who are more likely to walk and in need of safe crossings.

Concern about air quality discourages walking and limits enjoyment of outdoor facilities, such as the KGV and Northaw Playing Fields



STATION 3: Green Infrastructure

At this station, visitors were asked to identify green spaces and views/vistas of importance to the local community and engage with how green infrastructure might be enhanced within the Parish.

Residents felt that, though there are multiple well used and valued footpaths/bridleways e.g. Hertfordshire Way and Hook Lane, they are often disjointed and poorly maintained.

This limits their effectiveness at facilitating movement and enjoyment of the Parish's green spaces. Connections to Northaw Great Wood and Newgate Street (from Home Wood) were raised as being particularly limited.

Concerns about the limited green infrastructure within Cuffley's settlement boundary was also raised. More tree planting, hedges instead of walls, 'wild' green verges and living walls were suggested as ways to help address this issue.

Garden infill was identified as an issue that reduces the sense of openness in both Northaw and Cuffley, disturbing private and public views and disrupting the parish's urban character.



Important local green spaces and key views:

(The orange dots indicate key views and the green dots indicate important local green spaces)

- KGV Playing Fields, Northaw Community Orchard, Hook Lane (PRoW), Hill Rise/Plough Hill, Northaw Playing Fields were all identified more than once as locally important green spaces.
- Views from KGV Playing Fields, Northaw Playing Fields, the Ridgeway, the end of Kingswell Ride, the end of The Meadway and from Northaw Road East and West were identified as in need of protection.
- Sopers Viaduct was identified as a valuable historic asset, views towards which should be protected.

STATION 4: Movement Network

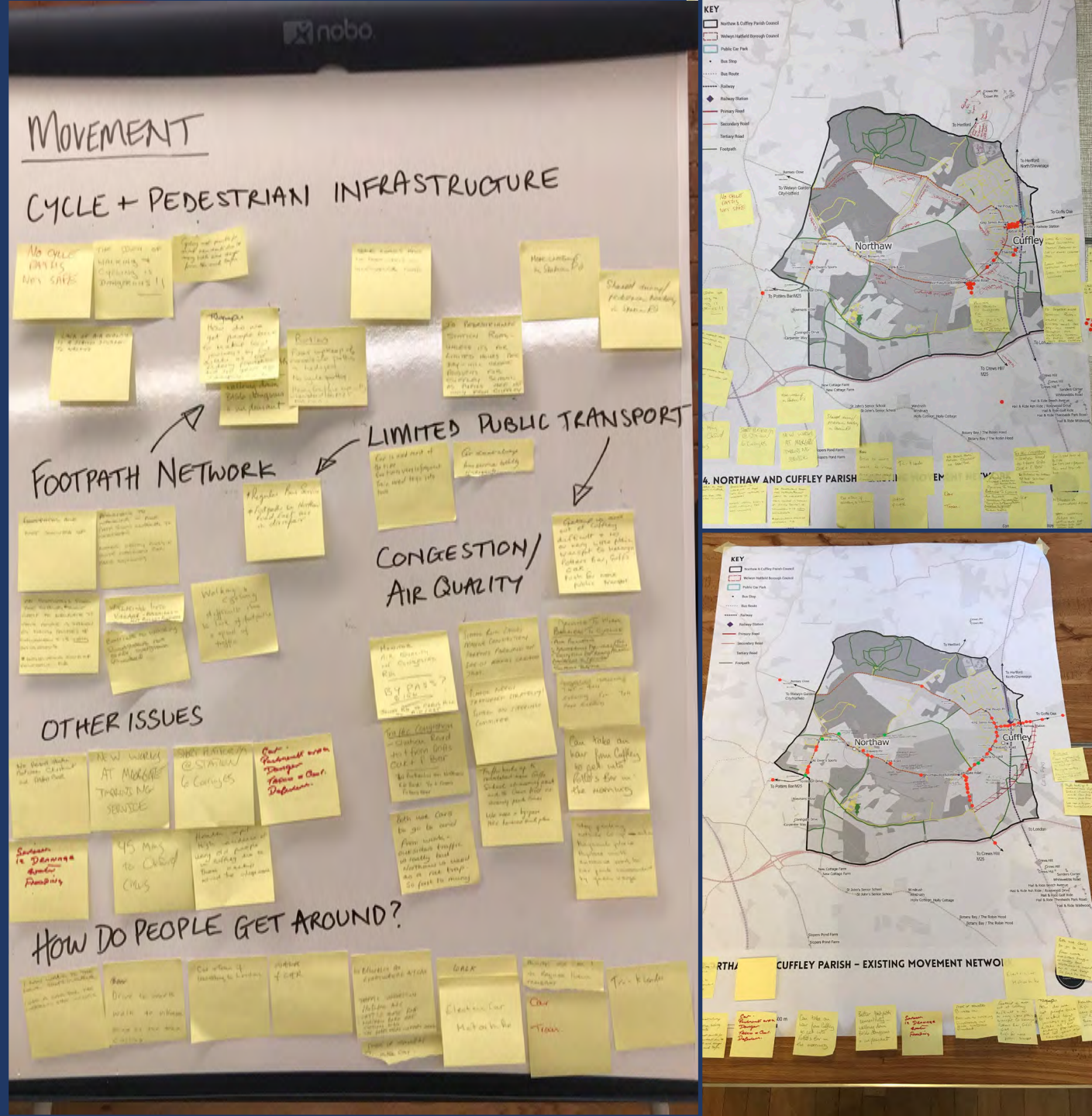
At this station, visitors were asked about how they move around the Parish, congestion hotspots and existing barriers to walking and cycling.

The majority of residents use private cars to move around Northaw and Cuffley, particularly when travelling to and from nearby settlements (Potters Bar, Welwyn Garden City and Hatfield).

Barriers to walking and cycling include a perceived lack of safety, topography and poor air quality. A lack of cycle and pedestrian friendly infrastructure along key routes between the two settlements (Northaw Road East/West, Vineyards Road) means sharing the roads with fast moving, "intimidating" traffic.

Public transport services to nearby towns like Potters Bar and Hatfield are limited, forcing residents to use private vehicles. The reduced 242 bus route service creates a "logistical nightmare", deterring residents from using it.

(The orange dots on the map indicate areas where congestion is considered a major issue)



Conclusion and Next Steps

The drop-in sessions were well attended and visitors were engaged. Multiple discussions were had that will assist in understanding what types of issues the Neighbourhood Plan might address moving forwards.

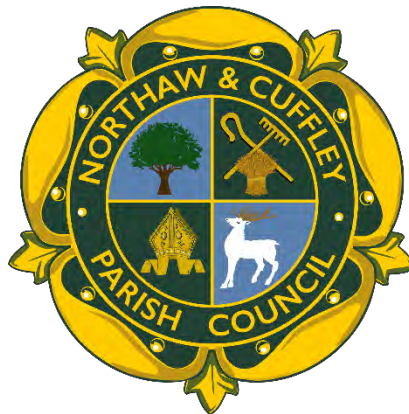
In terms of the extent to which the aims of the consultation were met, the sessions successfully identified a number of issues that resonate with the local community including congestion, a disjointed footpath network, insufficient public transport services, green spaces in need of protection and the need for greater healthcare facilities. Importantly, the use of the maps mean that these comments can be understood spatially. Conversations about Neighbourhood Planning in general were useful in helping residents understand the process and importantly how it can help address the above issues.

The next steps were discussed with the Parish Council, including the need to finalise the Neighbourhood Plan Committee. Using the information gathered during the drop-in sessions, Troy Planning + Design will begin preparing a Vision and Objectives and finalising the Local Green Space designations.



Appendix C Community Survey Report

Community Survey 2021



Research Report

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Executive Summary

Background

Northaw & Cuffley Parish Council is leading on the Northaw & Cuffley Neighbourhood Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan is part of a national and local hierarchy of statutory planning documents, which taken together, control all aspects of the planning system. The Neighbourhood Plan will set out detailed local planning policies, major projects and initiatives, which together will establish a vision for the area.

Northaw & Cuffley Parish Council wished to engage with people who lived in the community about issues and priorities, as well as evaluate likes and dislikes in regard to the local area and evaluate views about the Parish Council. The findings from the survey will be used to inform the Neighbourhood Plan, which will be put to a public referendum in autumn 2021. A majority community vote will be required to bring the Neighbourhood Plan into force.

With this in mind, Northaw & Cuffley Parish Council commissioned Enventure Research to develop and conduct a survey with residents in April and May 2021.

Methodology summary

A questionnaire was co-designed by Northaw & Cuffley Parish Council and Enventure Research. The survey was hosted online and a flyer detailing the link to take part was posted to every address in the community. The survey was also publicised via posters around the community and social media. The survey was open to everyone aged 16 and above that lived in the villages of Northaw & Cuffley, and those who owned or managed businesses or organisations in the community.

People in the community were also able to take part by requesting a paper copy of the questionnaire or over the telephone with a researcher. For more information about the methodology, please see the Methodology and survey design section of the report.

Between 21 April and 27 May 2021, **559** people took part in the survey.

Key findings

Nearly all respondents liked Northaw & Cuffley as a place to live, with the proximity to the countryside and London being the most favoured things about living there

- 93% of respondents either strongly or somewhat liked Northaw & Cuffley as a place to live, with only 3% somewhat or strongly disliking it
- When asked what they liked most about living in Northaw & Cuffley, the proximity to the countryside (80%) and the proximity to London (53%) were the most common responses
- Other common responses included the sense of community (47%) and the friendliness of people (39%)

Traffic and congestion are a key cause for concern amongst respondents, as well as over development

- When asked about dislikes in regard to living in Northaw & Cuffley, the most common response was traffic and congestion (70%)
- A further 77% said they were worried about more traffic when considering the future of Northaw & Cuffley and almost two thirds (64%) rated the traffic and congestion management in the Station Road area as poor or very poor

- Six in ten (59%) respondents said they disliked the over development of the area and a further eight in ten (81%) were worried about over development, which was the most common response when asked about worries for the future of Northaw & Cuffley
- Older respondents were more likely to be worried about traffic and congestion and over development than younger respondents

Facilities and things to do for pre-school age children was rated highly, whilst facilities and things to do for older children and young people received a low rating

- 35% of respondents rated the facilities and things to do for pre-school age children in Northaw & Cuffley as excellent or good, making this the highest rated
- By contrast, two thirds (66%) of respondents considered the facilities and things to do for children and young people aged 12-18 as poor or very poor, and only 9% rated this as excellent or good
- Further to this, over half (53%) of respondents agreed that investment should be prioritised in facilities and things to do for children and young people aged 12-18, whilst a much smaller proportion (33%) felt the same about facilities and things to do for pre-school age children
- A fifth (20%) of respondents also said that improved or enhanced facilities for teenagers would make them more likely to use the Youth Centre
- For the majority of facilities and things to do that respondents were asked to rate, the most common rating was 'fair', highlighting room for improvement across the board

The King George V Playing Fields are visited frequently and rated highly, with most using it for recreational walking and the play area

- A third (32%) of respondents said they visited the King George V Playing Fields at least once a week or once every few weeks before the Covid-19 pandemic
- A similar proportion (33%) said they visited it once a month or a few times a year
- Those who visited the King George V Playing Fields most frequently (at least once a week or once every few weeks) included those who lived in Cuffley (36%), those aged 25-44 (54%) and those who were a parent, carer or guardian (56%)
- The King George V Playing Fields was also the highest rated amongst all facilities and venues in Northaw & Cuffley, with seven in ten (68%) rating it as excellent or good
- Those who had visited the King George V Playing Fields at least once prior to the pandemic were most likely to indicate this was for recreational walking (63%), with the play area and play facilities the second most common (36%)
- A large proportion (65%) of respondents also agreed that the King George V Playing Fields should be prioritised for investment, with 44% saying a café at the Pavilion would encourage them to use it more

The Youth Centre is not very frequently used, although a large proportion agreed that investment should be prioritised for it

- Two thirds (67%) of respondents said they had never visited the Youth Centre in Cuffley, and a further 6% said they had never heard of it
- Subgroups more likely to say they had never heard of the Youth Centre include those living in a household of 3+ (12%), those who were a parent, carer or guardian (18%), those who had lived in Northaw & Cuffley for five years or fewer (16%) and those who were in work (10%)
- The most common reason for visiting the Youth Centre was to attend a party (34%), followed by attending a class, society, group or club meeting unrelated to fitness (24%)
- When asked which facilities should be prioritised for investment, six in ten (58%) respondents agreed that this should be for the Youth Centre, which was the fourth most common suggestion
- In regard to encouraging people to use the Youth Centre more, the most common response was improving or enhancing the facilities for classes, societies, groups or clubs to meet (28%)
- However, a third (34%) of respondents said nothing would make them likely to use the Youth Centre more because they did not want to

Whilst both village halls were rated highly, Cuffley Hall is visited more frequently and is considered a higher priority for investment than Northaw Village Hall

- Cuffley Hall was used at least once every few weeks by 12% and a further 35% said they used it once a month or a few times a year
- By comparison, Northaw Village Hall was used less frequently, with 50% saying they had never used it
- Older respondents aged 65+ were more likely to use both Halls on a frequent basis when compared with younger respondents
- Similar proportions rated Cuffley Hall and Northaw Village Hall as excellent or good (59% and 54% respectively), with older respondents aged 65+ most inclined to provide a positive rating
- Cuffley Hall was amongst the top priorities for investment, with two thirds (65%) agreeing that this is where investment should be prioritised
- By contrast, Northaw Village Hall was selected by a smaller proportion of respondents (41%), indicating that this is less of a priority
- Subgroups more likely to agree that investment should be prioritised in the two village halls included those aged 65+, those who were not a parent, carer or guardian, those who had lived in Northaw & Cuffley for 20+ years and those who were not in work

The lowest rated facility in Northaw & Cuffley is the Northaw Playing Fields, but isn't considered a priority for investment

- Despite being used frequently by respondents (25% at least a few times a year), the Northaw Playing Fields received the lowest rating amongst all facilities, with only 41% rating it as excellent or good
- Only four in ten (41%) respondents agreed that the Northaw Playing Fields should be prioritised for investment
- The most common responses regarding what would encourage residents to use the Northaw Playing Fields more were more guided nature walks (24%) and improved or enhanced footpaths for walking (23%)
- However, a third (34%) of respondents said nothing would make them likely to use the Northaw Playing Fields more because they did not want to

Although it is visited frequently, the Station Road area is the top priority for investment and there is room for improvement, particularly in regard to traffic management and the choice of places to eat and drink

- Eight in ten (79%) respondents said they often visited the Station Road area before the Covid-19 pandemic and a further 15% said they visited sometimes
- Cuffley residents were more likely to say they visited often (88%) than Northaw residents (49%)
- The service offering such as hairdressers and beauty parlours (51%) and shops and retail offering (50%) were the highest rated aspects of the Station Road area
- However, larger proportions of respondents rated the choice of pubs, restaurants and cafes and traffic congestion and management as poor or very poor (34% and 64% respectively) than excellent or good (25% and 6% respectively)
- The Station Road area was identified as the top priority for investment, as three quarters (76%) of respondents agreed that investment should be prioritised here

Respondents mostly find out about things that are happening in Northaw & Cuffley through word of mouth, although large proportions get this information through the Parish Council

- The most common response (61%), when asked how they find out about things that are happening in Northaw & Cuffley, was word of mouth and other people
- Further to this, 57% of respondents said they used the Parish Council Update magazine, another 40% said the email newsletters from the Parish Council and a further 14% said via the Parish Council website
- Eight in ten (82%) respondents said they receive the Parish Council's Update newsletter and a further 43% of respondents said they were interested in signing up by email to receive e-newsletters and information from the Parish Council

There was high awareness of the Parish Council, high levels of satisfaction with its work and high ratings of its communications

- Nearly all respondents (98%) said they had heard of the Parish Council before the survey
- Over half (56%) of respondents were satisfied in the way that Northaw & Cuffley Parish Council runs things
- A further 25% were neither satisfied nor dissatisfied and just 13% were dissatisfied
- Satisfaction with the Parish Council was higher amongst those who lived in Cuffley (61%) and those who were not in work (61%), whilst dissatisfaction was higher amongst those who owned or managed a business or organisation in Northaw & Cuffley (23%), those aged 25-44 (30%) and those who were a parent, carer or guardian (19%)
- Amongst those who received the Parish Council's Update newsletter, 71% rated it as excellent or good
- Four in ten (40%) respondents indicated that they had visited the Parish Council's website in the last year, with just over half (54%) of these respondents rating it as excellent or good

Those who owned or managed a business or organisation in Northaw & Cuffley were most likely to have small businesses

- Only small proportions of respondents said they owned or managed a business or organisation in Northaw (2%), Cuffley (6%) or in both Northaw & Cuffley (1%)
- These respondents were most likely to indicate their business or organisation employed 1-9 people (49%) or that they operated as a sole trader (34%)
- The most common suggestion for how the Parish Council could help businesses and organisations in Northaw & Cuffley was more or cheaper parking facilities (suggested by three respondents)
- Six respondents did say that nothing could be done or that it wasn't applicable to them, which was mostly due to the business or organisation being based in the community but operating elsewhere

Conclusions

The following conclusions have been reached by Enventure Research, an independent research agency, and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Parish Council.

Residents think highly of the Parish Council and Northaw & Cuffley as a place to live, mostly due to the proximity to the countryside and London

It is positive to note that the majority of respondents were satisfied with the way the Parish Council runs things, with only a small proportion saying they were dissatisfied. Satisfaction was higher amongst those who lived in Cuffley and were not in work, whilst dissatisfaction was higher amongst those who owned or managed a business or organisation in Northaw & Cuffley and those who were a parent, carer or guardian. It is also important to note that the vast majority of respondents were aware of the Parish Council before taking part in the survey.

Further to this, almost all respondents either strongly or somewhat liked Northaw & Cuffley as place to live, with the proximity to the countryside and to London as the most common driving factors behind this. Older respondents aged 45-64 were the most likely to cite proximity to the countryside as a reason for liking living in the area, whilst younger respondents aged 25-44 were more likely to be in favour of the proximity to London.

These are positive findings that the Parish Council may want to communicate to residents in any future communications, as well as something to consider for the Neighbourhood Plan.

Northaw & Cuffley has a good sense of community, but there are some concerns about losing this in the future

Common responses when respondents were asked what they liked about living in Northaw & Cuffley was the sense of community and the friendliness of people. However, a large proportion of respondents reported worries about the loss of identity and community in the future.

Cuffley residents were more likely to say they liked the sense of community than Northaw residents and were also more concerned about the loss of identity and community in the future than their Northaw counterparts. The friendliness of people was a common reason for liking Northaw & Cuffley amongst those who lived in a single household and those who had lived in the community for five years or fewer, whilst older respondents aged 65+ were more likely to cite the sense of community as something they liked.

Considering these survey findings, it could be beneficial for the Parish Council to address how it plans to maintain the sense of identity and community in Northaw & Cuffley within the Neighbourhood Plan.

Traffic and congestion and over development are the key causes for concern

When survey respondents were asked to identify what they disliked about living in Northaw & Cuffley, the most common response was traffic and congestion. More traffic was also the second highest reported concern amongst respondents when asked about their worries in regard to the future of Northaw & Cuffley. Further to this, a sizeable proportion rated the traffic and congestion management in the Station Road area as poor or very poor.

Amongst those who submitted a written response via email regarding their concerns for the future of Northaw & Cuffley, the majority cited an issue with the junction of The Meadway with Station Road and the increased flow of traffic.

The survey findings also highlight that residents are concerned about the over development of the area, as this was a common dislike in relation to living in Northaw & Cuffley and this was also the most common response when asked about worries for the future of the community.

The Parish Council may, therefore, wish to consider how it plans to ease traffic and congestion in Northaw & Cuffley within its Neighbourhood Plan, particularly in the Station Road area, as this was rated so poorly amongst survey respondents. The Parish Council may also wish to address residents' concerns around the over development of the area, given the large proportion of respondents selecting this as something they disliked about living in Northaw & Cuffley, as well as it being cited as the most common worry in regard to the future of the community.

Facilities and things to do for pre-school age children are rated highly

When asked to rate facilities and things to do for each age group in Northaw & Cuffley, the highest rated were facilities and things to do for pre-school age children. Further to this, facilities and things to do for pre-school age children recorded the lowest level of agreement that they required investment, highlighting that the money should be prioritised elsewhere.

The Parish Council should continue supporting and providing the services available for this particular age group within the community to preserve the level of service for some of its youngest residents, whilst considering investment in other facilities and things to do for other age groups.

More could be done to provide facilities and things to do for teenagers, which could start with investment in facilities for this age group and the Youth Centre

A common theme throughout the survey results is a lack of facilities and things to do for teenagers in Northaw & Cuffley, coupled with a low rating of the current facilities and little awareness of them. Facilities and things to do for children and young people aged 12-18 were rated the lowest, with respondents more likely to rate these negatively than positively.

When considering which facilities should be prioritised for investment, large proportions of respondents agreed that this should go to facilities and things to do for children and young people aged 12-18 as well as the Youth Centre.

However, the Youth Centre was infrequently used by respondents, with a large proportion indicating they had never visited it.

These findings highlight the importance of investing in facilities for teenagers, including the Youth Centre to encourage more young people and their families to use it. A recommendation would be to engage with the young residents of Northaw & Cuffley and their families to identify their needs in regard to facilities and things to do.

The King George V Playing Fields are more highly rated than the Northaw Playing Fields, although residents don't feel the Northaw Playing Fields are a priority for investment

A sizeable proportion of respondents said they visited the King George V Playing Fields on a frequent basis before the Covid-19 pandemic, being most likely to use it for recreational walking or the play area and play facilities. The King George V Playing Fields was also the highest rated facility in Northaw & Cuffley, with the majority of respondents rating it excellent or good.

Despite being used frequently by respondents, the Northaw Playing Fields received the lowest rating amongst all facilities. However, respondents did not consider this a priority for investment, as only a small proportion agreed that it should be prioritised, making this low in the order of priorities. Further to this, a large proportion said that nothing would encourage them to visit the Northaw Playing Fields more because they did not want to use it.

The King George V Playing Fields, on the other hand, saw a large proportion agreeing that it should be prioritised for investment, highlighting its importance in comparison with the Northaw Playing Fields. A café at the Pavilion was the most common suggestion amongst respondents when considering what would make them use it more.

Therefore, the Parish Council could focus on improving the King George V Playing Fields, bearing in mind that a large proportion would be encouraged to visit more often if a café were introduced at the Pavilion.

Whilst both village halls are rated highly, Cuffley Hall is visited more frequently and is considered a higher priority for investment than Northaw Village Hall

Aside from the King George V Playing Fields, Cuffley Hall and Northaw Village Hall were the highest rated facilities in Northaw & Cuffley, with large proportions rating these as excellent or good.

However, when asked how frequently they visited each facility and venue in the community, a larger proportion of respondents said they visited Cuffley Hall on a frequent basis than Northaw Village Hall. By contrast, a much larger proportion of respondents said they had never used Northaw Village Hall prior to the pandemic.

Cuffley Hall was also amongst the top priorities for investment in Northaw & Cuffley amongst those who took part in the survey, whereas Northaw Village Hall was not due to a smaller proportion of respondents selecting this as a priority.

In comparison with younger respondents, those aged 65+ were more likely to visit the village halls on a frequent basis and rate them as excellent or good. Further to this, this age group was also more likely to agree that investment should be prioritised in the two village halls, alongside those who were not a parent, carer or guardian, those who had lived in Northaw & Cuffley the longest (20+ years) and those who were not in work.

These findings suggest that, whilst both Cuffley Hall and Northaw Village Hall are rated highly, survey respondents would prefer to see investment in Cuffley Hall, particularly as this is used and visited more frequently than Northaw Village Hall. The Parish Council could, therefore, focus any investment on Cuffley Hall whilst continuing to provide the same facilities at both village halls considering their high rating amongst those who had used or visited them.

Although it is visited frequently, the Station Road area is the top priority for investment and has room for improvement

The vast majority of respondents said they ‘often’ visited the Station Road area before the Covid-19 pandemic, with Cuffley residents more likely to have visited this frequently when compared with Northaw residents.

When asked to rate a series of aspects of the Station Road area, the highest rated were the service offering such as hairdressers and beauty parlours, and the shops and retail offering. By contrast, the lowest rated were the choice of pubs, restaurants and cafes, and the traffic and congestion management, with large proportions of respondents rating these as poor or very poor.

The Station Road area was by far the highest priority for investment amongst respondents, with the overwhelming majority agreeing that investment should be prioritised here. Considering respondents’ poor rating of the traffic and congestion management in particular, the Parish Council may wish to address this in the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Parish Council’s communications are rated highly and are often used by residents to find out about what is happening in Northaw & Cuffley

Amongst those who receive the Parish Council’s Update newsletter, the majority rated it as excellent or good. Further to this, those who had visited the Parish Council’s website in the last 12 months were most likely to rate this as excellent or good.

The survey findings also show that large proportions use the Parish Council’s communications to find out about what is happening in Northaw & Cuffley, such as the Update magazine and the Parish Council’s email newsletters. A smaller proportion said they seek this information via the Parish Council’s website. However, the most common way that respondents use to find out about what is happening in Northaw & Cuffley is by word of mouth and from other people.

It is encouraging for the Parish Council that residents not only frequently consult its communications to find out about what is happening in the local area, but rate its communications so highly.

The Research Programme

Introduction

Neighbourhood Plans form part of the national and local hierarchy of statutory planning documents, which taken together control all aspects of the planning system. A Neighbourhood Plan sets out detailed local planning policies, major projects and initiatives, which together establish a vision for an area.

Northaw & Cuffley Parish Council first started the process of drafting a Neighbourhood Plan in 2016, but it was put on hold due to the uncertainty surrounding the Local Plan, which was being developed by Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council. Able to restart the Neighbourhood Plan in early 2021, the Parish Council formed a Steering Group to generate and evaluate a range of policies and projects, which will eventually form the core of the Neighbourhood Plan.

For the Neighbourhood Plan to become a Statutory Document, a majority community vote is required through a Local Referendum. The referendum will be held in autumn 2021. Once adopted, it will have legal force and will impact on future Planning Applications and decisions made by Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council.

As part of the process, the Parish Council wished to engage with people who lived in the community and managed or owned businesses about issues and priorities, as well as evaluate likes and dislikes in regard to the local area and evaluate views about the Parish Council. With this in mind, Northaw & Cuffley Parish Council commissioned Enventure Research to develop and conduct a survey with residents in April and May 2021. The findings from the survey will be used to inform the Neighbourhood Plan.

Methodology and survey design

Questionnaire design

A questionnaire was co-designed by Northaw & Cuffley Parish Council and Enventure Research and included questions designed to understand:

- Likes and dislikes about the community
- Opinions about local facilities and usage of them
- How residents find out about what's going on in their community
- Worries about the future of the community
- Opinions about investing in local facilities
- Support for local businesses and organisations
- Satisfaction with the Parish Council
- Readership of and satisfaction with the Parish Council's Update newsletter
- Usage of and satisfaction with the Parish Council's website
- Respondent profiling information

Prior to fieldwork, the questionnaire was tested with a small number of Northaw & Cuffley residents over the telephone, to ensure that the questionnaire was easy to understand, would elicit useful responses, was of a suitable length, and that the questions were asked in a non-biased manner to collect valid and reliable data.

For reference, a copy of the questionnaire can be found in **Appendix A**.

Online survey

The survey was hosted and managed online by Enventure Research between 21 April and 27 May 2021. The survey was open to people aged 16 and above who lived in Northaw & Cuffley, as well as those who owned or managed a business or organisation in the community.

The survey was designed so it could be completed within 10 minutes online, with routing used to ensure that relevant questions were asked to each respondent.

Enventure Research designed the artwork for a flyer, which detailed how to take part in the survey including the URL to the survey and a QR code. Flyers were posted to every address in the community. The survey was also publicised on posters that were displayed around the community.

In addition, the online survey was promoted on the Parish Council website, in local Facebook groups and via email updates from the Parish Council and local church.

Paper survey

A paper version of the questionnaire was designed for the survey. Respondents were able to contact the Parish Council to request a paper version and were asked to return their completed questionnaires back to the Parish Council office. Returns were scanned and returned to Enventure Research for processing.

Telephone survey

To avoid response self-selection bias (respondents choosing to participate in the survey), Enventure Research conducted 50 telephone interviews with a random sample of Northaw & Cuffley residents. Residents were also able to call Enventure Research to schedule in a telephone interview at a time convenient to them. The telephone number was detailed on the flyers and posters.

Survey response

In total, **559 responses** were received to the survey, with the overwhelming majority received online (89%).

Figure 1 – Survey responses by methodology

Base: 559

Methodology	Number	Percentage
Online responses	497	89%
Paper responses	6	1%
Telephone responses	56	10%
TOTAL	559	100%

Interpretation of the findings

Figures

This report contains tables and charts. In some instances, the responses may not add up to 100%. There are several reasons why this might happen:

- The question may have allowed each respondent to give more than one answer
- Only the most common responses may be shown in the table or chart
- Individual percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number so the total may come to 99% or 101%
- A response of less than 0.5% will be shown as 0%

In some cases, response options are not shown in figures if they were not selected by any respondents.

Sampling tolerances

As the survey was undertaken by a sample of people who live in Northaw & Cuffley, all results are subject to sampling tolerances. Based on a total population of approximately 5,200, a sample of 559 gives results that are accurate to approximately +/- 3.9% at the 95% confidence interval. This means with a result of 50%, we can be 95% sure that if we interviewed all residents then the result would be between 46.1% and 53.9%.

Subgroup analysis

Subgroup analysis has been undertaken to explore the survey results, such as by age group, location, length of time living in the community, household composition and work status. This analysis has only been carried out where the sample size is seen to be sufficient. In some cases where sample sizes are not large enough, subgroups have been combined to create a larger group. It should be noted that the percentages shown in the subgroup analysis reflect the proportion of the subgroup who answered the question and gave a particular response. When reporting subgroup differences, respondents who said 'prefer not to say', 'don't know' or 'other' in relation to the protected characteristic questions have been excluded from the figures.

Differences that are statistically significant according to the z-test at the 95% confidence level have been highlighted in this report. The z-test is a commonly used statistical test used to highlight whether differences in results are 'significant'. By this we mean that we can say with 95% confidence that we would see a difference if everyone in a group took part in the survey.

Other responses

For some questions, respondents were able to select 'other' and provide a free-text response. Where 15 or more 'other' responses have been received, a summary has been provided within the commentary to highlight the most common responses.

Response scales

Some survey questions allowed respondents to answer questions using Likert scales, such as satisfaction rating scales. As differences between responses within these scales are often subjective, for example the difference between those who answered 'very satisfied' and 'quite satisfied', these response options have been combined to create net (total) responses.

Terminology

Throughout this report, those who took part in the survey are referred to as 'respondents'.

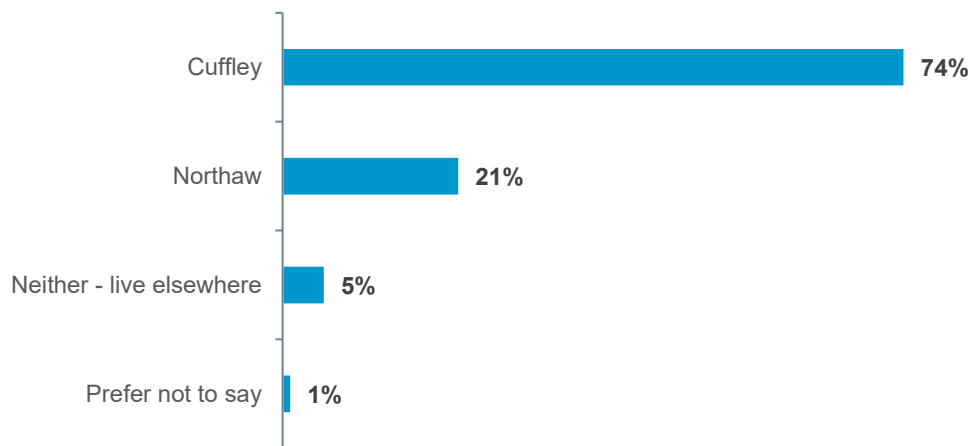
Research Findings

Respondent profile

Respondents were first asked a series of questions to understand their profile. First of all, they were asked whether they lived in Northaw or Cuffley. Three quarters (74%) of respondents lived in Cuffley, and a much smaller proportion (21%) lived in Northaw. A further 5% said they did not live in either village.

Figure 2 – Do you live in...?

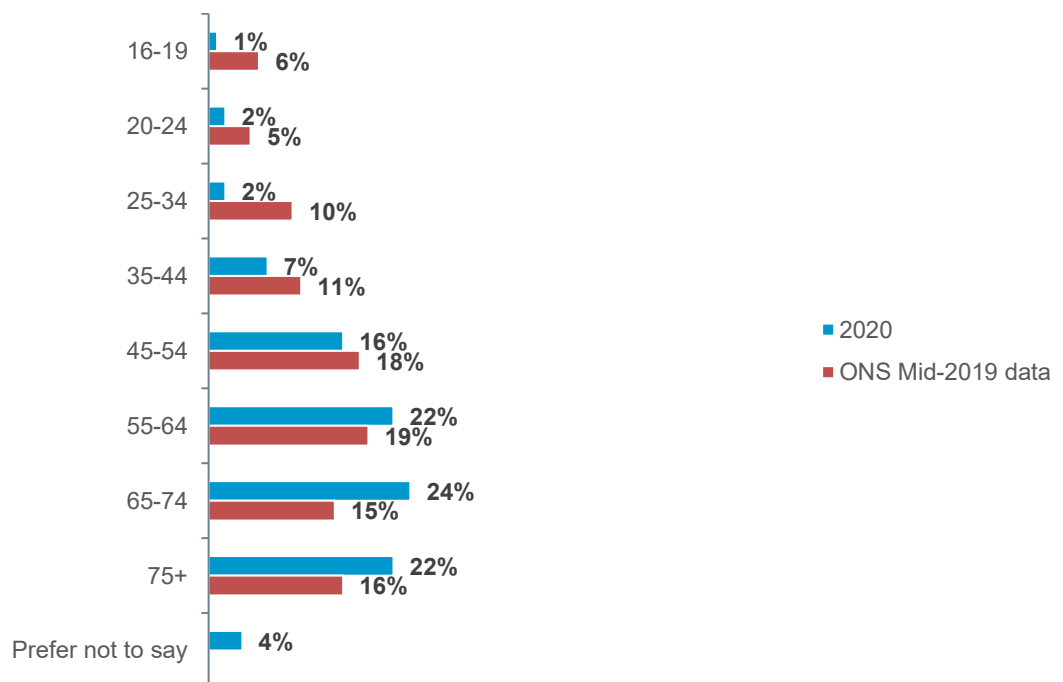
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By age, the largest groups were 65-74 (24%) and 55-64 and 75+ (both at 22%), followed by 45-54 (16%). Only 11% were aged 44 or under. The chart below includes data from the 2019 mid-year population estimates by the Office of National Statistics¹ for comparison.

Figure 3 – What is your age group?

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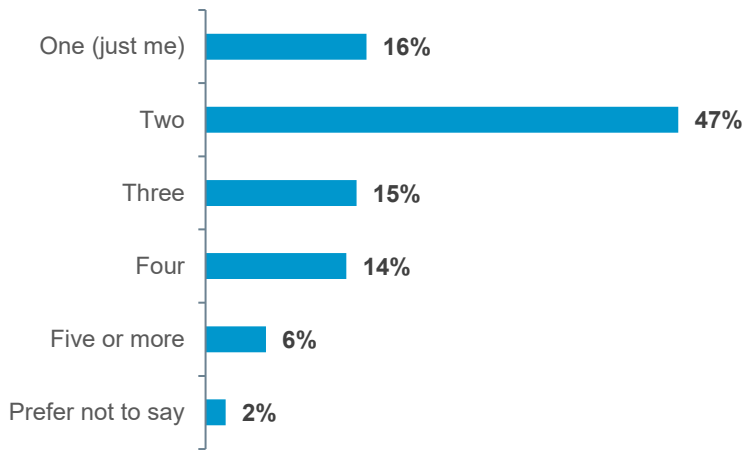


¹ [Office for National Statics](#) Mid-2019 population estimates

In regard to resident household composition, the most common group was a household of two people (47%). One in six (16%) said they lived by themselves, closely followed by 15% who said they lived in a household of three people and a further 14% lived in a household of four. Just 6% said they lived in a household of five or more people.

Figure 4 – How many people live in your household?

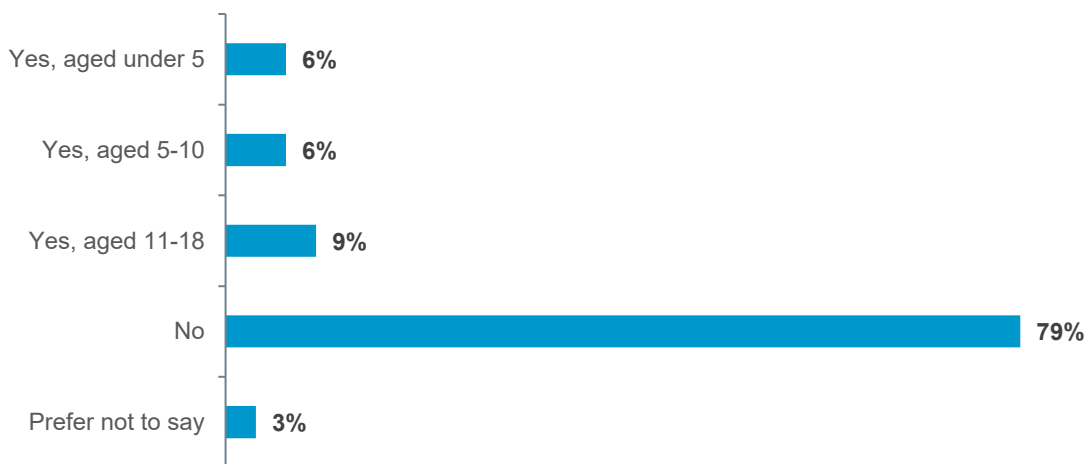
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A fifth (21%) of those who lived in Northaw & Cuffley said they were a parent, carer or guardian of a child or young person aged 0-18. This was most commonly a child aged 11-18 (9%). A further 6% were a parent, carer or guardian of a child aged under five and the same proportion (6%) said their child was aged 5-10.

Figure 5 – Are you a parent, carer or guardian of a child or young person aged 0-18?

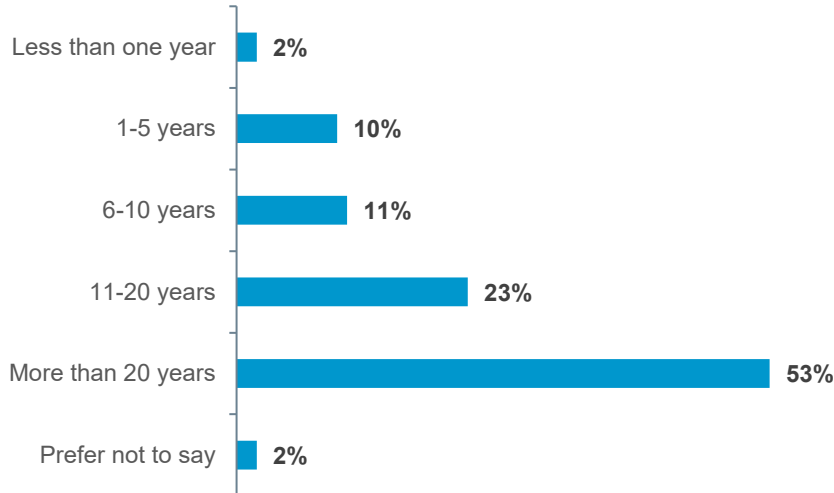
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Over half (53%) of respondents had lived in the community for more than 20 years, followed by 23% who had lived in Northaw or Cuffley between 11 and 20 years. By comparison, only 12% had lived in the community for five years or fewer and 11% between six and ten years.

Figure 6 – How long have you lived in Northaw or Cuffley?

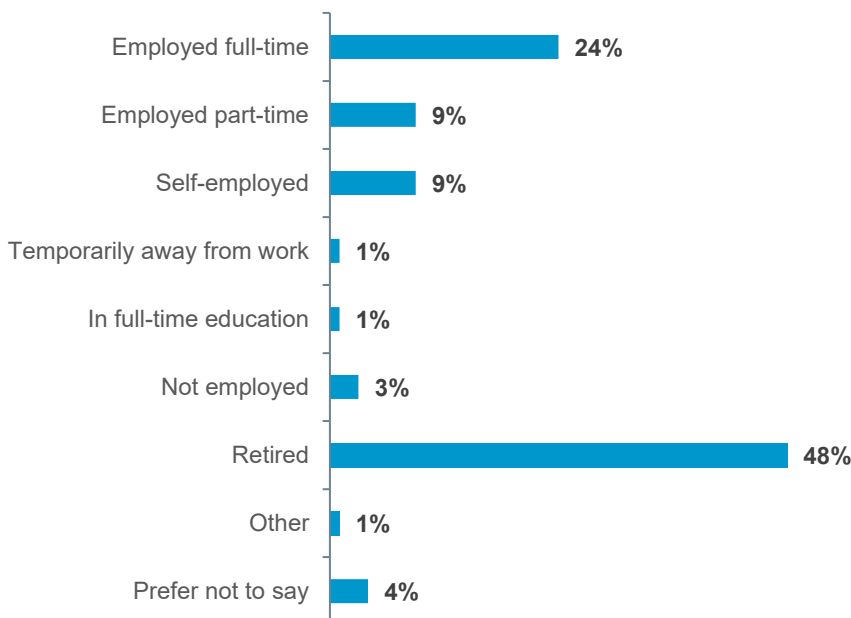
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Respondents were then asked their working status. Retirees were the largest group (48%). By comparison, a quarter (24%) were employed full-time and 9% part-time. A further 9% were self-employed and relatively small proportions were in full-time education (1%), temporarily away from work (1%), or not employed (3%).

Figure 7 – Which of these best describes you?

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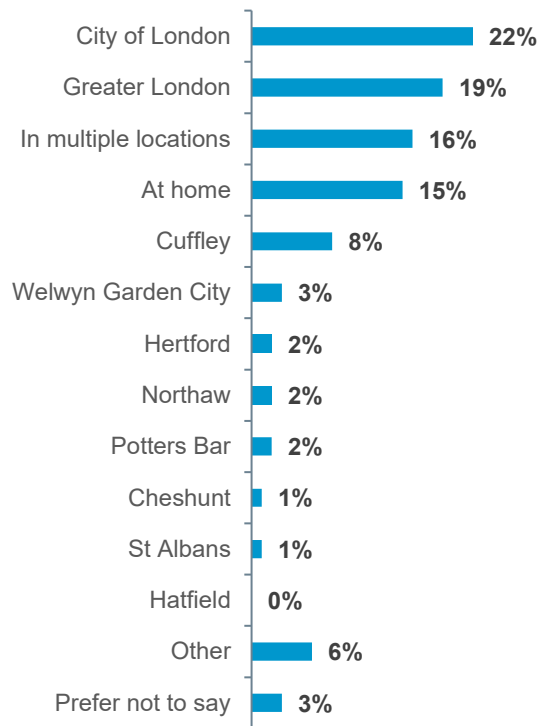


Respondents who were in work were asked to identify where they worked. Those who were working from home temporarily due to the Covid-19 pandemic were asked to identify where they would be likely to work once restrictions had been lifted. The City of London was the most common work location (22%), followed by Greater London (19%) and in multiple locations (16%). A further 15% said they worked at home. Only small proportions worked in Cuffley (6%) or Northaw (2%).

Responses provided as 'other' work locations included Hertfordshire, Essex and Devon.

Figure 8 – Where do you work?

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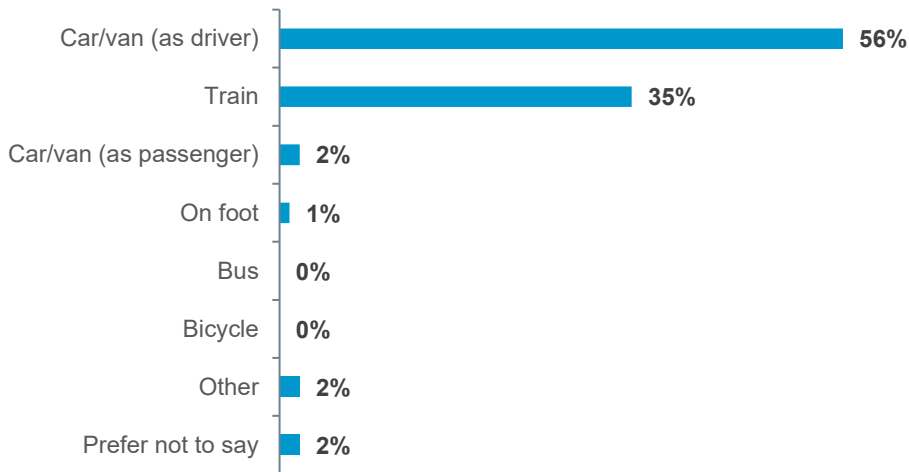


Those who were in work and did not work from home were asked the most common way they travelled to work. Again, those who were working from home temporarily due to the pandemic were asked how they would be likely to travel to work once restrictions were lifted.

Overall, car or van was the most common form of transport for commuting, used by over half (56%). This was followed by train (35%), which was the next most common form of transport. Only small proportions used other forms of transport for commuting.

Figure 9 – And what is the most common way you travel to work?

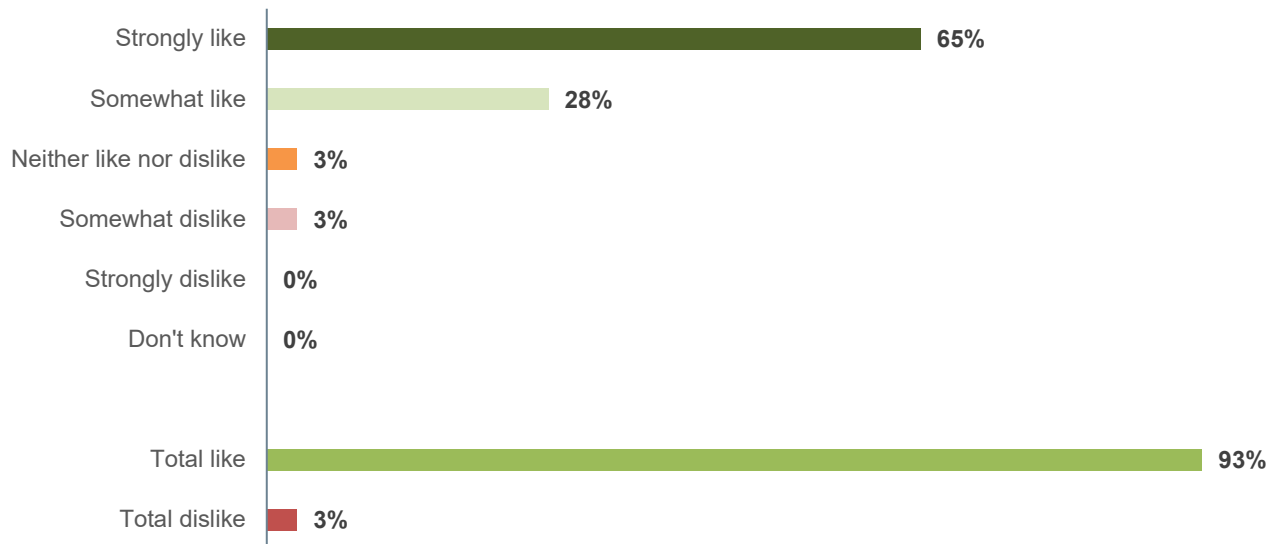
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Northaw & Cuffley as a place to live

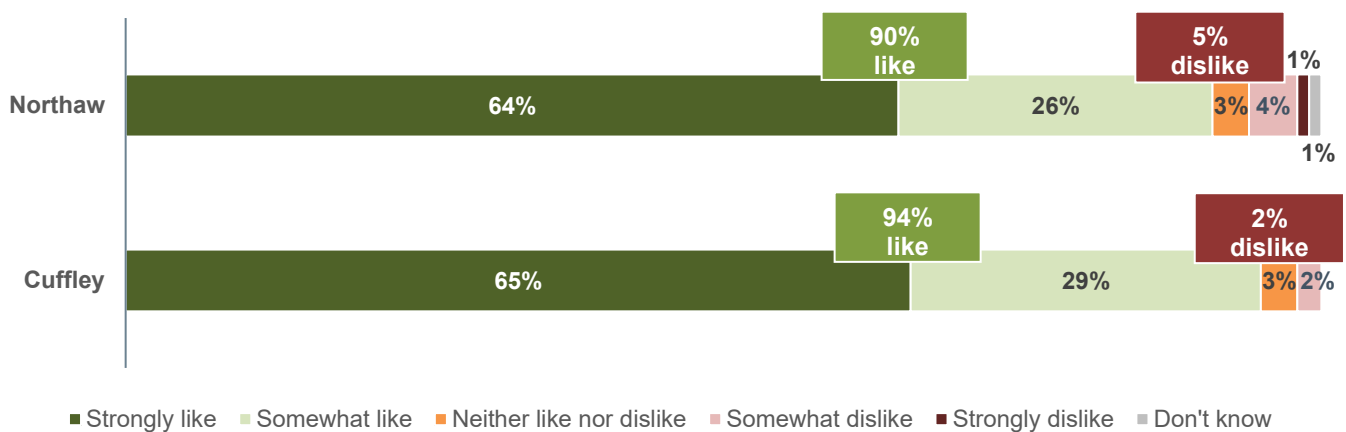
Respondents who lived in Northaw or Cuffley were asked how much they liked it as a place to live. Overall, the overwhelming majority (93%) said they strongly liked or somewhat liked the community as a place to live and only a small proportion (3%) said they disliked it. A further 3% neither liked nor disliked it.

Figure 10 – Overall, how much do you like or dislike Northaw & Cuffley as a place to live?
Base: 526



Similar proportions of Northaw residents (90%) and Cuffley residents (94%) said they liked Northaw & Cuffley as a place to live.

Figure 11 – Overall, how much do you like or dislike Northaw & Cuffley as a place to live?
Base: Those who live in Northaw (115); Those who live in Cuffley (411)



Subgroup analysis

There were no statistically significant differences between subgroups.

Those who lived in Northaw & Cuffley were asked to identify what they liked most about living there and were able to choose up to six responses from a list.

Proximity to the countryside was most commonly selected by eight in ten (80%). A further 53% cited the proximity to London, which was the second most common. These were followed by the sense of community (47%) and the friendliness of people (39%). Around four in ten chose local walking and cycling routes (39%), the look and appearance of the community (37%) and the proximity to friends and family (36%). A further 24% selected parks and recreation areas.

Common 'other' responses included local groups and societies, green spaces and nature such as biodiversity, trees and hedges and peace and quiet.

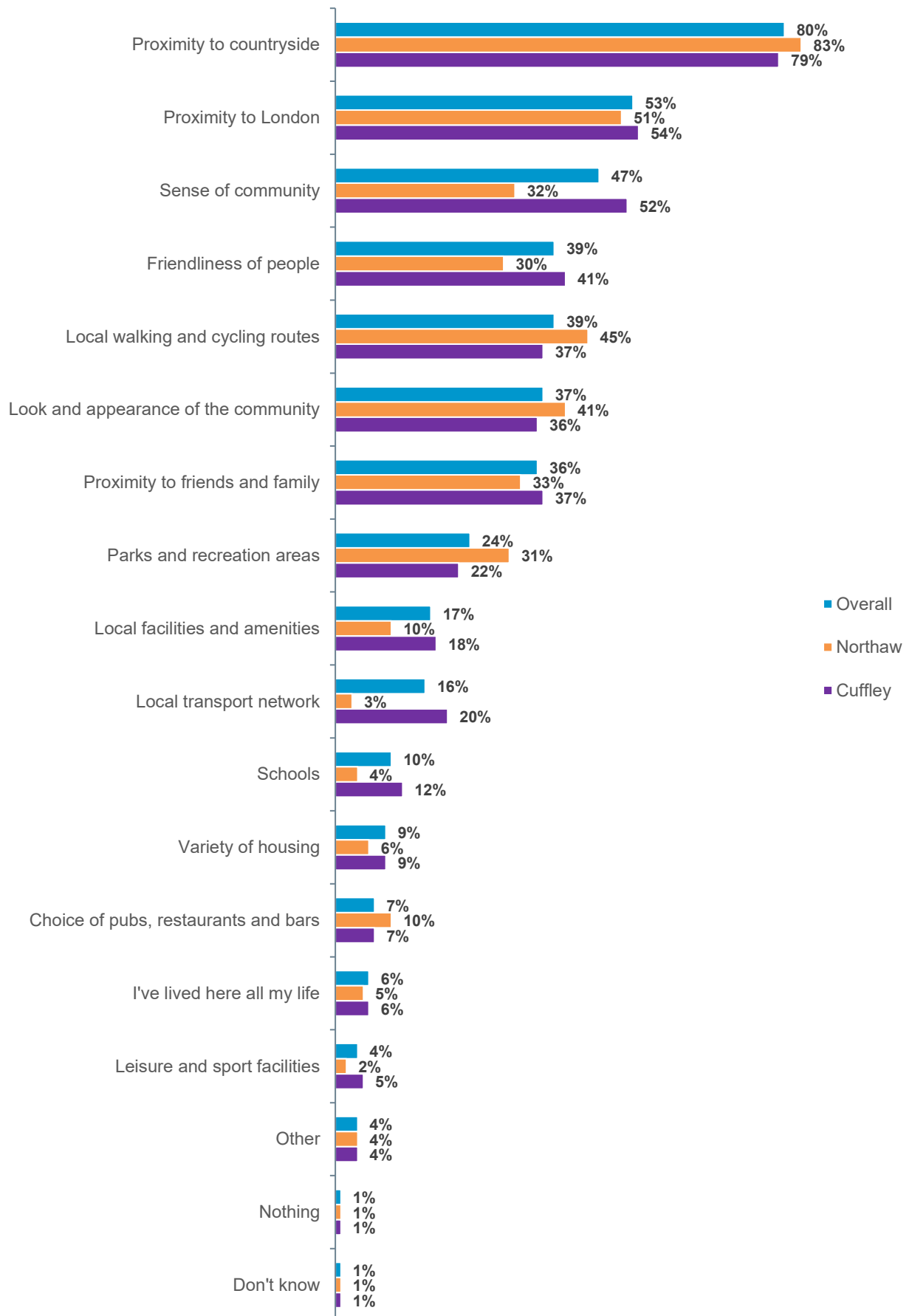
When compared with Northaw residents, larger proportions of Cuffley residents reported that they liked the sense of community (52% compared with 32%), friendliness of people (41% compared with 30%) and the local transport network (20% compared with 3%).

Conversely, those living in Northaw were more likely than those living in Cuffley to choose parks and recreation areas (31% compared with 22%).

These results and the full range of responses are shown in the chart overleaf.

Figure 12 – What do you like most about living in Northaw & Cuffley, if anything?

Base: Overall (526); Those who live in Northaw (115); Those who live in Cuffley (411)



Subgroup analysis

Those aged 45-64 were more likely than respondents in other age groups to select **proximity to countryside** (85%), particularly when compared with younger respondents aged 16-24 (64%) and 25-44 (69%).

Respondents aged **25-44** were more likely than any other age group to select the following responses:

- Proximity to London (67%), particularly when compared with those aged 65+ (48%)
- Friendliness of people (50%), particularly when compared with those aged 45-54 (35%)
- Parks and recreation areas (40%), particularly when compared with those aged 45+ (22%)
- Local transport network (31%), particularly when compared with those aged 65+ (12%)
- Schools (60%), particularly when compared with those aged 65+ (3%)

Older respondents aged 65+ were more likely to cite **sense of community** (57%) than younger respondents, particularly those aged 16-24 (21%).

Those living in a household of two were more likely to select **proximity to countryside** (84%) when compared with those living in a single household (72%).

Respondents who had **lived in Northaw & Cuffley for five years or fewer** were more inclined to select the following when compared with those who had lived in the community for 20+ years:

- Friendliness of people (55% compared with 35%)
- Look and appearance of the community (50% compared with 32%)
- Parks and recreation areas (34% compared with 20%)
- Schools (23% compared with 6%)

Those who were **commuters**, i.e. travelled to work outside of Northaw & Cuffley, were more likely to select the following than non-commuters:

- Local walking and cycling routes (45% compared with 35%)
- Parks and recreation areas (29% compared with 21%)
- Schools (20% compared with 5%)

Respondents who lived in Northaw & Cuffley were also asked what they disliked most about living in the community and again were able to select up to six responses.

Seven in ten (70%) respondents chose traffic and congestion, making this the most common response. This was followed by over development of the area (59%), state of the roads and/or footpaths (46%) and noise pollution (32%).

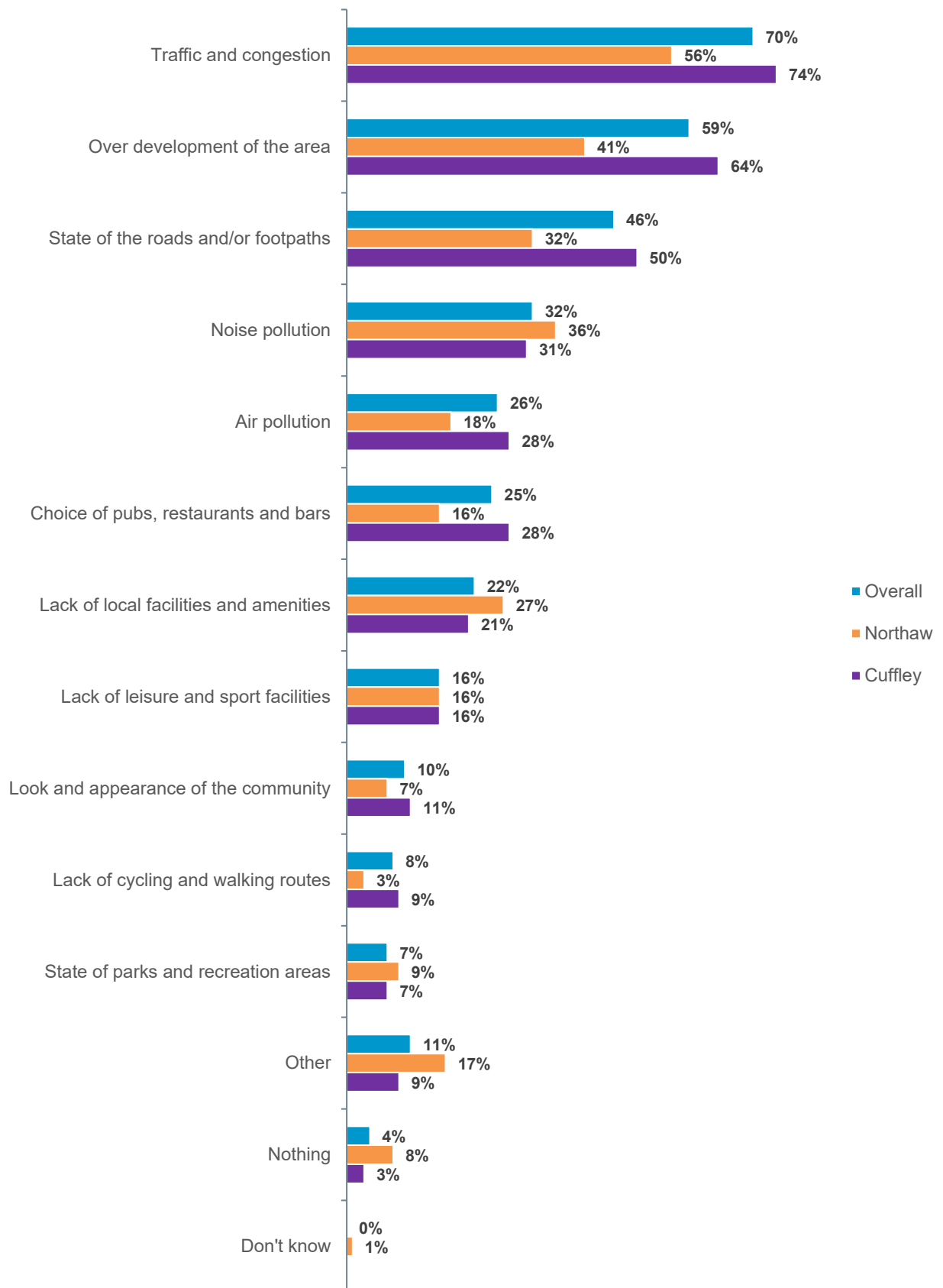
A small proportion (4%) said there was nothing they disliked about living in Northaw & Cuffley.

Common 'other' responses included local transport, litter and fly tipping, inconsiderate drivers, bad smells, parking issues and the lack of community.

The chart overleaf highlights significantly larger proportions of Cuffley residents selecting responses when compared with Northaw residents. For example, traffic and congestion (74% compared with 56%), over development of the area (64% compared with 41%), state of the roads and/or footpaths (50% compared with 32%) and choice of pubs, restaurants and bars (28% compared with 16%).

Figure 13 – And what do you dislike most about living in Northaw & Cuffley, if anything?

Base: Overall (526); Those who live in Northaw (115); Those who live in Cuffley (411)



Subgroup analysis

Subgroups more likely to select **traffic and congestion** (70% overall) include:

- Resident respondents (70%) compared with those who owned or managed a business or organisation (51%)
- Those aged 25+ (72%) compared with those aged 16-24 (21%)
- Those who were not a parent, carer or guardian (72%) compared with those who were (61%)
- Those who had lived in Northaw & Cuffley for 6+ years (73%) compared with those who had lived there for five years or fewer (55%)

Subgroups more likely to select **over development of the area** (59% overall) include:

- Resident respondents (59%) compared with those who owned or managed a business or organisation (36%)
- Those aged 45+ (61%) compared with those aged 16-44 (39%)
- Those living in a household of two (63%) compared with those living in a household of 3+ (50%)

Compared with respondents aged 45+, those aged **16-44** were more likely to select the following responses:

- Choice of pubs, restaurants and bars (39% compared with 24%)
- Lack of local facilities and amenities (38% compared with 21%)
- Lack of leisure and sport facilities (36% compared with 14%)
- State of parks and recreation areas (16% compared with 6%)

Respondents living in a single household were far less likely to be worried about **noise pollution** (20%) than those who lived in a household of 2+ (35%).

Those who had lived in Northaw & Cuffley for five years or fewer were less worried about the **state of roads and/or footpaths** (24%) and **air pollution** (11%) than those who had lived there for 6+ years (49% and 28% respectively). However, this group was more likely to be worried about **lack of local facilities and amenities** (32%), as were those who had lived in Northaw & Cuffley for 6-10 years (35%) in comparison to those who had lived there for 11+ years (19%).

Compared with those who were not in work, respondents who were working were more inclined to select the **choice of pubs, restaurants and bars** (31% compared with 21%), a **lack of facilities and amenities** (27% compared with 19%) and a **lack of leisure and sport facilities** (22% compared with 11%). By contrast, those who were not in work were more likely to select the **state of roads and/or footpaths** (53%) than those who were (36%).

Current facilities

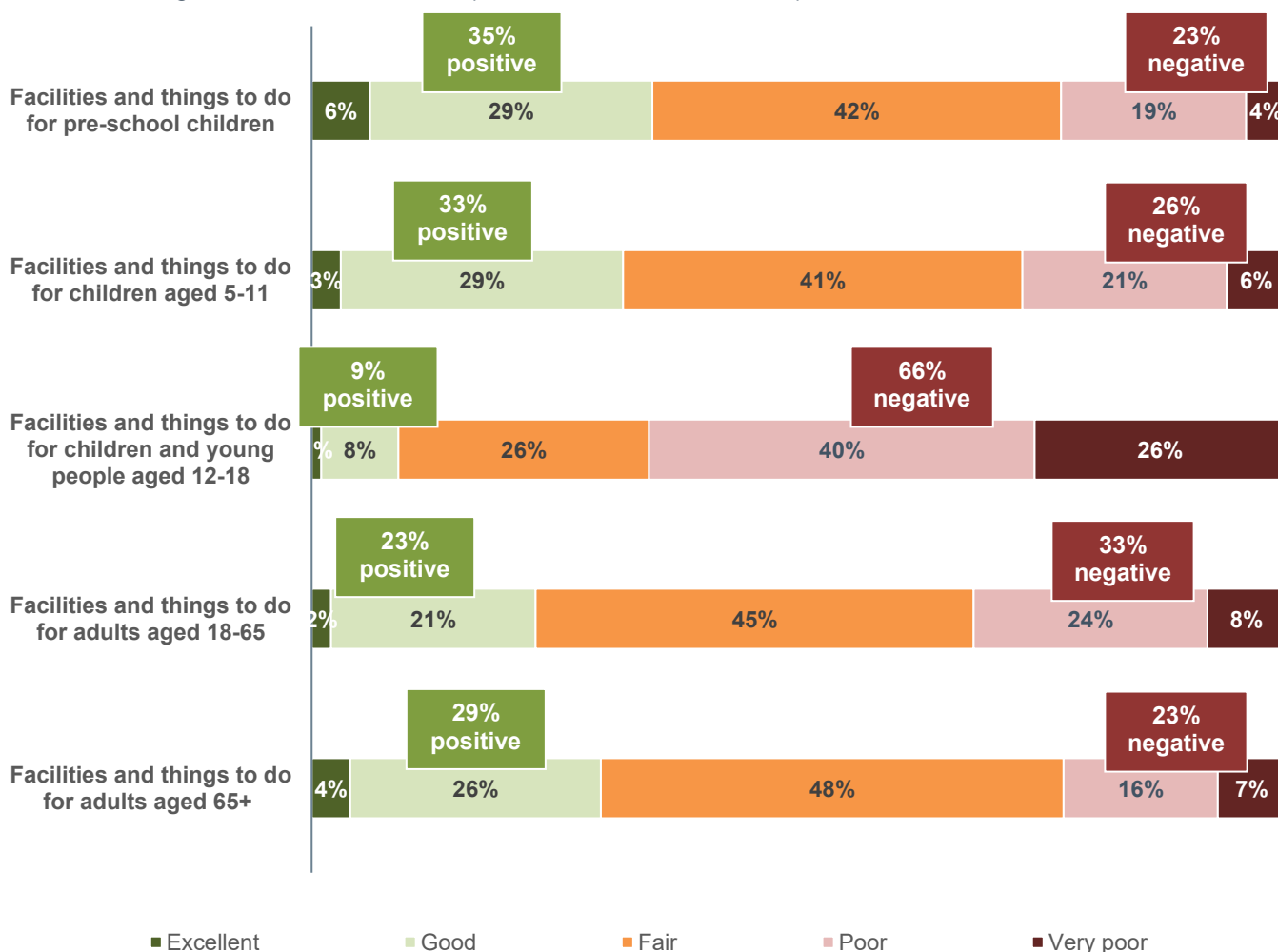
Respondents were asked to rate facilities and things to do for pre-school children, children aged 5-11, young people aged 12-18, adults aged 18-65, and adults 65+ in Northaw & Cuffley. They were able to choose from a scale ranging from *excellent* to *very poor* and were also able to say they did not know. For analysis, *do not know* responses have been excluded.

Respondents were most likely to be positive (rating of *excellent* or *good*) in regard to the facilities and things to do for pre-school children (35%), closely followed by the facilities and things to do for children aged 5-11 (33%). There was less positivity in regard to facilities and things to do for adults aged 18-65 (23%) and aged 65+ (29%). It should also be noted that a larger proportion rated the facilities and things to do for adults aged 18-65 negatively (33%) than positively (23%).

Two thirds (66%) of respondents were negative about the facilities and things to do for children and young people aged 12-18 in Northaw & Cuffley, rating them as either *poor* or *very poor*, which was much higher than the percentage of those who rated them positively (9%).

Figure 14 – How would you rate the following in Northaw & Cuffley?

Base: Excluding those who did not know (varies between 251 and 460)



The table below shows a breakdown of the responses to this question by village. Where there are significant differences, the larger percentage has been highlighted.

Figure 15 – How would you rate the following in Northaw & Cuffley?

Base: Excluding those who did not know: Those who live in Northaw (varies between 48 and 95); Those who live in Cuffley (varies between 181 and 336)

	Northaw	Cuffley
Facilities and things to do for pre-school children		
Excellent	10%	5%
Good	15%	34%
Fair	58%	38%
Poor	15%	19%
Very poor	2%	4%
TOTAL positive	25%	39%
TOTAL negative	17%	23%
Facilities and things to do for children aged 5-11		
Excellent	7%	2%
Good	18%	33%
Fair	49%	41%
Poor	18%	19%
Very poor	7%	5%
TOTAL positive	25%	35%
TOTAL negative	25%	25%
Facilities and things to do for children and young people aged 12-18		
Excellent	3%	0%
Good	4%	8%
Fair	25%	25%
Poor	36%	42%
Very poor	31%	25%
TOTAL positive	7%	9%
TOTAL negative	67%	66%
Facilities and things to do for adults aged 18-65		
Excellent	5%	1%
Good	20%	21%
Fair	42%	46%
Poor	20%	25%
Very poor	13%	7%
TOTAL positive	25%	22%
TOTAL negative	33%	32%
Facilities and things to do for adults aged 65+		
Excellent	7%	3%
Good	26%	26%
Fair	43%	49%
Poor	17%	16%
Very poor	6%	7%
TOTAL positive	33%	29%
TOTAL negative	23%	23%

Subgroup analysis

Subgroup analysis for this question highlighted some differences in responses between age groups:

- Respondents aged 45-64 were more likely to rate the facilities and things to do for children and young people aged 12-18 as **poor or very poor** (73%) than those aged 16-24 (38%)
- Respondents aged 65+ were more likely to rate facilities and things to do for adults aged 65+ as **excellent or good** (34%) than younger respondents, particularly those aged 45-64 (20%)

When asked how often they used or visited a list of venues and facilities in Northaw and Cuffley before the Covid-19 pandemic, a third (32%) of respondents indicated that they visited the King George V Playing Fields very frequently (*at least once a week or once every few weeks*), making this the most frequently used facility in the community. A further third (33%) said they visited it either *once a month or a few times a year*.

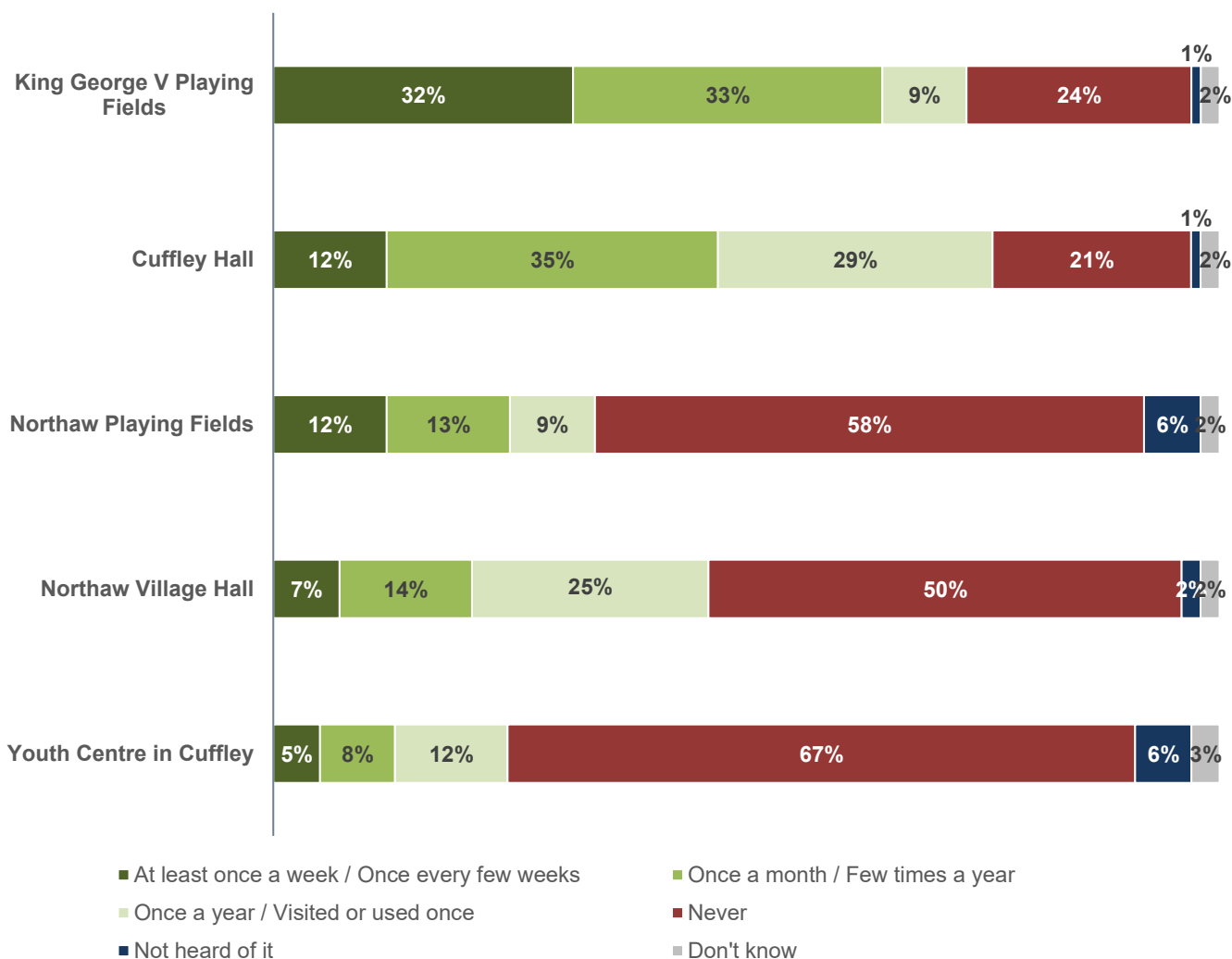
The same proportion of respondents said they visited Cuffley Hall and Northaw Playing Fields very frequently (both 12%). However, a larger proportion of respondents said they had never heard of the Northaw Playing Fields (6%) than Cuffley Hall (1%).

Half (50%) of respondents had never used Northaw Village Hall, whilst small proportions had used it *at least once a week or every few weeks* (7%) or *once a month or a few times a year* (14%).

The Youth Centre in Cuffley was visited the least frequently, with two thirds (67%) of respondents never having visited or used it, with a further 6% indicating they had never heard of it.

Figure 16 – Before the Covid-19 pandemic, how often did you use or visit the following in a typical year?

Base: 559



The table below shows a breakdown of the responses to this question by village and age group. Where there are significant differences, the larger percentage(s) has/have been highlighted.

Figure 17 – Before the Covid-19 pandemic, how often did you use or visit the following?

Base: Those living in Northaw (115); Those living in Cuffley (411); Those aged 16-24 (15); Those aged 25-44 (48); Those aged 45-64 (213); Those aged 65+ (258)

	Northaw	Cuffley	16-24	25-44	45-64	65+
King George V Playing Fields						
At least once a week / Once every few weeks	17%	36%	33%	54%	29%	29%
Once a month / Few times a year	25%	35%	33%	29%	34%	33%
Once a year / Used or visited once	8%	9%	13%	2%	10%	10%
Never	43%	18%	13%	10%	26%	25%
Not heard of it	2%	0%	7%	2%	0%	-
Don't know	4%	2%	-	2%	0%	3%
Cuffley Hall						
At least once a week / Once every few weeks	5%	13%	-	15%	6%	17%
Once a month / Few times a year	22%	40%	7%	15%	27%	45%
Once a year / Used or visited once	24%	30%	33%	25%	39%	22%
Never	41%	15%	40%	40%	26%	13%
Not heard of it	5%	0%	20%	2%	1%	0%
Don't know	3%	2%	-	4%	1%	2%
Northaw Playing Fields						
At least once a week / Once every few weeks	37%	5%	20%	21%	14%	7%
Once a month / Few times a year	12%	14%	7%	13%	16%	10%
Once a year / Used or visited once	10%	9%	33%	15%	10%	6%
Never	35%	65%	27%	35%	52%	71%
Not heard of it	4%	6%	13%	13%	7%	4%
Don't know	2%	2%	-	4%	1%	2%
Northaw Village Hall						
At least once a week / Once every few weeks	10%	6%	-	2%	6%	8%
Once a month / Few times a year	22%	12%	-	19%	8%	20%
Once a year / Used or visited once	35%	21%	47%	17%	27%	23%
Never	27%	57%	40%	52%	57%	46%
Not heard of it	3%	1%	13%	6%	2%	0%
Don't know	3%	2%	-	4%	1%	2%
Youth Centre in Cuffley						
At least once a week / Once every few weeks	3%	6%	-	2%	2%	7%
Once a month / Few times a year	3%	8%	7%	23%	6%	6%
Once a year / Used or visited once	1%	14%	27%	15%	13%	9%
Never	76%	66%	40%	38%	70%	74%
Not heard of it	13%	4%	27%	19%	8%	1%
Don't know	4%	3%	-	4%	2%	3%

Subgroup analysis

Those living in a single household were more likely to visit Cuffley Hall and Northaw Village Hall **once a month/few times a year** (43% and 20% respectively) when compared with those living in a household of 2+ (34% and 13% respectively).

Respondents who indicated that they were a parent, carer or guardian were more likely to say they visited the King George V Playing Fields and Northaw Playing Fields **at least once a week/once every few weeks** (56% and 21% respectively) when compared with those who were not (26% and 10% respectively).

The following subgroups were more likely to indicate that they had **not heard of the Youth Centre in Cuffley** (6% overall):

- Those living in a household of 3+ (12%) compared with those living in a smaller household, particularly those in a household of two (2%)
- Those who were a parent, carer or guardian (18%) compared with those who were not (3%)
- Those who had lived in Northaw & Cuffley for five years or fewer (16%) compared with those who had lived there for longer, particularly for 20+ years (2%)
- Those who were in work (10%) compared with those who were not (2%)

Those who were not a parent, carer or guardian were more likely to say they had **never visited** the following when compared with those who were:

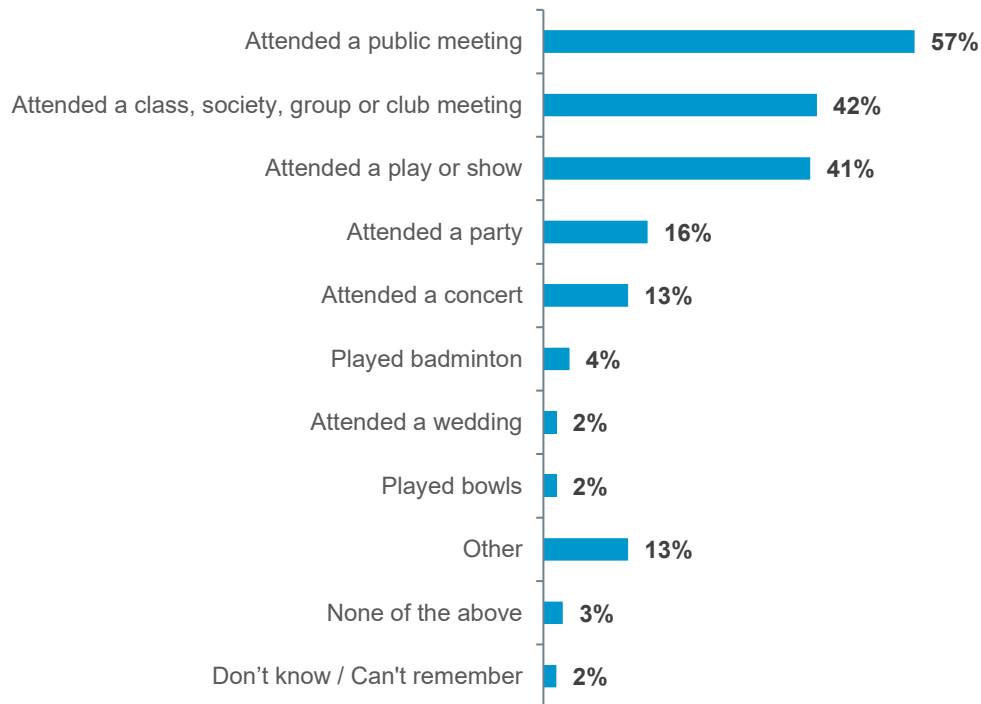
- Youth Centre in Cuffley (74% compared with 49%)
- King George V Playing Fields (27% compared with 9%)
- Northaw Playing Fields (64% compared with 36%)

Those who had visited or used Cuffley Hall at least once before the Covid-19 pandemic were asked to identify the reason for their visit(s) from a list. The most common response was to attend a public meeting, with almost six in ten (57%) respondents selecting this response. A further 42% said they had visited to attend a class, society, group or club meeting, which was closely followed by 41% who attended a play or show. Other reasons for using or visiting Cuffley Hall were selected by much smaller proportions of respondents, as shown in the chart below.

Common 'other' responses included to vote, to attend a quiz or pub night, to attend a funeral or wake and to attend an exhibition or display.

Figure 18 – Before the Covid-19 pandemic, what did you use or visit Cuffley Hall for?

Base: 425



The table below shows a breakdown of the responses to this question by village and age group. Where there are significant differences, the larger percentage(s) has/have been highlighted.

Figure 19 – Before the Covid-19 pandemic, what did you use or visit Cuffley Hall for? By village and age

Base: Those who live in Northaw (59); Those who live in Cuffley (343); Those aged 16-24 (6); Those aged 25-44 (26); Those aged 45-64 (154); Those aged 65+ (218)

Reason for visiting Cuffley Hall	Northaw	Cuffley	16-24	25-44	45-64	65+
Attended a public meeting	73%	56%	-	19%	52%	63%
Attended a class, society, group or club meeting	31%	43%	33%	46%	29%	50%
Attended a play or show	22%	45%	17%	27%	30%	50%
Attended a party	5%	16%	17%	38%	16%	13%
Attended a concert	8%	14%	-	15%	6%	15%
Played badminton	-	5%	-	4%	2%	5%
Attended a wedding	2%	2%	-	-	4%	0%
Played bowls	2%	1%	-	-	-	3%
Other	5%	15%	-	15%	18%	10%
None of the above	3%	3%	-	8%	5%	2%
Don't know / Can't remember	3%	1%	50%	4%	3%	-

Subgroup analysis

Those who were not a parent, carer or guardian were more likely to say they had visited Cuffley Hall to **attend a public meeting** (61%) and **attend a play or show** (44%) when compared with those who were (30% and 20% respectively).

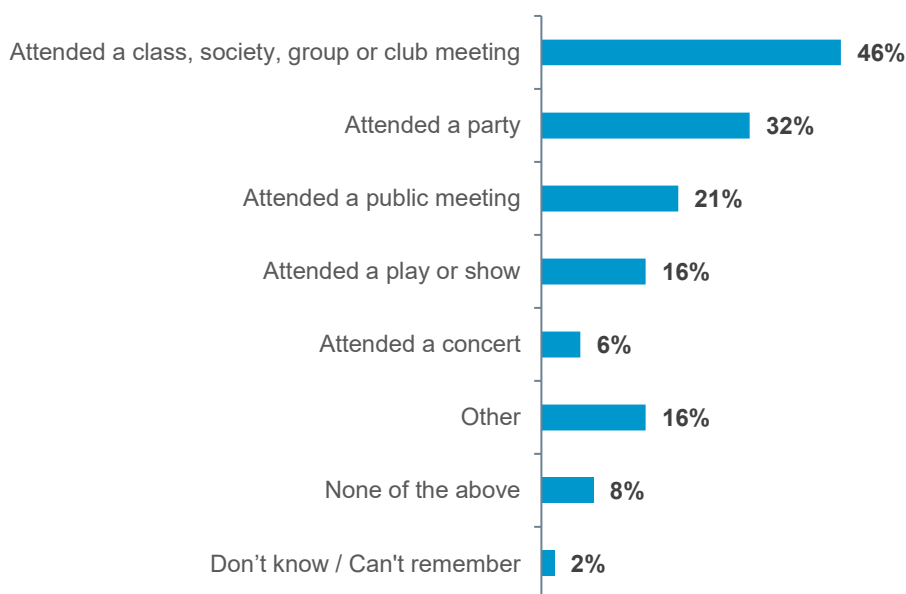
Respondents who had **lived in Northaw & Cuffley for 20+ years** were more likely to have visited Cuffley Hall when compared with those who have lived there for five years or fewer for the following reasons:

- Attend a public meeting (60% compared with 35%)
- Attended a play or show (49% compared with no respondents)
- Attended a concert (16% compared with no respondents)

Almost half (46%) of those who had visited or used Northaw Village Hall at least once prior to the pandemic said this was to attend a class, society, group or club meeting and a third (32%) had attended a party there. Smaller proportions said the reason for their visit was to attend a public meeting (21%) or to attend a concert (6%).

Common ‘other’ suggestions included to vote, to attend a quiz or pub night, to attend an exercise or activity class and to attend a charity or fundraising event.

Figure 20 – Before the Covid-19 pandemic, what did you use or visit Northaw Village Hall for?
Base: 259



The table below shows a breakdown of the responses to this question by village and age group. Where there are significant differences, the larger percentage(s) has/have been highlighted.

Figure 21 – Before the Covid-19 pandemic, what did you use or visit Northaw Village Hall for?
Base: Those who live in Northaw (77); Those who live in Cuffley (162); Those aged 16-24 (7); Those aged 25-44 (18); Those aged 45-64 (86); Those aged 65+ (133)

Reason for visiting Northaw Village Hall	Northaw	Cuffley	16-24	25-44	45-64	65+
Attended a class, society, group or club meeting	34%	56%	29%	17%	30%	59%
Attended a party	27%	31%	29%	72%	44%	18%
Attended a public meeting	35%	16%	29%	-	17%	23%
Attended a play or show	18%	15%	14%	6%	10%	18%
Attended a concert	6%	7%	-	-	3%	8%
Other	30%	10%	29%	17%	14%	17%
None of the above	4%	8%	-	11%	12%	6%
Don't know / Can't remember	1%	2%	-	6%	1%	2%

Subgroup analysis

Respondents who were not a parent, carer or guardian were more likely to have visited Northaw Village Hall to **attend a class, society, group or club meeting** (54%) than those who were (19%). By contrast, those who were a parent, carer or guardian were more likely to have visited to **attend a party** (72% compared with 23%).

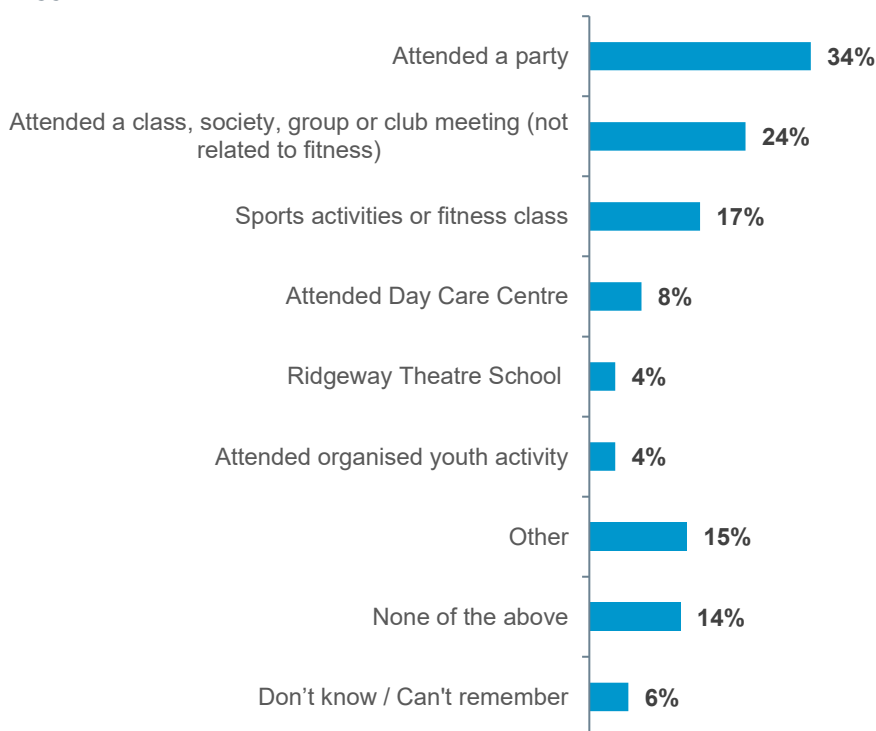
A significantly larger proportion of respondents who had lived in Northaw & Cuffley for 20+ years said they had visited Northaw Village Hall to **attend a class, society, group or club meeting** (55%) than those who had been living there for five years or fewer (10%).

A third (34%) of those who had visited or used the Youth Centre in Cuffley at least once before the pandemic said this was to attend a party, making this the most common response. A quarter (24%) said they had attended a class, society, group or club meeting which was not related to fitness, followed by 17% who attended a sports activities or fitness class. Much smaller proportions selected other reasons for using or visiting the Youth Centre, as shown in the figure below.

Common ‘other’ responses included to attend a fireworks display, to walk around or use the grounds and to attend a meeting.

Figure 22 – Before the Covid-19 pandemic, what did you use or visit the Youth Centre in Cuffley for?

Base: 136



The table below shows a breakdown of the responses to this question by village and age group. Where there are significant differences, the larger percentage(s) has/have been highlighted.

Figure 23 – Before the Covid-19 pandemic, what did you use or visit the Youth Centre in Cuffley for?

Base: Those who live in Northaw (8); Those who live in Cuffley (113); Those aged 16-24 (5); Those aged 25-44 (19); Those aged 45-64 (44); Those aged 65+ (56)

Reason for visiting the Youth Centre	Northaw	Cuffley	16-24	25-44	45-64	65+
Attended a party	-	35%	60%	79%	41%	14%
Attended a class, society, group or club meeting (not related to fitness)	50%	25%	-	11%	14%	38%
Sports activities or fitness class	13%	19%	-	16%	20%	14%
Attended Day Care Centre	13%	9%	-	5%	7%	9%
Ridgeway Theatre School	13%	4%	-	5%	11%	-
Attended organised youth activity	-	4%	-	5%	5%	4%
Other	-	17%	-	16%	11%	13%
None of the above	13%	12%	20%	5%	11%	18%
Don't know / Can't remember	-	5%	20%	-	5%	4%

Subgroup analysis

Subgroups more likely to have visited the Youth Centre to **attend a party** (34% overall) include:

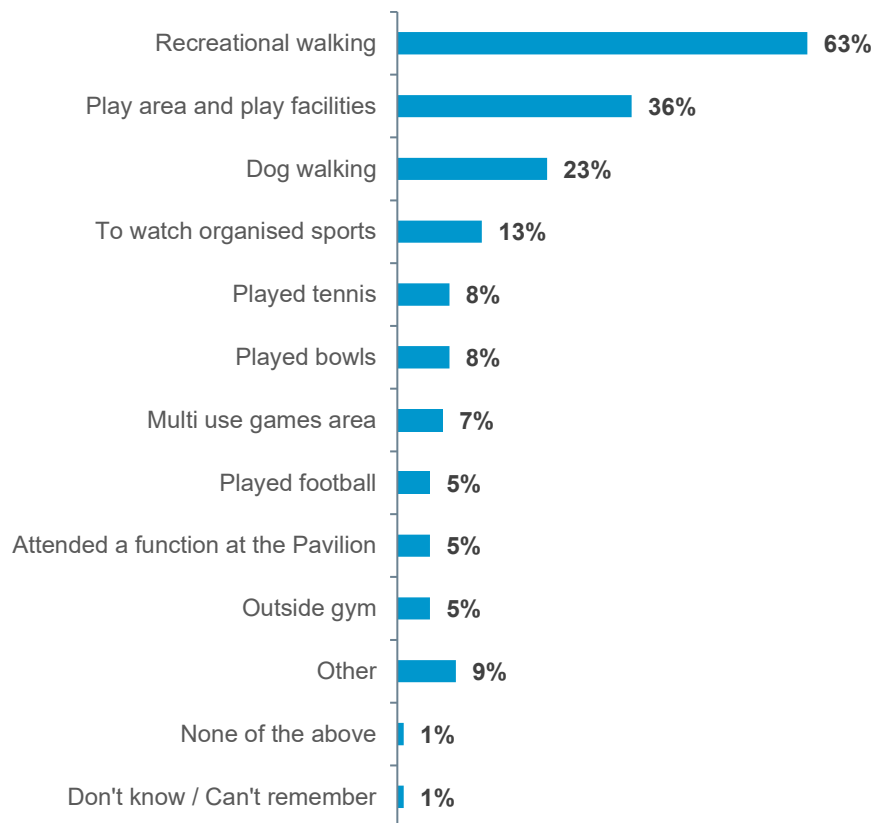
- Those living in a household of 3+ (59%) compared with those living in a single household (8%) or a household of two (19%)
- Those who were a parent, carer or guardian (62%) compared with those who were not (26%)
- Those who were in work (52%) compared with those who were not (21%)

The most common reason for visiting or using the King George V Playing Fields was recreational walking, selected by 63% of respondents who had visited here at least once before the Covid-19 pandemic. A further 36% said they had visited to use the play area and play facilities, followed by a quarter (23%) who said they visited to go dog walking. Smaller proportions of respondents said they used the King George V Playing Fields to play sports, such as tennis (8%), bowls (8%) and football (5%).

Common ‘other’ responses included to attend the village show or fete, to partake in sports or exercise not on the list and to meet friends or family.

Figure 24 – Before the Covid-19 pandemic, what did you use or visit the King George V Playing Fields for?

Base: 411



The table below shows a breakdown of the responses to this question by village and age group. Where there are significant differences, the larger percentage(s) has/have been highlighted.

Figure 25 – Before the Covid-19 pandemic, what did you use or visit the King George V Playing Fields for?

Base: Those who live in Northaw (58); Those who live in Cuffley (331); Those aged 16-24 (12); Those aged 25-44 (41); Those aged 45-64 (155); Those aged 65+ (185)

Reason for visiting King George V Playing Fields	Northaw	Cuffley	16-24	25-44	45-64	65+
Recreational walking	55%	65%	58%	44%	63%	65%
Play area and play facilities	28%	37%	17%	80%	34%	28%
Dog walking	33%	21%	33%	20%	34%	14%
To watch organised sports	21%	11%	25%	15%	7%	15%
Played tennis	10%	8%	17%	12%	8%	8%
Played bowls	2%	9%	-	-	1%	13%
Multi use games area	7%	7%	17%	17%	7%	4%
Played football	5%	4%	33%	12%	6%	1%
Attended a function at the Pavilion	3%	5%	-	5%	3%	5%
Outside gym	2%	5%	-	10%	8%	1%
Other	12%	8%	17%	5%	8%	9%
None of the above	-	1%	-	-	-	2%
Don't know / Can't remember	2%	1%	-	2%	-	1%

Subgroup analysis

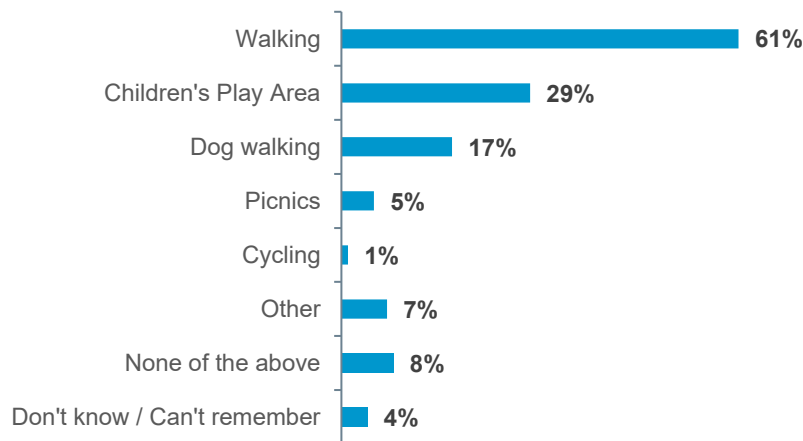
Those who were a parent, carer or guardian and those who had lived in Northaw & Cuffley for less than 10 years were more likely to have visited the King George V Playing Fields to use the **play area and play facilities** (70% and 48% respectively) when compared with those who were not a parent, carer or guardian (26%) and those who had lived there for 11+ years (31%).

A larger proportion of those who were in work said they visited the King George V Playing Fields for **dog walking** (32%) than those who were not (14%).

Amongst those who had used or visited the Northaw Playing Fields at least once before the pandemic, the most common reason for visiting was for walking (61%), followed by the children’s play area (29%) and dog walking (17%). Much smaller proportions of respondents said they had visited for picnics (5%) and cycling (1%).

Figure 26 – Before the Covid-19 pandemic, what did you use or visit the Northaw Playing Fields for?

Base: 190



The table below shows a breakdown of the responses to this question by village and age group. Where there are significant differences, the larger percentage(s) has/have been highlighted. Caution is advised when drawing conclusions from these findings due to the small base sizes.

Figure 27 – Before the Covid-19 pandemic, what did you use or visit the Northaw Playing Fields for?

Base: Those who live in Northaw (68); Those who live in Cuffley (112); Those aged 16-24 (9); Those aged 25-44 (23); Those aged 45-64 (85); Those aged 65+ (60)

Reason for visiting the Northaw Playing Fields	Northaw	Cuffley	16-24	25-44	45-64	65+
Walking	69%	56%	67%	43%	62%	58%
Children’s Play Area	26%	31%	22%	61%	24%	25%
Dog walking	31%	10%	22%	13%	27%	7%
Picnics	4%	4%	-	9%	5%	5%
Cycling	-	-	-	-	1%	-
Other	10%	6%	22%	-	5%	13%
None of the above	-	13%	-	13%	7%	12%
Don’t know / Can’t remember	1%	4%	11%	-	4%	5%

Subgroup analysis

Those living in a single household were more likely than those living in a household of 2+ to say they had visited the Northaw Playing Fields for **walking** (83% compared with 57%) and **picnics** (17% compared with 3%).

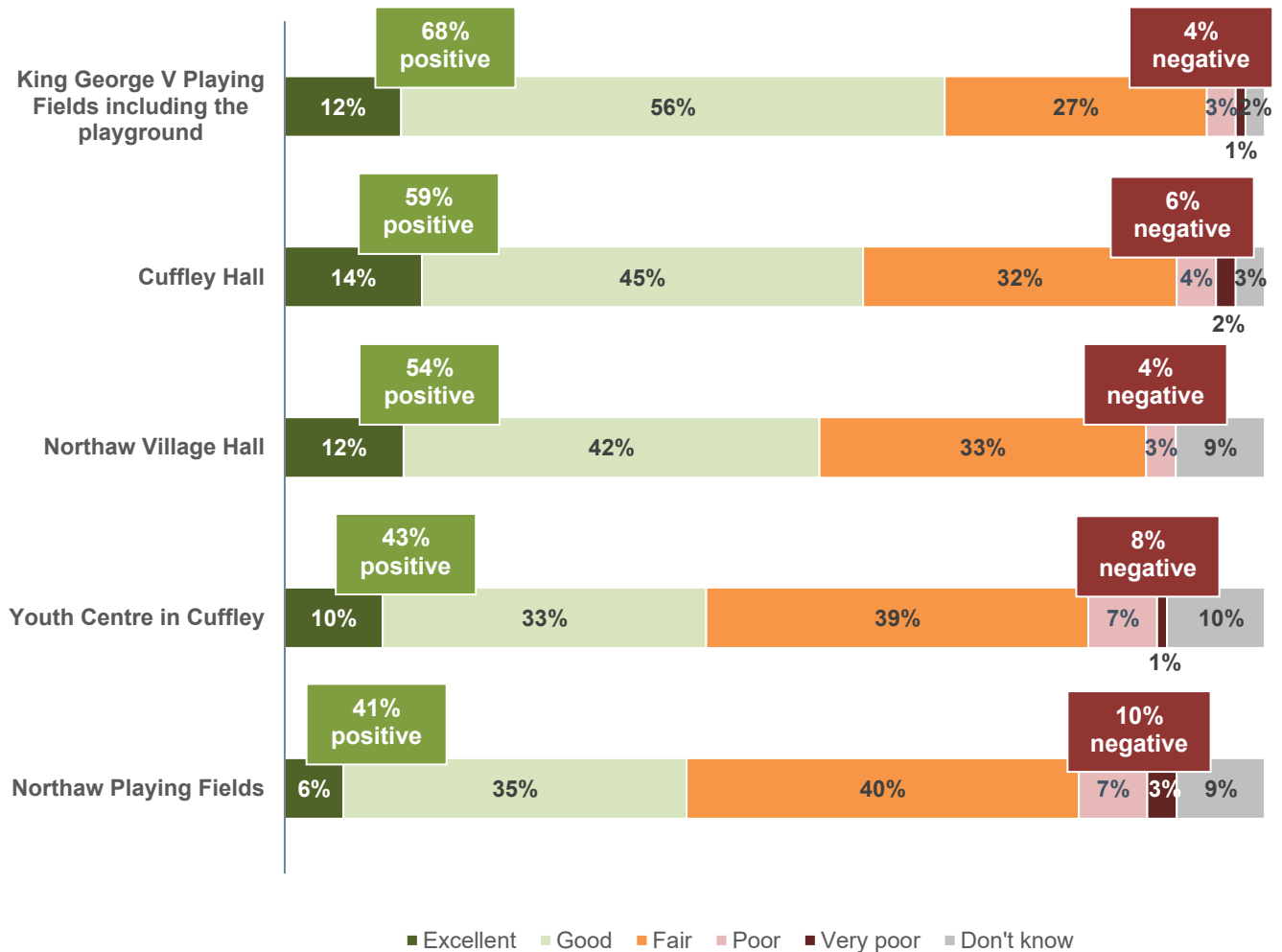
Respondents who were not a parent, carer or guardian were more likely to have visited the Northaw Playing Fields for **walking** (67%) than those who were (43%). By contrast, a larger proportion of those who were a parent, carer or guardian said they visited the **Children’s Play Area** (57%) than those who were not (20%).

Those who had lived in Northaw & Cuffley for five years or fewer were more likely to say they had visited for the **Children’s Play Area** (45%) than those who had lived there for 20+ years (22%).

Those who had used or visited each of the facilities and venues at least once before the Covid-19 pandemic were then asked how they would rate them on a scale between *excellent* to *very poor*. As seen in the chart below, the King George V Playing Fields received the highest rating, with 68% rating this as either *excellent* or *good*. A slightly larger proportion of respondents rated Cuffley Hall positively (59%) compared with Northaw Village Hall (54%). A further 43% rated the Youth Centre in Cuffley positively, closely followed by 41% rating Northaw Playing Fields positively.

Figure 28 – How would you rate the following in Northaw & Cuffley?

Base: Varies between 136 and 459



The table below shows a breakdown of the responses to this question by village and age group. Where there are significant differences, the larger percentage(s) has/have been highlighted. Caution is advised when drawing conclusions from these findings due to the small base sizes.

Figure 29 – How would you rate the following in Northaw & Cuffley?

Base: Those who live in Northaw (varies between 8 and 77); Those who live in Cuffley (varies between 112 and 343); Those aged 16-24 (varies between 5 and 12); Those aged 25-44 (varies between 18 and 41); Those aged 45-64 (varies between 44 and 155); Those aged 65+ (varies between 56 and 218)

	Northaw	Cuffley	16-24	25-44	45-64	65+
King George V Playing Fields including the playground						
Excellent	17%	11%	33%	7%	8%	11%
Good	60%	56%	58%	59%	56%	57%
Fair	17%	27%	-	29%	28%	27%
Poor	2%	3%	8%	5%	3%	2%
Very poor	-	1%	-	-	1%	1%
Don't know	3%	2%	-	-	3%	2%
TOTAL positive	78%	67%	92%	66%	65%	68%
TOTAL negative	2%	4%	8%	5%	5%	3%
Cuffley Hall						
Excellent	7%	15%	-	12%	8%	17%
Good	41%	46%	17%	27%	36%	56%
Fair	41%	31%	50%	54%	43%	23%
Poor	5%	4%	-	4%	6%	3%
Very poor	-	2%	-	4%	2%	1%
Don't know	7%	2%	33%	-	5%	0%
TOTAL positive	47%	61%	17%	38%	44%	73%
TOTAL negative	5%	6%	-	8%	8%	4%
Northaw Village Hall						
Excellent	12%	12%	-	11%	5%	14%
Good	44%	44%	14%	17%	42%	50%
Fair	35%	31%	71%	61%	34%	26%
Poor	4%	2%	-	6%	7%	2%
Very poor	1%	-	-	-	1%	-
Don't know	4%	10%	14%	6%	12%	9%
TOTAL positive	56%	56%	14%	28%	47%	64%
TOTAL negative	5%	2%	-	6%	8%	2%
Youth Centre in Cuffley						
Excellent	-	12%	-	11%	2%	9%
Good	25%	33%	40%	42%	32%	34%
Fair	50%	38%	20%	37%	43%	41%
Poor	-	8%	20%	5%	5%	7%
Very poor	13%	1%	-	5%	2%	-
Don't know	13%	9%	20%	-	16%	9%
TOTAL positive	25%	44%	40%	53%	34%	43%
TOTAL negative	13%	9%	20%	11%	7%	7%

	Northaw	Cuffley	16-24	25-44	45-64	65+
Northaw Playing Fields						
Excellent	9%	4%	11%	9%	5%	2%
Good	29%	39%	22%	22%	36%	38%
Fair	43%	37%	44%	35%	40%	45%
Poor	9%	6%	-	22%	5%	5%
Very poor	7%	1%	22%	-	5%	-
Don't know	3%	13%	-	13%	9%	10%
TOTAL positive	38%	44%	33%	30%	41%	40%
TOTAL negative	16%	7%	22%	22%	9%	5%

Subgroup analysis

Subgroups more likely to rate Cuffley Hall as **excellent or good** (59% overall) include:

- Those living in a single household (75%) or a household of two (65%) compared with a household of 3+ (41%)
- Those who were not a parent, carer or guardian (62%) compared with those who were (41%)
- Those who had lived in Northaw & Cuffley for 20+ years (69%) compared with those who had lived there for less than 20 years (47%)
- Those who were not in work (73%) compared with those who were (39%)

Subgroups more likely to rate the King George V Playing Fields as **poor or very poor** (4% overall) include:

- Those who were a parent, carer or guardian (9%) compared with those who were not (3%)
- Those who had lived in Northaw & Cuffley for 6-20 years (8%) compared with those who had lived there for 20+ years (2%)

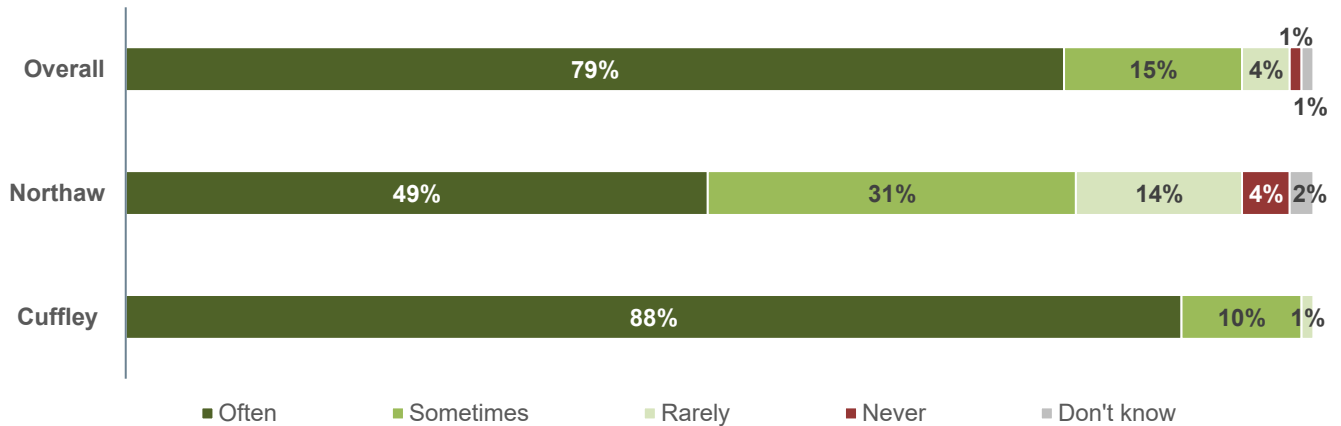
Those who had lived in Northaw & Cuffley for 6-10 years were significantly more likely to rate Northaw Playing Fields as **poor or very poor** (25%) than respondents who had lived there for any other amount of time, particularly those who had lived there for 20+ years (6%).

When asked how often they visited the Station Road area before the Covid-19 pandemic, eight in ten (79%) said they went often, with a further 15% indicating that they went sometimes.

Looking at the results to this question by village, Cuffley residents were significantly more likely to say that they visited the Station Road area often (88%) than Northaw residents (49%). Conversely, Northaw residents were more likely to say they visited sometimes (31%) than Cuffley residents (10%). Furthermore, 4% of Northaw residents said they never visited the Station Road area.

Figure 30 – Before the Covid-19 pandemic, how often did you visit the Station Road area?

Base: Overall (559); Those who live in Northaw (115); Those who live in Cuffley (411)



Subgroup analysis

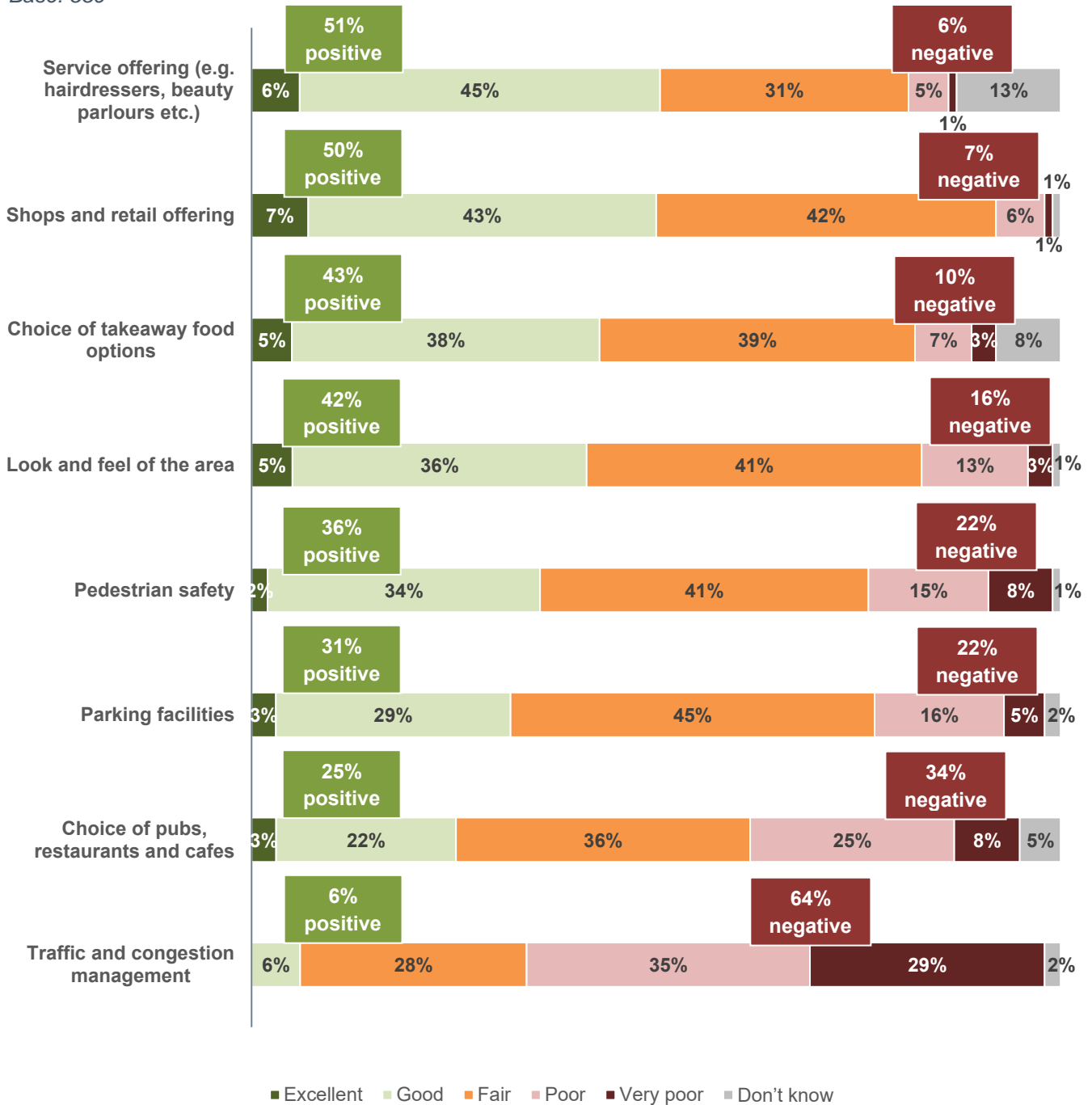
Respondents who had lived in Northaw & Cuffley for 11-20 years were more likely to say they **often** visited Station Road before the pandemic (86%) than those who had lived there for any other amount of time, particularly five years or fewer (71%).

Respondents were asked to rate a series of aspects of the Station Road area from *excellent* to *very poor*. Half of respondents rated the service offering, and the shops and retail offering positively (51% and 50% respectively), providing a rating of either *excellent* or *good*. Similar proportions of respondents rated the choice of takeaway food options and the look and feel of the area positively (43% and 42% respectively).

Almost two thirds (64%) of respondents rated the traffic and congestion management in the Station Road area negatively, providing a rating of *poor* or *very poor*. A third (34%) of respondents also rated the choice of pubs, restaurants and cafes negatively, which was a larger proportion than that rated it positively (25%).

Figure 31 – How do you rate the following in the Station Road area?

Base: 559



The table below shows a breakdown of the responses to this question by village. Where there are significant differences, the larger percentage has been highlighted.

Figure 32 – How do you rate the following in the Station Road area?

Base: Those who live in Northaw (115); Those who live in Cuffley (411)

	Northaw	Cuffley
Service offering (e.g. hairdressers, beauty parlours etc.)		
Excellent	-	8%
Good	26%	50%
Fair	37%	29%
Poor	5%	4%
Very poor	3%	0%
Don't know	29%	8%
TOTAL positive	26%	58%
TOTAL negative	8%	5%
Shops and retail offering		
Excellent	2%	8%
Good	36%	46%
Fair	50%	39%
Poor	8%	5%
Very poor	1%	1%
Don't know	4%	0%
TOTAL positive	37%	54%
TOTAL negative	9%	7%
Choice of takeaway food options		
Excellent	2%	7%
Good	20%	42%
Fair	46%	37%
Poor	14%	5%
Very poor	2%	3%
Don't know	17%	6%
TOTAL positive	22%	49%
TOTAL negative	16%	8%
Look and feel of the area		
Excellent	5%	5%
Good	34%	37%
Fair	39%	42%
Poor	12%	13%
Very poor	7%	2%
Don't know	3%	1%
TOTAL positive	39%	42%
TOTAL negative	19%	15%
Pedestrian safety		
Excellent	2%	2%
Good	37%	33%
Fair	47%	39%
Poor	9%	17%
Very poor	4%	8%
Don't know	2%	1%
TOTAL positive	38%	35%
TOTAL negative	13%	25%

	Northaw	Cuffley
<i>Parking facilities</i>		
Excellent	3%	3%
Good	30%	28%
Fair	47%	44%
Poor	16%	17%
Very poor	3%	6%
Don't know	2%	2%
TOTAL positive	33%	31%
TOTAL negative	18%	23%
<i>Choice of pubs, restaurants and cafes</i>		
Excellent	-	4%
Good	17%	23%
Fair	37%	37%
Poor	26%	25%
Very poor	9%	8%
Don't know	11%	3%
TOTAL positive	17%	27%
TOTAL negative	35%	33%
<i>Traffic and congestion management</i>		
Excellent	-	-
Good	6%	5%
Fair	41%	23%
Poor	28%	37%
Very poor	22%	32%
Don't know	3%	2%
TOTAL positive	6%	5%
TOTAL negative	50%	70%

Subgroup analysis

Subgroups more likely to rate the choice of pubs, restaurants and cafes in the Station Road area as **poor or very poor** (34% overall) include:

- Those who were a parent, carer or guardian (46%) compared with those who were not (31%)
- Those who had lived in Northaw & Cuffley for five years or fewer (50%) compared with those who had lived there for longer, particularly 20+ years (27%)
- Those who were in work (42%) compared with those who were not (27%)

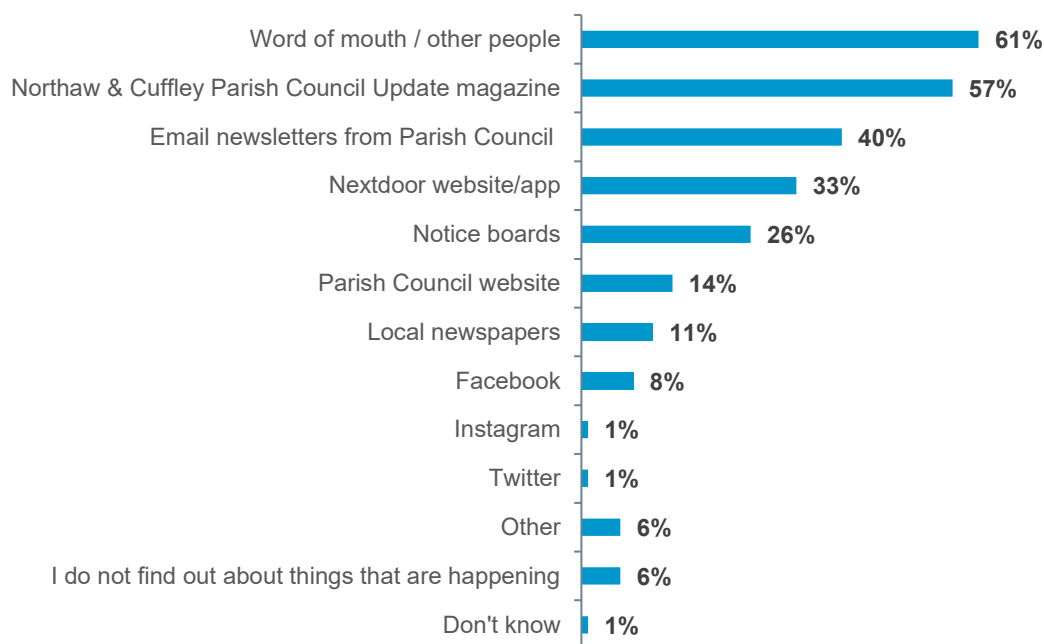
Finding out about the local area

The most common way that respondents usually find out about things happening in Northaw & Cuffley is through word of mouth and other people (61%), closely followed by the Northaw & Cuffley Parish Council Update magazine (57%). A further 40% got their information from the Parish Council's email newsletters, a third (33%) via the Nextdoor website and app, and a quarter (26%) through notice boards. Smaller proportions found out about things happening in the community through other methods, as seen in the chart below.

Common 'other' responses included local groups and organisations, the Northaw & Cuffley Residents' Association and SCANGB emails.

Figure 33 – How do you usually find out about things that are happening in Northaw & Cuffley?

Base: 559



Subgroup analysis

Subgroups more likely to find out about what is happening in the community through **word of mouth and other people** (61% overall) include:

- Those who lived in Cuffley (64%) compared with those living in Northaw (50%)
- Those aged 45+ (62%) compared with those aged 16-44 (52%)
- Those who had lived in Northaw & Cuffley for 20+ years (65%) compared with those who had lived there for less time, particularly five years or fewer (45%)

Those aged 16-24 were more likely than older respondents to find out about what is happening in the community through **Instagram** (13%), particularly when compared with those aged 45+ (1%).

The most common method of finding out about things happening in Northaw & Cuffley amongst those who had lived there for five years or fewer was through the **Northaw & Cuffley Parish Council Update magazine** (50%). For respondents who had lived in the community for longer, the most common way of finding out information was through **word of mouth and other people**, particularly those who had lived there for 20+ years (65%).

Worries about the future

By far, the two most common worries of respondents for the future of Northaw and Cuffley were over development (81%) and more traffic (77%). Half (52%) of respondents were worried about the pressure on medical facilities, followed by 43% who were worried about worse air quality or pollution and a further 42% were worried about the loss of identity and community. Just 1% said they did not have any worries. The full range of responses is shown in the chart below.

Common ‘other’ responses included environmental issues, issues with facilities and amenities, i.e. no variety, not enough, concern or complaint about the Parish Council, issues with traffic, congestion and parking and the general look and maintenance of the community.

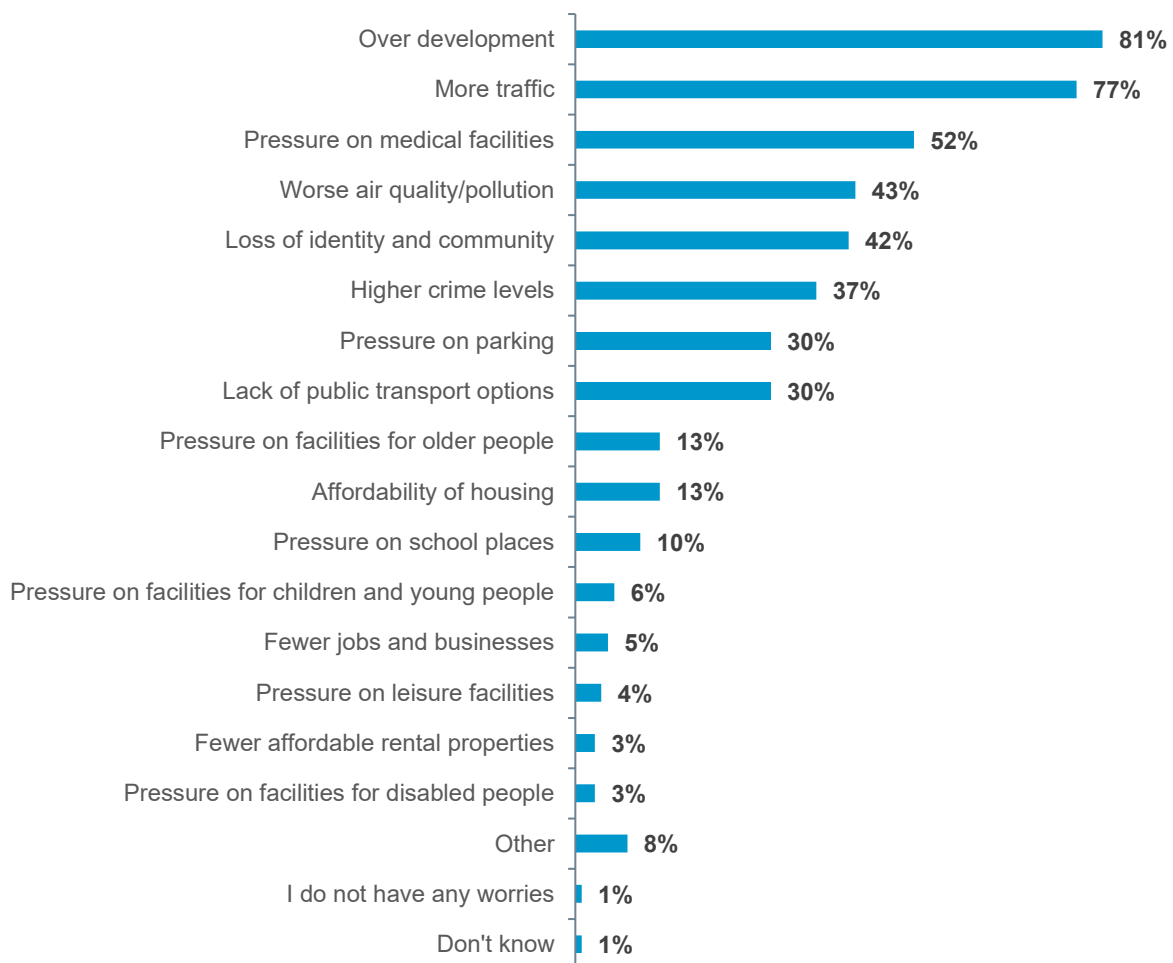
Further to the survey responses, seven written responses to this question were submitted via email to Enventure Research. Amongst other issues, these submissions mostly related to the following:

- Concerns about the junction of The Meadway and Station Road
- Concerns around increasing traffic and congestion
- Suggestions for more traffic calming measures
- Concerns around new homes being built and the subsequent increase in cars and traffic

The full submissions have been included in **Appendix B**.

Figure 34 – What, if anything, most worries you about the future of Northaw & Cuffley?

Base: 559



Subgroup analysis

Compared with Northaw residents, those living in Cuffley were more likely to be worried about **pressure on medical facilities** (58% compared with 36%) and **loss of identity and community** (45% compared with 30%).

Respondents aged **45+** were more likely than those aged 16-44 to be worried about the following:

- Over development (84% compared with 67%)
- More traffic (79% compared with 68%)
- Pressure on medical facilities (56% compared with 30%)

However, those aged 16-44 were more likely to be concerned about **affordability of housing** (29%) than respondents aged 45+ (11%). Furthermore, half (52%) of those aged 25-44 were worried about **higher crime levels** compared with 29% of those aged 65+.

Concern around the **affordability of housing** was more common amongst those living in a single household (17%) and a household of 3+ (15%) than those living in a household of two (8%).

Subgroups more likely to be worried about **lack of public transport options** (30% overall) include:

- Those aged 65+ (34%) compared with younger respondents, particularly those aged 25-44 (17%)
- Those living in a single household (39%) compared with those living in a household of 2+ (28%)
- Those who were not a parent, carer or guardian (33%) compared with those who were (14%)
- Those who were not in work (35%) compared with those who were (24%)

Those who were a parent, carer or guardian were significantly more likely to be concerned about **higher crime levels** (58%) than those who were not (34%).

Investment in local facilities

As part of the Neighbourhood Plan Process, the Parish Council will be allocating financial resources for investment in community facilities over the next 10 to 15 years. Respondents were, therefore, asked how much they agreed or disagreed with investment being prioritised in a series of facilities and amenities in the local community, from a scale of *strongly agree* to *strongly disagree*.

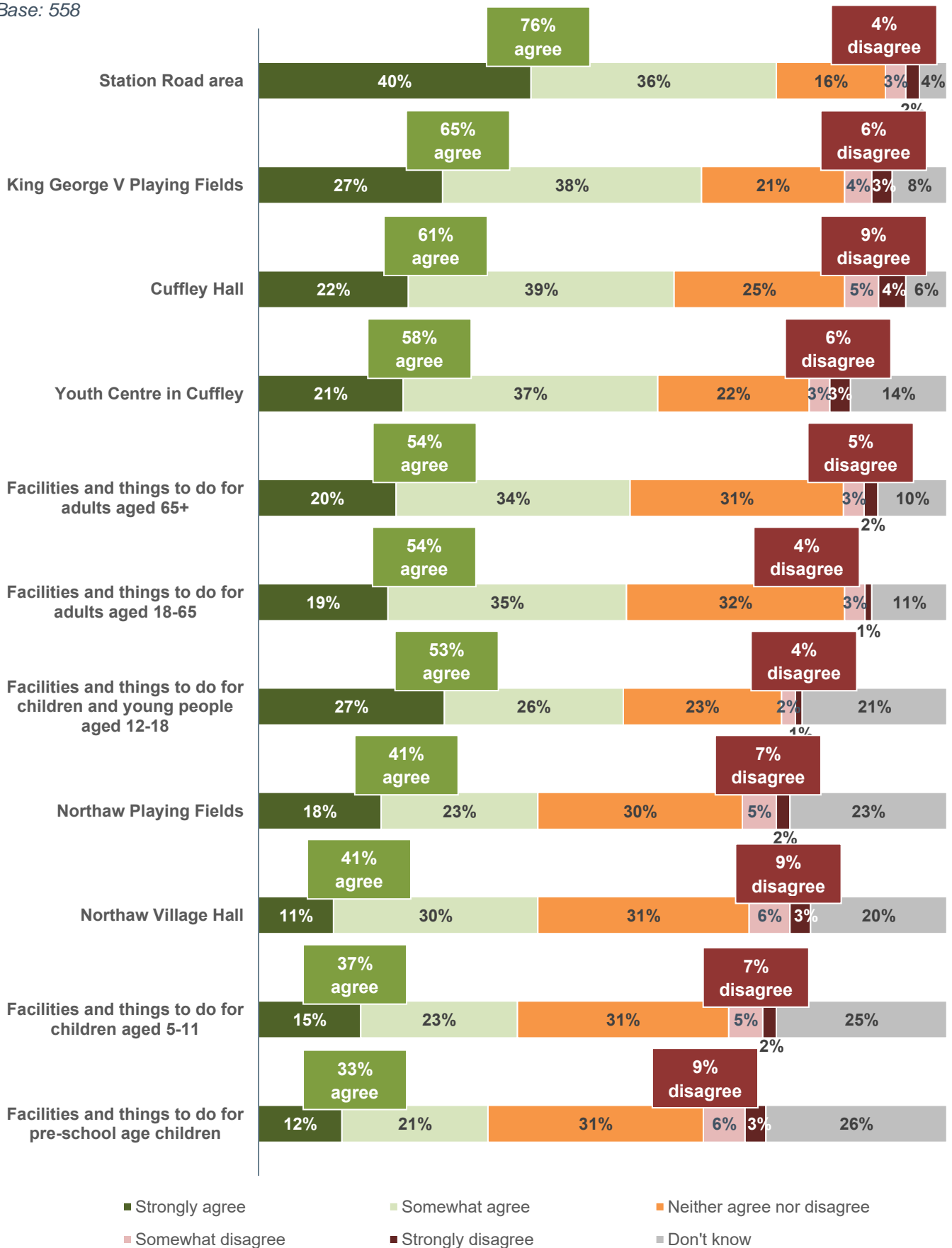
Respondents were most likely to agree overall that investment should be prioritised in the Station Road area, with three quarters (76%) saying they either *strongly agreed* or *somewhat agreed* with this. A further 65% agreed overall that investment should be prioritised in the King George V Playing Fields, followed by 61% who agreed in relation to Cuffley Hall.

Similar proportions of respondents indicated that they would like to see investment prioritised in facilities and things to do for adults aged 65+ (54%), for adults aged 18-65 (54%) and for children and young people aged 12-18 (53%). By contrast, smaller proportions agreed that investment should be prioritised for facilities and things to do for children aged 5-11 (37%) and pre-school age children (33%).

The full range of responses is shown in the chart overleaf.

Figure 35 – How much do you agree or disagree with investment being prioritised in the following?

Base: 558



The table below shows a breakdown of the responses to this question by village. Where there are significant differences, the larger percentage has been highlighted.

Figure 36 – How much do you agree or disagree with investment being prioritised in the following?

Base: Those who live in Northaw (114); Those who live in Cuffley (411)

	Northaw	Cuffley
Station Road area		
Strongly agree	22%	47%
Somewhat agree	35%	35%
Neither agree nor disagree	30%	13%
Somewhat disagree	4%	2%
Strongly disagree	4%	1%
Don't know	6%	2%
TOTAL agree	57%	82%
TOTAL disagree	7%	3%
King George V Playing Fields		
Strongly agree	14%	30%
Somewhat agree	34%	40%
Neither agree nor disagree	29%	20%
Somewhat disagree	8%	3%
Strongly disagree	3%	2%
Don't know	12%	6%
TOTAL agree	48%	70%
TOTAL disagree	11%	5%
Cuffley Hall		
Strongly agree	9%	26%
Somewhat agree	28%	42%
Neither agree nor disagree	37%	22%
Somewhat disagree	5%	5%
Strongly disagree	8%	2%
Don't know	13%	3%
TOTAL agree	37%	68%
TOTAL disagree	13%	7%
Youth Centre in Cuffley		
Strongly agree	18%	21%
Somewhat agree	30%	41%
Neither agree nor disagree	20%	23%
Somewhat disagree	6%	2%
Strongly disagree	6%	1%
Don't know	19%	12%
TOTAL agree	48%	62%
TOTAL disagree	12%	3%
Facilities and things to do for adults aged 65+		
Strongly agree	15%	21%
Somewhat agree	29%	36%
Neither agree nor disagree	34%	30%
Somewhat disagree	4%	2%
Strongly disagree	3%	2%
Don't know	15%	9%
TOTAL agree	44%	57%
TOTAL disagree	7%	5%

	Northaw	Cuffley
Facilities and things to do for adults aged 18-65		
Strongly agree	20%	19%
Somewhat agree	32%	35%
Neither agree nor disagree	32%	31%
Somewhat disagree	2%	3%
Strongly disagree	1%	1%
Don't know	13%	11%
TOTAL agree	52%	54%
TOTAL disagree	3%	4%
Facilities and things to do for children and young people aged 12-18		
Strongly agree	27%	25%
Somewhat agree	25%	27%
Neither agree nor disagree	21%	24%
Somewhat disagree	3%	2%
Strongly disagree	3%	1%
Don't know	22%	21%
TOTAL agree	52%	52%
TOTAL disagree	5%	3%
Northaw Playing Fields		
Strongly agree	32%	14%
Somewhat agree	27%	22%
Neither agree nor disagree	25%	32%
Somewhat disagree	4%	5%
Strongly disagree	4%	2%
Don't know	8%	25%
TOTAL agree	59%	36%
TOTAL disagree	8%	6%
Northaw Village Hall		
Strongly agree	14%	10%
Somewhat agree	33%	28%
Neither agree nor disagree	31%	31%
Somewhat disagree	7%	6%
Strongly disagree	4%	3%
Don't know	11%	22%
TOTAL agree	47%	38%
TOTAL disagree	11%	9%
Facilities and things to do for children aged 5-11		
Strongly agree	13%	14%
Somewhat agree	21%	24%
Neither agree nor disagree	32%	31%
Somewhat disagree	4%	5%
Strongly disagree	3%	1%
Don't know	27%	24%
TOTAL agree	34%	38%
TOTAL disagree	6%	7%

	Northaw	Cuffley
Facilities and things to do for pre-school age children		
Strongly agree	7%	13%
Somewhat agree	23%	21%
Neither agree nor disagree	32%	32%
Somewhat disagree	5%	6%
Strongly disagree	5%	3%
Don't know	28%	25%
TOTAL agree	30%	34%
TOTAL disagree	11%	9%

Subgroup analysis

Subgroups more likely to **agree** that investment should be prioritised in the two village halls (Cuffley Hall 61% overall and Northaw Village Hall 41% overall) include:

- Those aged 65+ (71% and 47% respectively) compared with younger respondents aged 16-64 (51% and 33% respectively)
- Those who were not a parent, carer or guardian (66% and 42% respectively) compared with those who were (40% and 30% respectively)
- Those who had lived in Northaw & Cuffley for 20+ years (67% and 45% respectively) compared with those who had lived there for five years or fewer (52% and 34% respectively)
- Those who were not in work (70% and 45% respectively) compared with those who were (50% and 34% respectively)

By contrast, those who were a parent, carer or guardian were more likely to **disagree** that Cuffley Hall and Northaw Village Hall should be prioritised for investment (both 16%) than those who were not (6% and 8% respectively).

Subgroups more likely to **agree** that investment should be prioritised in the two playing fields (King George V Playing Fields 65% overall and Northaw Playing Fields 41% overall) include:

- Those who were a parent, carer or guardian (78% and 50% respectively) compared with those who were not (62% and 39% respectively)
- Those who had lived in Northaw & Cuffley for five years or fewer (79% and 55% respectively) compared with those who had lived there for 20+ years (60% and 40% respectively)
- Those who were in work (70% and 46% respectively) compared with those who were not (59% and 36% respectively)

Agreement that investment should be prioritised in facilities and things to do for pre-school age children was higher amongst those who were a parent, carer or guardian (49%) than those who were not (29%), and was also higher amongst those who had lived in Northaw & Cuffley for five years or fewer (52%) than those who had lived there for 11+ years (30%).

Subgroups more likely to **agree** that investment should be prioritised in facilities and things to do for children aged 5-11 (37% overall) include:

- Those who live in a household of 3+ (43%) compared with those who live in a household of two (33%)
- Those who were a parent, carer or guardian (60%) compared with those who were not (32%)
- Those who had lived in Northaw & Cuffley for five years or fewer (53%) compared with those who had lived there for 11+ years (33%)

Subgroup analysis continued

Subgroups more likely to **agree** that investment should be prioritised in facilities and things to do for children and young adults aged 12-18 (53% overall) include:

- Those who live in a household of 3+ (65%) compared with those who live in a household of one or two (46%)
- Those who were a parent, carer or guardian (76%) compared with those who were not (47%)
- Those who were in work (60%) compared with those who were not (47%)

Subgroups more likely to **agree** that investment should be prioritised in facilities and things to do for adults aged 18-65 (54% overall) include:

- Those who live in a household of 3+ (60%) compared with those who live in a single household (42%)
- Those who had lived in Northaw & Cuffley for five years or fewer (71%) compared with those who had lived there for 20+ years (49%)
- Those who were in work (61%) compared with those who were not (47%)

Respondents who were a parent, carer or guardian were more likely to **disagree** that investment should be prioritised in facilities and things to do for adults aged 65+ (10%) than those who were not (4%).

When asked what would encourage them to use Cuffley Hall more, half (51%) of respondents suggested more public shows and events, followed by 44% who said the modernisation of facilities. A quarter (27%) of respondents said improved or enhanced facilities for parties, functions and events, closely followed by 26% who said provision of a café on a permanent basis. Suggestions made less frequently included the provision of a bar on a permanent basis (20%) and just 4% suggested to enhance the wedding package offer.

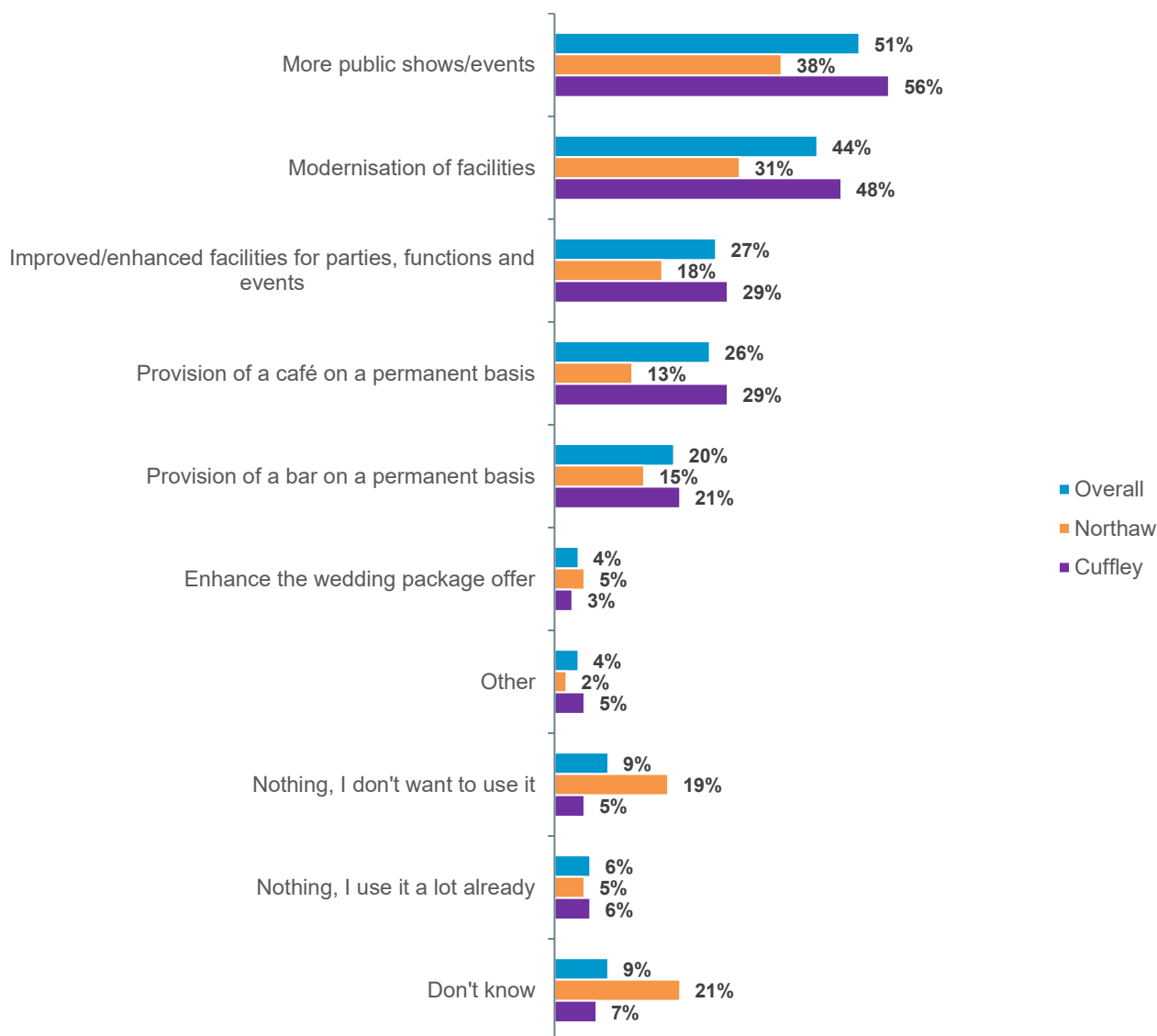
Small proportions of respondents said that nothing would make them likely to use Cuffley Hall more, either because they did not want to use it (9%) or they used it a lot already (6%).

Common 'other' responses included entertainment such as theatre, DJ or quiz night and sport and fitness classes and facilities.

Compared with Northaw residents, those who lived in Cuffley were significantly more likely to suggest more public shows and events (56% compared with 38%), the modernisation of facilities (48% compared with 31%) and improved or enhanced facilities for parties, functions and events (29% compared with 18%). Northaw residents, on the other hand, were significantly more likely to say that nothing would make them more likely to use Cuffley Hall more because they did not want to use it (19% compared with 5% of those living in Cuffley).

Figure 37 – Which of the following, if any, would make you likely to use Cuffley Hall more?

Base: Overall (558); Those who live in Northaw (114); Those who live in Cuffley (411)



Subgroup analysis

Those aged 25+ were more likely to say they would be encouraged to visit Cuffley Hall more often by **more public shows or events** (53%) than those aged 16-24 (20%).

Subgroups more likely to say that nothing would encourage them to use Cuffley Hall more because **they do not want to use it** (9% overall) include:

- Those aged 16-24 (33%) compared with older respondents, particularly those aged 65+ (4%)
- Those who were a parent, carer or guardian (18%) compared with those who were not (7%)
- Those who were in work (14%) compared with those who were not (5%)

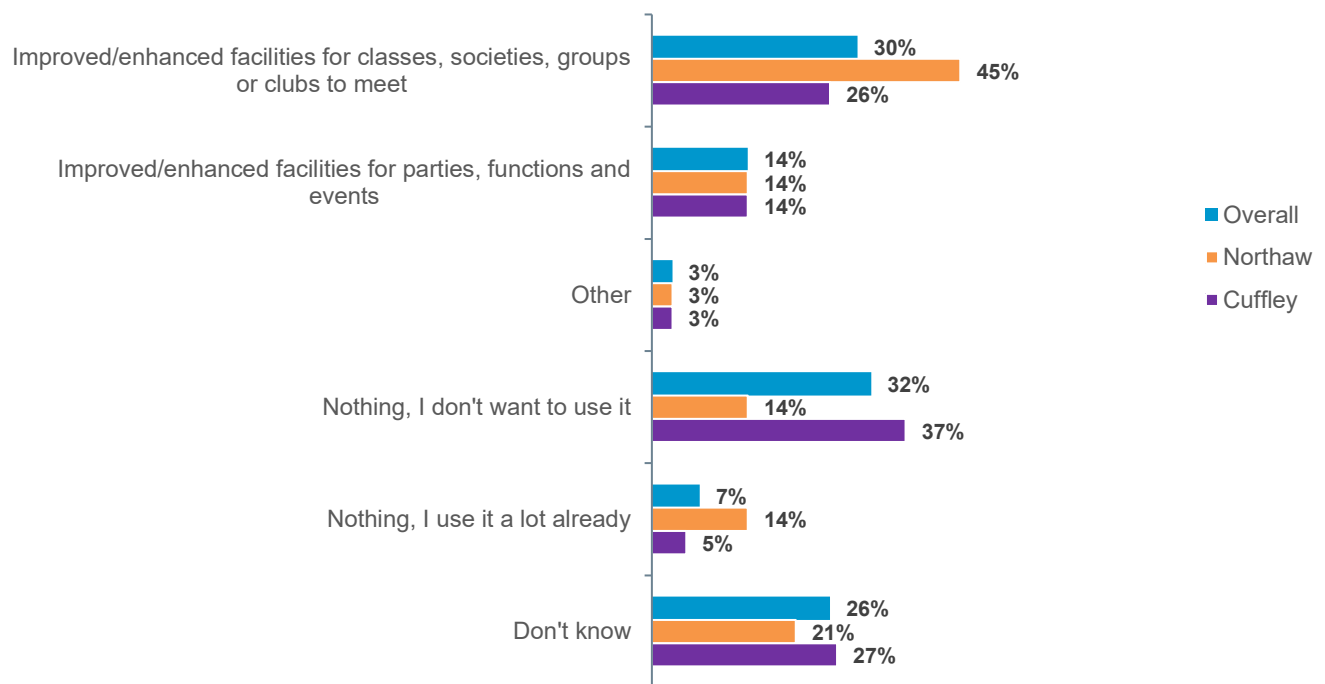
The most common response regarding what would encourage respondents to use Northaw Village Hall more was improved or enhanced facilities for classes, societies, groups or clubs to meet (30%), followed by 14% who wished to see improved or enhanced facilities for parties, functions and events.

A third (32%) of respondents said that nothing would make them more likely to use Northaw Village Hall and 7% said they use it a lot already.

Northaw residents were almost twice as likely than Cuffley residents to suggest improved or enhanced facilities for classes, societies, groups or clubs to meet (45% compared with 26%). Those living in Cuffley, however, were more inclined to say they did not want to use Northaw Village Hall (37% compared with 14% of those living in Cuffley).

Figure 38 – Which of the following, if any, would make you likely to use Northaw Village Hall more?

Base: Overall (558); Those who live in Northaw (114); Those who live in Cuffley (411)



Subgroup analysis

There were no statistically significant differences between subgroups.

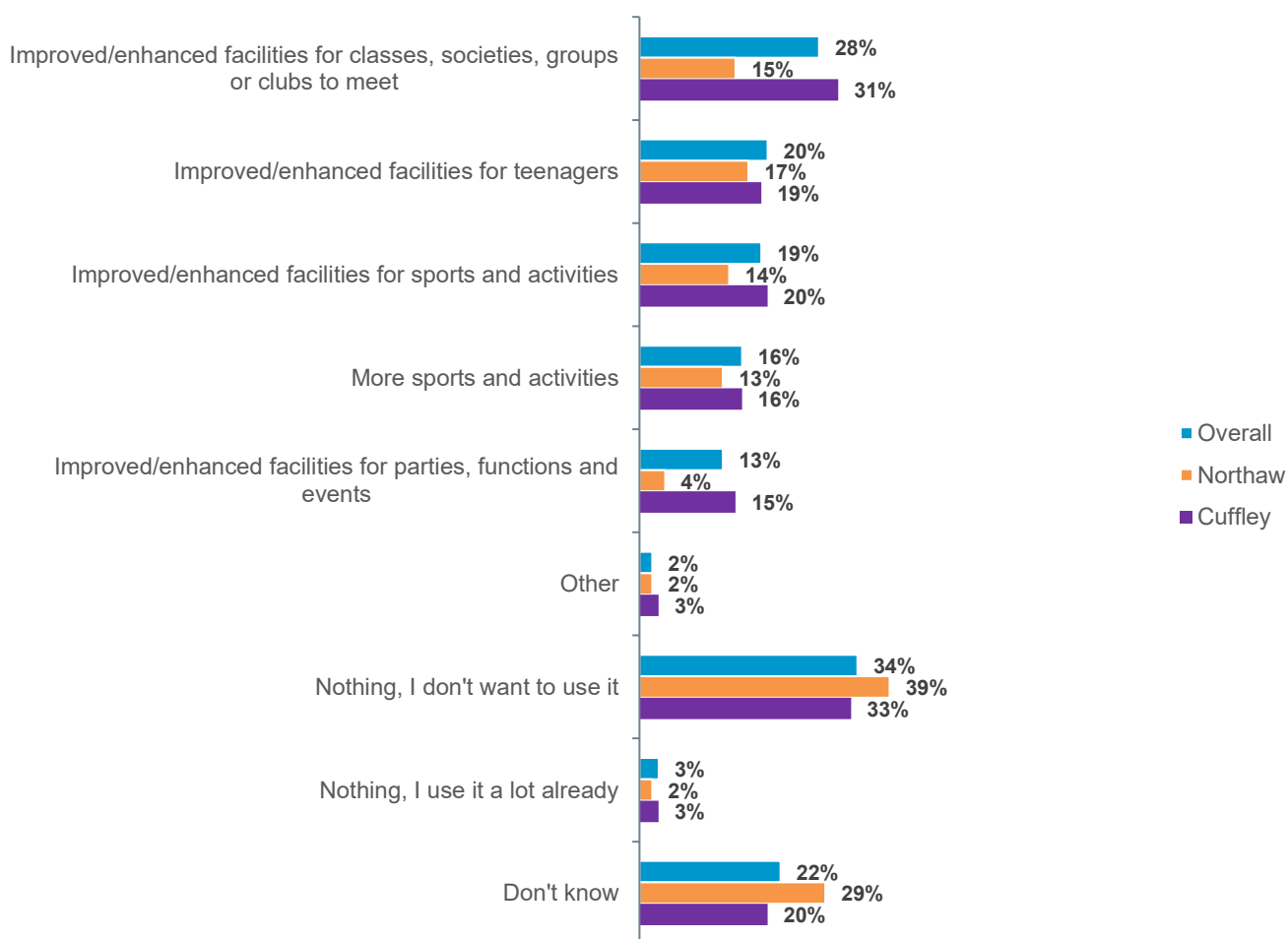
Three in ten (28%) respondents suggested improved or enhanced facilities for classes, societies, groups or clubs to meet, making this the most common suggestion in terms of what would encourage respondents to use the Youth Centre in Cuffley more. A further 20% suggested improved or enhanced facilities for teenagers, closely followed by 19% who suggested improved or enhanced facilities for sports and activities.

A third (34%) of respondents said they did not want to use the Youth Centre and just 3% said they use it a lot already.

Those living in Cuffley were significantly more likely to suggest improved or enhanced facilities for classes, societies, groups or clubs to meet (31%) and improved or enhanced facilities for parties, functions and events (15%) than those living in Northaw (15% and 4% respectively).

Figure 39 – Which of the following, if any, would make you likely to use the Youth Centre in Cuffley more?

Base: Overall (552); Those who live in Northaw (112); Those who live in Cuffley (407)



Subgroup analysis

Compared with those aged 65+, respondents aged **25-64** were more likely to say the following:

- Improved/enhanced facilities for classes, societies, groups or clubs to meet (33% compared with 23%)
- Improved/enhanced facilities for teenagers (25% compared with 14%)
- Improved/enhanced facilities for sports and activities (26% compared with 12%)
- More sports and activities (20% compared with 11%)

Those aged 65+, on the other hand, were more likely to say they **did not want to use it** (40%) when compared with younger respondents, particularly those aged 25-44 (15%).

The most common response amongst those who were a parent, carer or guardian was **improved/enhanced facilities for teenagers** (41%), whilst the most common response amongst those who were not a parent, carer or guardian was that they **did not want to use it** (39%).

A café at the Pavilion was suggested by 44% of respondents as something that would make them likely to use the King George V Playing Fields more. A quarter (24%) suggested a gym or small leisure centre, followed by 22% who said improved or enhanced facilities for sports and activities and a further 20% who said improved or enhanced car parking facilities.

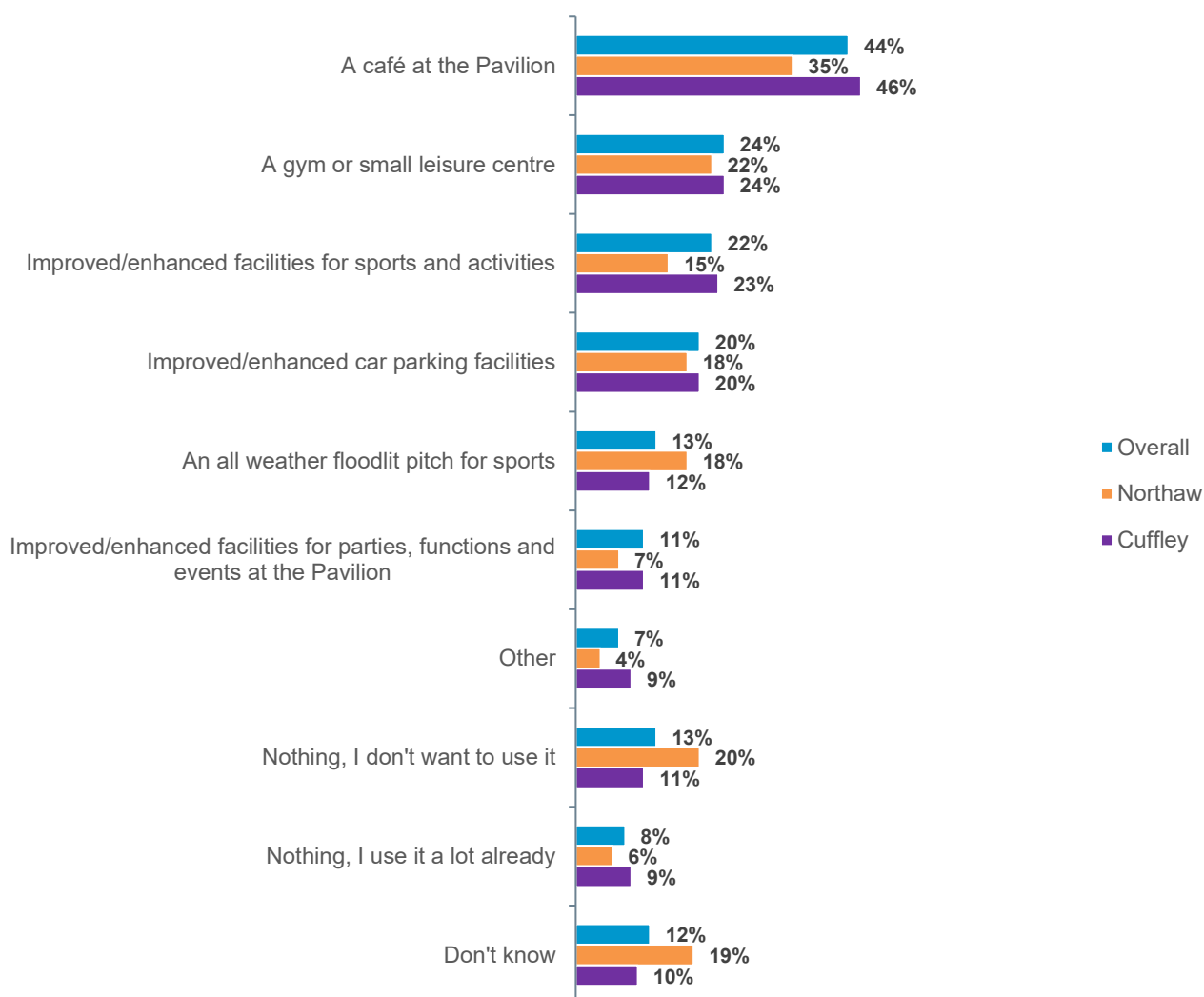
One in eight (13%) said they did not want to use the King George V Playing Fields and 8% said that nothing would encourage them to use it more because they already used it a lot.

Common ‘other’ responses included a path or track, improved or more play equipment and public toilets.

Cuffley residents were more likely than Northaw residents to suggest a café at the Pavilion (46% compared with 35%), whilst those living in Northaw were more likely to say they did not want to use it (20%) when compared with Cuffley residents (11%).

Figure 40 – Which of the following, if any, would make you likely to use the King George V Playing Fields more?

Base: Overall (558); Those who live in Northaw (114); Those who live in Cuffley (411)



Subgroup analysis

Subgroups more likely to select **café at the Pavilion** (44% overall) include:

- Those aged 25-64 (54%) compared with those aged 65+ (36%)
- Those who were a parent, carer or guardian (59%) compared with those who were not (41%)
- Those who had lived in Northaw & Cuffley five years or fewer (58%) compared with those who had lived there for 20+ years (39%)
- Those who were in work (53%) compared with those who were not (38%)

Subgroups more likely to select a **gym or small leisure centre** (24% overall) include:

- Those aged 16-44 (44%) compared with those aged 65+ (17%)
- Those who had lived in Northaw & Cuffley less than 20 years (32%) compared with those who had lived there for 20+ years (18%)
- Those who were in work (31%) compared with those who were not (19%)

Subgroups more likely to select **improved/enhanced facilities for sports and activities** (22% overall) include:

- Those aged 25-44 (42%) compared with any other age group, particularly those aged 65+ (18%)
- Those who were a parent, carer or guardian (37%) compared with those who were not (18%)
- Those who had lived in Northaw & Cuffley less than 10 years (32%) compared with those who had lived there for 11+ years (19%)

Compared with respondents who live in a household of one or two, those who lived in a **household of 3+** were more likely to say the following:

- Café at the Pavilion (56% compared with 38%)
- Gym or small leisure centre (34% compared with 19%)
- Improved/enhanced facilities for sports and activities (31% compared with 16%)

Subgroups more likely to say they **do not want to use the King George V Playing Fields** (13% overall) include:

- Those aged 65+ (17%) compared with younger respondents, particularly those aged 25-44 (2%)
- Those who were not a parent, carer or guardian (16%) compared with those who were (2%)
- Those who had lived in Northaw & Cuffley for 20+ years (17%) compared with those who had lived there for a shorter amount of time, particularly five years or fewer (3%)

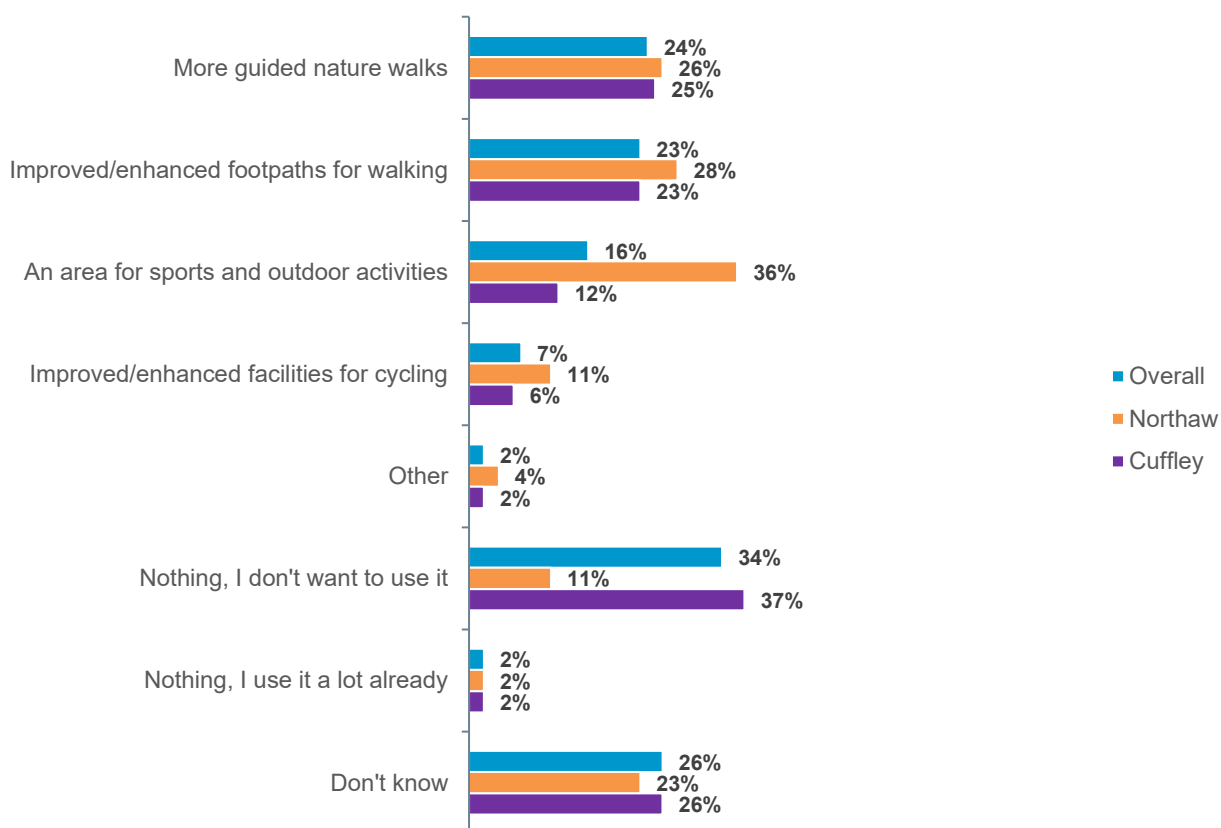
Similar proportions of respondents suggested that more guided nature walks (24%) and improved or enhanced footpaths for walking (23%) would make them more likely to use the Northaw Playing Fields. This was followed by 16% who suggested an area for sports and outdoor activities and 7% who said improved or enhanced facilities for cycling.

A third (34%) of respondents said that nothing would encourage them to use the Northaw Playing Fields more because they did not want to use it, compared with just 2% who said that nothing could encourage them to use it more because they use it a lot already.

Those living in Northaw were three times more likely than those living in Cuffley to suggest an area for sports and outdoor activities (36% compared with 12%), whilst those living in Cuffley were more likely to say they did not want to use the Northaw Playing Fields (37%) when compared with Northaw residents (11%).

Figure 41 – Which of the following, if any, would make you likely to use the Northaw Playing Fields more?

Base: Overall (298); Those who live in Northaw (47); Those who live in Cuffley (230)



Subgroup analysis

Respondents aged 16-44 were significantly more likely to say that **an area for sports and outdoor activities** would encourage them to visit the Northaw Playing Fields more (53%) than those aged 45+ (14%). Those aged 65+, on the other hand, were more inclined to say **they do not want to use it** (44%) than younger respondents, particularly those aged 25-44 (7%).

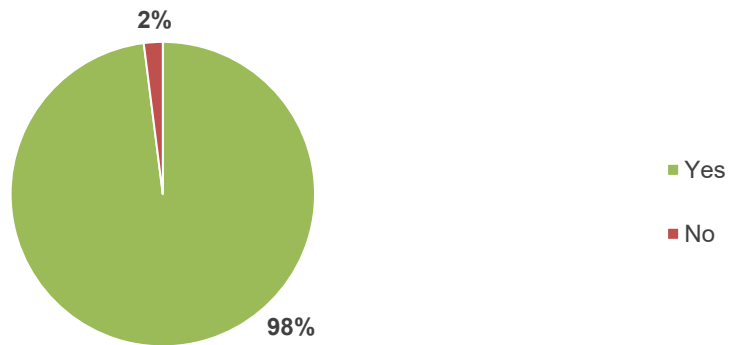
The most common response amongst those who were a parent, carer or guardian was **more guided nature walks** (45%), whereas the most common response amongst those who were not a parent, carer or guardian was that they **did not want to use it** (36%).

Perceptions of the Parish Council

The vast majority (98%) of respondents had heard of Northaw & Cuffley Parish Council before taking part in the survey.

Figure 42 – Before this survey, had you heard of Northaw & Cuffley Parish Council?

Base: 559



Subgroup analysis

Subgroups more likely to say they **had not heard** of Northaw & Cuffley Parish Council (2% overall) include:

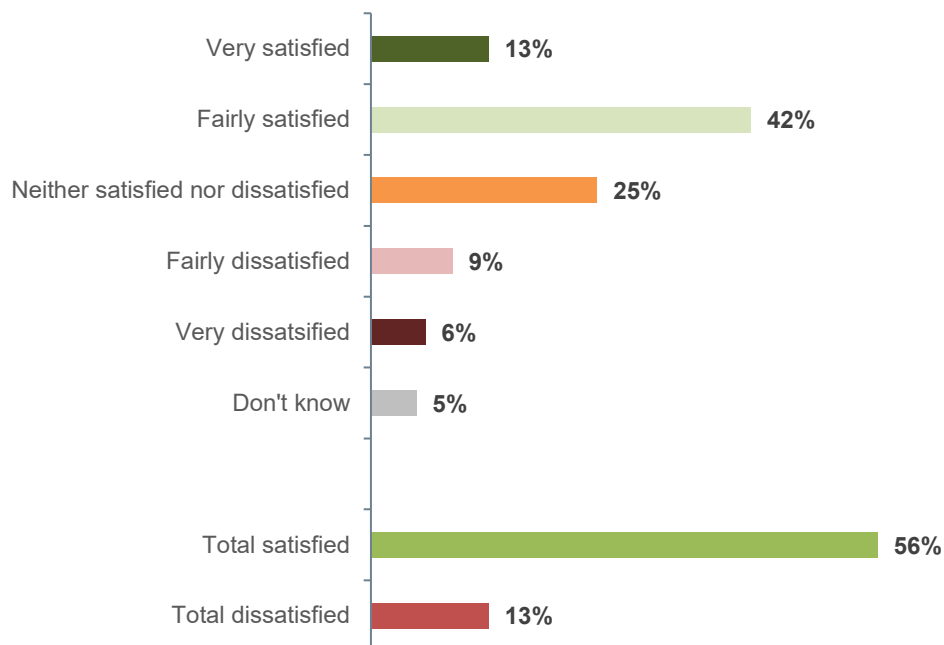
- Those aged 16-24 (13%) compared with older respondents, particularly those aged 45+ (1%)
- Those who had lived in Northaw & Cuffley for five years or fewer (6%) compared with those who had lived there for 6+ years (1%)

Those who had heard of Northaw and Cuffley Parish Council prior to the survey were asked how satisfied or dissatisfied they were with the way the Parish Council runs things, from a scale of *very satisfied* to *very dissatisfied*.

Respondents were more likely to be satisfied than dissatisfied, with 56% indicating they were *very satisfied* or *fairly satisfied*, compared with 13% who were *fairly dissatisfied* or *very dissatisfied*. A quarter (25%) of respondents said they were *neither satisfied nor dissatisfied* and a further 5% said they did not know.

Figure 43 – Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way Northaw & Cuffley Parish Council runs things?

Base: 547



Subgroup analysis

Subgroups more likely to indicate that they were **very satisfied or fairly satisfied** (56% overall) include:

- Those who lived in Cuffley (61%) compared with those who lived in Northaw (39%)
- Those who were not in work (61%) compared with those who were (51%)

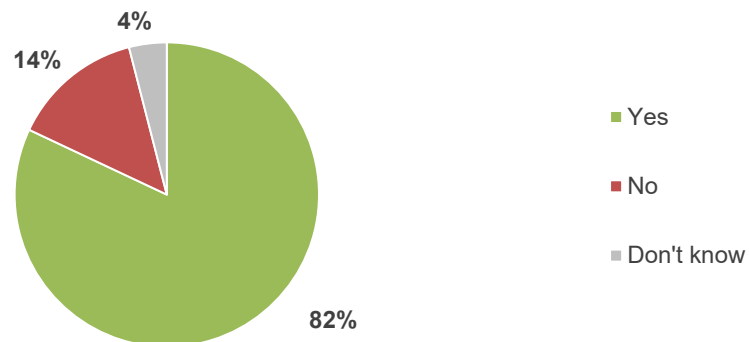
Subgroups more likely to indicate that they were **fairly dissatisfied or very dissatisfied** (13% overall) include:

- Business respondents (23%) compared with resident respondents (13%)
- Those aged 25-44 (30%) compared with any other age group, particularly those aged 45+ (12%)
- Those who were a parent, carer or guardian (19%) compared with those who were not (12%)

Eight in ten (82%) respondents who had heard of the Parish Council said they had received its 'Update' newsletter. A further 14% did not receive it and 4% said they did not know.

Figure 44 – Do you receive the Parish Council's newsletter 'Update'?

Base: 547



Subgroup analysis

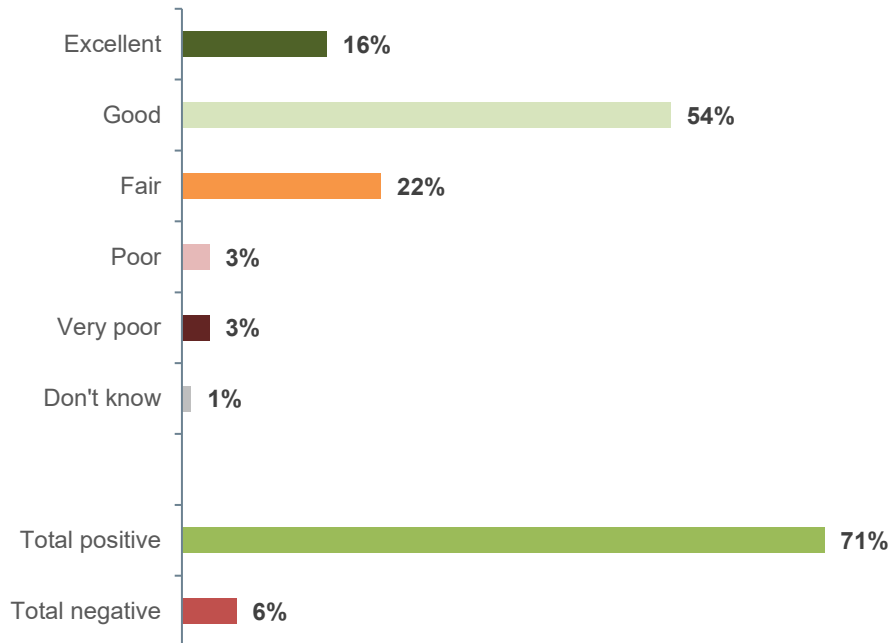
Subgroups more likely to say they **did not receive** the Parish Council's newsletter 'Update' (14% overall) include:

- Those aged 16-24 (69%) compared with older respondents, particularly those aged 65+ (11%)
- Those who lived in a single household (13%) or a household of 3+ (19%) compared with those who lived in a household of two (5%)
- Those who had lived in Northaw & Cuffley for five years or fewer (29%) compared with those who had lived there longer, particularly 11+ years (7%)
- Those who were in work (18%) compared with those who were not (11%)

Amongst those who did receive the Parish Council's newsletter 'Update', seven in ten (71%) rated it positively, as either *excellent* or *good*. Just 6% provided a negative rating of *poor* or *very poor*. A fifth (22%) said the newsletter was *fair* and only a very small proportion (1%) said they did not know.

Figure 45 – How would you rate the Parish Council's newsletter 'Update'?

Base: 449



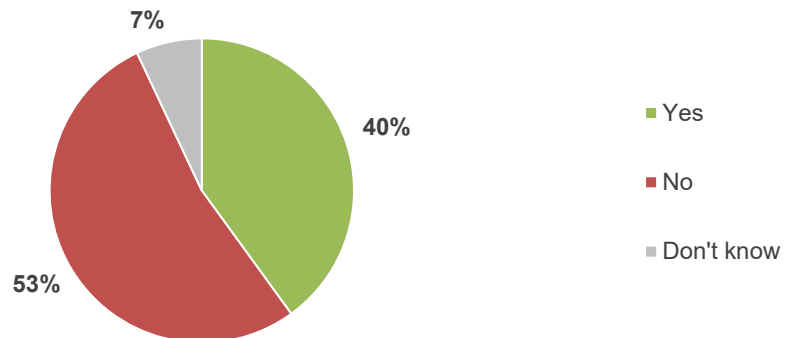
Subgroup analysis

Those who lived in a single household were more likely to rate the Parish Council's newsletter 'Update' as **excellent or good** (86%) than those who lived in a household of 2+ (68%).

Just over half (53%) of respondents said they had not visited the Parish Council’s website in the last year, compared with 40% who did.

Figure 46 – Have you visited the Parish Council’s website in the last year?

Base: 547



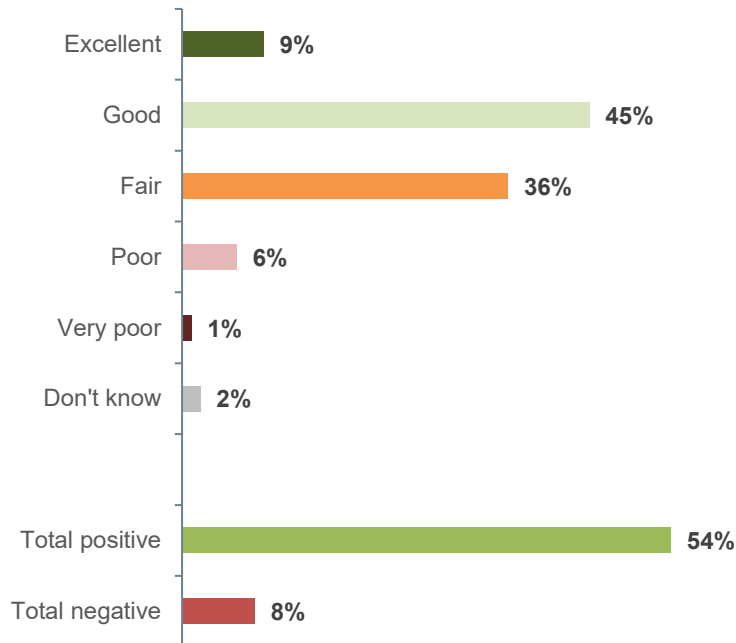
Subgroup analysis

Respondents who lived in a household of two were more likely to say they **had visited** the Parish Council’s website in the last year (47%) than those who lived in a single household (33%) and those who lived in a household of 3+ (36%).

Those who had visited the Parish Council’s website in the last year were asked to rate it on a scale of *excellent* to *very poor*. Over half (54%) of these respondents provided a positive rating of *excellent* or *good*, with just 8% rating it as *poor* or *very poor*. Over a third (36%) said it was fair, with a further 2% saying they did not know.

Figure 47 – How would you rate the Parish Council’s website?

Base: 219



Subgroup analysis

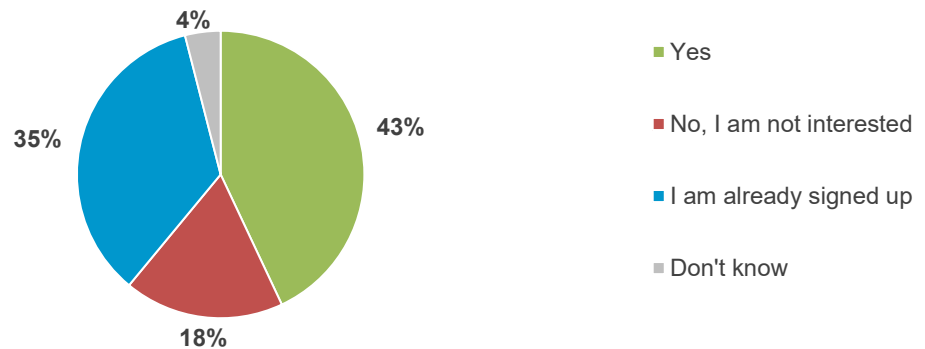
There were no statistically significant differences between subgroups.

A significant proportion (43%) of respondents said they were interested in signing up by email to receive e-newsletters and information from the Parish Council. These respondents were asked to provide their email address, with all email addresses being securely sent to the Parish Council upon the survey closing.

A fifth (18%) said they were not interested in signing up to receive e-newsletters from the Parish Council and over a third (35%) said they were already signed up.

Figure 48 – Are you interested in signing up by email to receive e-newsletters and information from the Parish Council?

Base: 559



Subgroup analysis

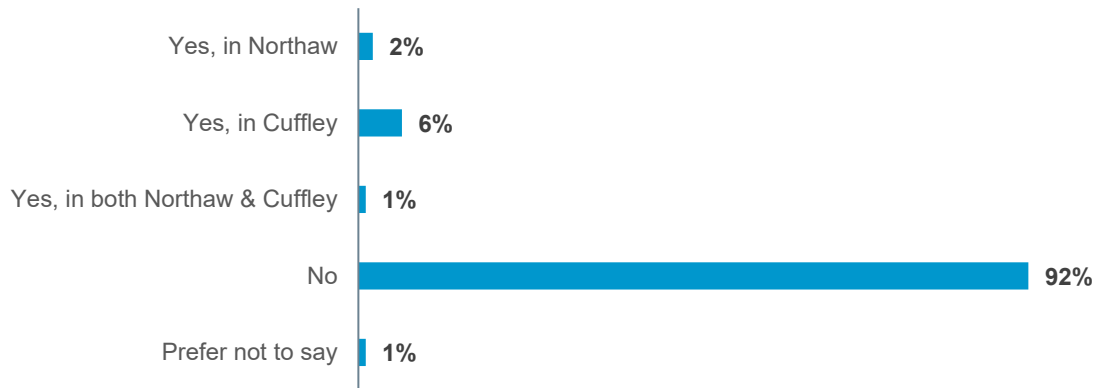
Those aged 25-44 were more likely than any other age group to **sign up** to receive e-newsletters and information from the Parish Council (54%), particularly those aged 16-24 (7%).

Businesses and organisations

The vast majority (92%) of respondents did not own or manage a business or organisation in Northaw and Cuffley. Small proportions of respondents said they owned or managed a business in Northaw (2%), Cuffley (6%) or in both Northaw & Cuffley (1%).

Figure 49 – Do you own or manage a business or organisation in Northaw & Cuffley?

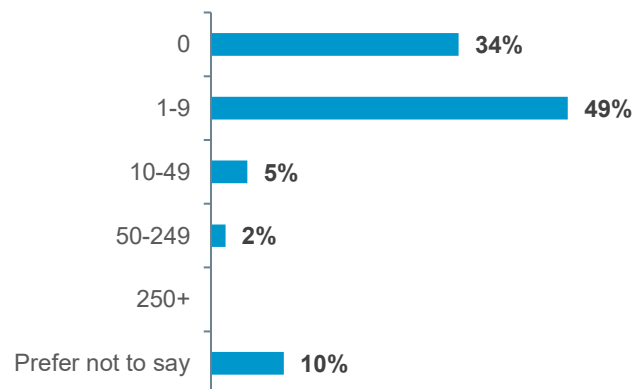
Base: 559



Amongst those who owned or managed a business or organisation in the community, the most common number of employees was 1-9 (49%), followed by 34% who worked as sole traders. Smaller proportions said their business or organisation employed 10-49 (5%) and 50-249 (2%). No respondents said they employed more than 250 people. A further 10% preferred not to say.

Figure 50 – Approximately how many people are employed by your business or organisation in Northaw & Cuffley?

Base: 41



Those who owned or managed a business or organisation in Northaw and Cuffley were finally asked what the Parish Council could do, if anything, to support their business or organisation. These free text responses have been thematically coded, with the findings presented in the table below. Due to the very small number of responses received to this question, caution is advised when drawing conclusions from the findings. Percentages have not been provided due to the small base size.

The most common response was that there was nothing the Parish Council could do or that the question was not applicable (6 respondents). This was mostly due to the business or organisation being based in Northaw and Cuffley but operating elsewhere, so respondents felt the Parish Council would be unable to help.

Three respondents suggested for more or cheaper parking facilities, followed by the suggestion to listen to and engage with residents and businesses (2 respondents) and to support the Northaw & Cuffley village halls (2 respondents). All other suggestions were made by one respondent only and can be seen in the table below.

Figure 51 – What can the Parish Council do, if anything, to support your business or organisation?

Base: 20

Response	Number
Nothing/not applicable	6
More/cheaper parking facilities	3
Listen to/engage with residents and businesses	2
Support Northaw & Cuffley village halls	2
Better internet	1
Better policing	1
Be more proactive/available	1
Complaint about questionnaire	1
Ease traffic congestion	1
Free advertising	1
More houses/stop being anti-planning	1
Stop spending money on unnecessary projects, e.g. football club and Pavilion	1

Appendices

Appendix A

Questionnaire

Northaw & Cuffley Community Survey

What is the survey about?

The Northaw & Cuffley Neighbourhood Plan will set out the vision for our community over the next 10-15 years. Northaw & Cuffley Parish Council is taking the lead, but this is your opportunity to help shape the Plan by telling us what you like and don't like about our community, your views on the future and what you think about the Parish Council.

In the Autumn there will be a public referendum on the Neighbourhood Plan with a majority community vote required to bring the Plan into force. This research is intended to align the Neighbourhood Plan with the community's views and secure a positive referendum outcome.

Who can take part in the survey?

We want to hear the views of everyone who lives in Northaw & Cuffley and we want to hear from as many people in your household as possible. Please answer the questions based on your own views and experiences, and encourage other people you live with or know in Northaw & Cuffley to take part.

We also want to hear the views of people who own or manage a business or organisation in Northaw & Cuffley.

Taking part in the survey

Taking part in the survey will take no more than 10 minutes. Taking part is voluntary, but your feedback is really valuable.

The survey closes at 5pm on Thursday 27 May 2021. Please make sure you return your completed questionnaire to the Northaw & Cuffley Parish Council office before then.

If you have any questions about taking part, please call the helpline on 0800 0092 117 or email helpline@enventure.co.uk

How we will use your information and your rights

Northaw & Cuffley Parish Council has asked an independent organisation, Enventure Research, to collect survey responses so that your individual response stays confidential. The Parish Council will receive a report on the aggregated survey findings and anonymised data from the survey.

If you provide your contact details to Enventure Research, they will only be used for research purposes related to this survey and will not be disclosed to any third parties.

For information about your data rights and who to contact please read the Enventure Research privacy policy which can be found online at www.enventure.co.uk/privacy

About you

Q1 **Do you live in...?**

Tick one option

- Northaw
- Cuffley
- Neither - I live elsewhere
- Prefer not to say

Q2 **What is your postcode? e.g. EN6 4JA**

You can leave it blank if you do not wish to provide it, but it will not be used to identify individual households

Q3 **Do you own or manage a business or organisation in Northaw & Cuffley?**

Tick one option

- Yes, in Northaw
- Yes, in Cuffley
- Yes, in both Northaw and Cuffley
- No
- Prefer not to say

Q4 **What is your age group?**

Tick one option

- 16-19 years
- 20-24 years
- 25-34 years
- 35-44 years
- 45-54 years
- 55-64 years
- 65-74 years
- 75 years or older
- Prefer not to say

Q5 **How many people live in your household?**

Tick one option

- 1 (just me)
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5 or more
- Prefer not to say

Q6 Are you a parent, carer or guardian of a child or young person aged 0-18?

Tick all that apply

- No
- Yes, aged under 5
- Yes, aged 5-10
- Yes, aged 11-18
- Prefer not to say

Q7 How long have you lived in Northaw or Cuffley?

Tick one option

- Less than one year
- 1-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11-20 years
- More than 20 years
- Prefer not to say

Q8 Which of these best describes you?

Tick one option

- Employed full-time **GO TO Q9**
- Employed part-time **GO TO Q9**
- Self-employed **GO TO Q9**
- Temporarily away from work (e.g. maternity or paternity leave/sick leave/other approved leave) **GO TO Q11**
- In full-time education **GO TO Q11**
- Not employed **GO TO Q11**
- Retired **GO TO Q11**
- Other **GO TO Q9**
- Prefer not to say **GO TO Q11**

Other

Please specify

Q9 **Where do you work? If you are working from home currently due to the pandemic, please select where you are likely to be working once restrictions have been lifted.**
Tick one option

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="radio"/> At home | <input type="radio"/> Northaw |
| <input type="radio"/> Cheshunt | <input type="radio"/> Potters Bar |
| <input type="radio"/> Cuffley | <input type="radio"/> Welwyn Garden City |
| <input type="radio"/> Hatfield | <input type="radio"/> In multiple locations |
| <input type="radio"/> Hertford | <input type="radio"/> Other |
| <input type="radio"/> City of London | <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to say |
| <input type="radio"/> Greater London | |

Other

Please specify

Q10 **And what is the most common way you travel to work? Again, if you are working from home currently due to the pandemic, please select how you are likely to travel to work once restrictions have been lifted.**

Tick one option

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Car/van (as driver) | <input type="radio"/> Bicycle |
| <input type="radio"/> Car/van (as passenger) | <input type="radio"/> Motorbike |
| <input type="radio"/> Bus | <input type="radio"/> Taxi |
| <input type="radio"/> Train | <input type="radio"/> Other |
| <input type="radio"/> On foot | <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to say |

Other

Please specify

Northaw & Cuffley as a place to live

Q11 **Overall, how much do you like or dislike Northaw & Cuffley as a place to live?**
Tick one option

- Strongly like
- Somewhat like
- Neither like nor dislike
- Somewhat dislike
- Strongly dislike
- Don't know

Q12 What do you like most about living in Northaw & Cuffley, if anything?

Tick up to six

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sense of community | <input type="checkbox"/> Choice of pubs, restaurants and bars |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friendliness of people | <input type="checkbox"/> Leisure and sport facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proximity to London | <input type="checkbox"/> Look and appearance of the community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local transport network | <input type="checkbox"/> Proximity to friends and family |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proximity to countryside | <input type="checkbox"/> I've lived here all my life |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local walking and cycling routes | <input type="checkbox"/> Variety of housing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parks and recreation areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Schools | <input type="checkbox"/> Nothing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local facilities and amenities | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shops and retail offering | |

Other

Please specify

Q13 And what do you dislike most about living in Northaw & Cuffley, if anything?

Tick up to six

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic and congestion | <input type="checkbox"/> Choice of pubs, restaurants and bars |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Air pollution | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of leisure and sport facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Noise pollution | <input type="checkbox"/> Look and appearance of the community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State of roads and/or footpaths | <input type="checkbox"/> Over development of the area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of cycling and walking routes | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State of parks and recreation areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Nothing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of local facilities and amenities | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |

Other

Please specify

Q16 Before the Covid-19 pandemic, what did you use or visit Cuffley Hall for?
*Please leave blank if you did not use or visit Cuffley Hall before the Covid-19 pandemic.
Tick as many as apply*

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attended a wedding | <input type="checkbox"/> Attended a class, society, group or club meeting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attended a party | <input type="checkbox"/> Attend a public meeting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attended a concert | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attended a play or show | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Played badminton | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know / Can't remember |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Played bowls | |

Other

Please specify

Q17 Before the Covid-19 pandemic, what did you use or visit Northaw Village Hall for?
Please leave blank if you did not use or visit Northaw Village Hall before the Covid-19 pandemic. Tick as many as apply

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attended a party | <input type="checkbox"/> Attend a public meeting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attended a concert | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attended a play or show | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attended a class, society, group or club meeting | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know / Can't remember |

Other

Please specify

Q18 Before the Covid-19 pandemic, what did you use or visit the Youth Centre in Cuffley for?
Please leave blank if you did not use or visit the Youth Centre in Cuffley before the Covid-19 pandemic. Tick as many as apply

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ridgeway Theatre School | <input type="checkbox"/> Attended Day Care Centre |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attended a party | <input type="checkbox"/> Attended organised youth activity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sports activities or fitness class | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attended a class, society, group or club meeting (not related to fitness) | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know / Can't remember |

Other

Please specify

What's going on in Northaw & Cuffley

Q24 **How do you usually find out about things that are happening in Northaw & Cuffley?**

Tick as many as apply

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook | <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Council website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Instagram | <input type="checkbox"/> Email newsletters from Parish Council |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Twitter | <input type="checkbox"/> Nextdoor website/app |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth / other people | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local newspapers | <input type="checkbox"/> I do not find out about things that are happening |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northaw & Cuffley Parish Council Update magazine | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Notice boards | |

Other

Please specify

Future of Northaw & Cuffley

Q25 **What, if anything, most worries you about the future of Northaw & Cuffley?**

Tick up to six

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pressure on medical facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability of housing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pressure on facilities for children and young people | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of public transport options |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pressure on facilities for older people | <input type="checkbox"/> More traffic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pressure on facilities for disabled people | <input type="checkbox"/> Worse air quality / pollution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pressure on school places | <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of identity and community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pressure on parking | <input type="checkbox"/> Higher crime levels |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pressure on leisure facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Over development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fewer jobs and businesses | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fewer affordable rental properties | <input type="checkbox"/> I do not have any worries |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |

Other

Please specify

As part of the Neighbourhood Plan Process, the Parish Council will be allocating financial resources for investment in community facilities over the next 10 to 15 years.

Q26 How much do you agree or disagree with that investment being prioritised in...?
Tick one answer for each option

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Cuffley Hall	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Northaw Village Hall	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youth Centre	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
King George V Playing Fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Northaw Playing Fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Station Road area	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Facilities and things to do for pre-school children	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Facilities and things to do for children aged 5-11	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Facilities and things to do for children and young people aged 12-18	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Facilities and things to do for adults aged 18-65	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Facilities and things to do for adults aged 65+	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q27 Which of the following, if any, would make you likely to use Cuffley Hall more?
Tick as many as apply

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> More public shows/events | <input type="checkbox"/> Modernisation of facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Provision of a bar on a permanent basis | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Provision of a cafe on a permanent basis | <input type="checkbox"/> Nothing, I don't want to use it |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improved/enhanced facilities for parties, functions and events | <input type="checkbox"/> Nothing, I use it a lot already |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enhance the wedding package offer | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |

Other
Please specify

Q28 Which of the following, if any, would make you likely to use Northaw Village Hall more?

Tick as many as apply

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improved/enhanced facilities for parties, functions and events | <input type="checkbox"/> Nothing, I don't want to use it |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improved/enhanced facilities for classes, societies, groups or clubs to meet | <input type="checkbox"/> Nothing, I use it a lot already |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |

Other

Please specify

Q29 Which of the following, if any, would make you likely to use the Youth Centre in Cuffley more?

Tick as many as apply

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improved/enhanced facilities for parties, functions and events | <input type="checkbox"/> Improved/enhanced facilities for teenagers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improved/enhanced facilities for classes, societies, groups or clubs to meet | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More sports and activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Nothing, I don't want to use it |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improved/enhanced facilities for sports and activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Nothing, I use it a lot already |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |

Other

Please specify

Q30 Which of the following, if any, would make you likely to use the King George V Playing Fields in Cuffley more?

Tick as many as apply

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improved/enhanced facilities for parties, functions and events at the Pavilion | <input type="checkbox"/> Improved/enhanced car parking facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A cafe at the Pavilion | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A gym or small leisure centre | <input type="checkbox"/> Nothing, I don't want to use it |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improved/enhanced facilities for sports and activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Nothing, I use it a lot already |
| <input type="checkbox"/> An all weather floodlit pitch for sports | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |

Other

Please specify

Q31 Which of the following, if any, would make you likely to use Northaw Playing Fields more?

Tick as many as apply

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> More guided nature walks | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improved/enhanced facilities for cycling | <input type="checkbox"/> Nothing, I don't want to use it |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improved/enhanced footpaths for walking | <input type="checkbox"/> Nothing, I use it a lot already |
| <input type="checkbox"/> An area for sports and outdoor activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |

Other

Please specify

Owning or managing a business or organisation in Northaw & Cuffley

Please only answer the following questions if you own or manage a business or organisation in Northaw & Cuffley. Please leave the questions blank if you do not.

Q32 Approximately how many people are employed by your business or organisation in Northaw & Cuffley?

Tick one option

- 0
- 1 - 9
- 10 - 49
- 50 - 249
- 250+
- Prefer not to say

Q33 What can the Parish Council do, if anything, to support your business or organisation?

Northaw & Cuffley Parish Council

Q34 Before this survey, had you heard of Northaw & Cuffley Parish Council?

Tick one option

- Yes **GO TO Q35**
- No **GO TO Q40**

Q35 Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way Northaw & Cuffley Parish Council runs things?

Tick one option

- Very satisfied
- Fairly satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Fairly dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied
- Don't know

Q36 Do you receive the Parish Council's newsletter 'Update'?

Tick one option

- Yes **GO TO Q37**
- No **GO TO Q38**
- Don't know **GO TO Q38**

Q37 How would you rate the Parish Council's newsletter 'Update'?

Tick one option

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Very poor
- Don't know

Q38 Have you visited the Parish Council's website in the last year?

Tick one option

- Yes **GO TO Q39**
- No **GO TO Q40**
- Don't know / Can't remember **GO TO Q40**

Q39 How would you rate the Parish Council's website?

Tick one option

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Very poor
- Don't know

Q40 And finally, are you interested in signing up by email to receive e-newsletters and information from the Parish Council, including future information about the Neighbourhood Plan?

Tick one option

- Yes
- No, I am not interested
- I am already signed up
- Don't know

If you would like to sign up to receive e-newsletters and information from the Parish Council, please provide your email address in the box below.

Enventure Research will share the details you provide with the Parish Council so that they can send you e-newsletters and information by email. Your details will not be used for any other purpose nor shared with any other third parties. Your details will be kept separate from your survey answers, meaning that you will not be identified in any way in the survey responses. By providing your details, you are consenting to Enventure Research sharing them with Northaw & Cuffley Parish Council.

For more information about your data rights, please visit Northaw & Cuffley Parish Council's website and Enventure Research's website.

Q41 Email address

Thank you for taking the time to take part in the survey. Your views are greatly appreciated.

Please return your completed questionnaire to the Northaw & Cuffley Parish Council office before 5pm on Thursday 27 May 2021.

Appendix B

Written submissions

Submission 1

We have big concerns and worries about the hazards at the exit of The Meadway to the junction with Station Road. When you want to exit you have to pullout a distance to have full view, but the traffic flow is so fast that there's always a risk of collision, and putting walking pedestrians at risk. The traffic on Station Road is increasing all the time as its a cut through avoiding the M25. It is a very busy road and the speed of the traffic is very disturbing, if there are any local road works or disruption its total chaos. No one slows down on the approach to the railway station roundabout, so their speed just continues on the incline up to Cuffley Hill.

There is also several planning applications one for in excess of 60 new homes planned for the end of The Meadway which is a T end road one way in&out, and Cuffley Motors to potentially have 2/3 storey block of flats, meaning this small road being overwhelmed with several 100's more vehicles, all with NO plans to change the infrastructure of the immediate vicinity.

Station Road certainly needs some changes to control the speed of the traffic, speed cameras would definitely help and improvements to the Station Road roundabout so cars done just drive straight over it!

Submission 2

Suggestions for a PC response to Climate Change should be made e.g. electric charging points, tree planting etc. Village community life depends on volunteers. The PC need plans to support Community group participation.

The Village does not need a new football club. The current one which has been totally refurbished should not be flattened and turned into a car park.

The plan for a MUGA at KGV should only go ahead when all other options have been consulted on. Non-team recreational/play facilities for the over 12s are desperately needed to counter the attractions of drug taking which is evidenced by countless nitrous oxide canisters.

In Cuffley much community activity is based at Cuffley Hall. A permanent bar would conflict with use of the Hall by community groups (which include childrens activities). It is unlikely that a permanent bar would conform with Charity Commission restrictions. A bar/café would compete with established businesses.

The Kidston Institute is also a Village Hall and its further development for this old building should be included in the survey.

Pedestrians get a poor deal right across the Parish. Former rural roads in places have either no pavements or a path only on one side. A survey should be made to inform improvements.

Lack of action by the authorities regarding the traffic hazards at The Meadway T junction with Station Road. This T junction is extremely hazardous for vehicles exiting The Meadway to access Station Road (the B156) due to the restricted visibility in both directions on this main road. From the east on the B156, approaching vehicles are hidden by the brow of a hill. To the west, vehicles leaving the station car park are hidden by a block of flats. Additionally the B156 is recognised as a heavily trafficked route and has a speed limit of 30mph which is largely ignored. The situation will become even worse with the scale of new homes, approved by the Parish Council, for The Meadway. A junction assessment should be undertaken before there are any further accidents.

Submission 3

We are extremely worried about over development in the area – particularly if it is built on green belt land – this cannot be replaced and our farmers need to be encouraged to grow our own food and stop airmiles and keep our air cleaner and help London's pollution too with our green spaces. Planners need to wait to see whether after Covid and Brexit we will need all this extra housing around London or whether working from home will mean people will be able to move further away from London or able to take up office space that is no longer used.

We already have far too much traffic flowing through Cuffley and Goffs Oak and more and more housing will cause even more traffic congestion, holdups and pollution. Every morning and evening traffic comes to a standstill in Cuffley and all the way up to Goffs Oak and beyond. It should be taken into consideration the amount of housing development in Goffs Oak and the extra thousands of cars and vehicles which will be a result of this and will spill back to Cuffley and cause even greater congestion and pollution. (We know thousands sounds a lot but if you take into account 600 odd houses on one estate – two cars per family to and fro every day plus visiting family, friends, deliveries, rubbish collections, etc it soon mounts up).

Our roads and pavements in Cuffley are in a sorry state and unfortunately since Covid the speed of the traffic through our village has dangerously increased. We need better speed restrictions. Unfortunately, Welwyn and Hatfield seem to put us last on the list for road and pavement repairs.

Station Road is scruffy and is not kept well by the Parish Council – the flower beds are ill kempt and there are two lots of unnecessary lighting through the village but local roads are in darkness late at night and present dangers for people coming home late by public transport.

Cuffley Hall is a facility for local people to use. It is scruffy and not well managed. It is not a commercial enterprise but was built for the people of Cuffley and should not be made into a café (we have enough of them in the village already) or a pub!!

King George Playing Fields are a great asset to our village. This is our 'jewel in the crown' - They are well used and on the whole well kept. Again we do not want commercial enterprises to take over. We do not need a café (we have plenty in the village now) or a bar which is open to the public in a playing area. This is a park and needs to be well respected not made into a pub in the middle of playing fields. We are concerned that a large pavilion will overwhelm the park and change the character of this great facility.

Submission 4

It gives me great concern that the further developments -present and future - planned for Cuffley and/or affecting the entry to and exit from The Meadway appear to take no cognisance of the several hazards at the junction of The Meadway and Station Road. I believe it to be essential that these are not just recognised but avoidance measures incorporated within the overall planning from the outset. The detail of the prospective hazards – visual and congestion – posing great risks to safety and reasonable timing of movement -are I believe well known.

Submission 5

The traffic is hazardous here and to get out into Station Road is dangerous. As if things aren't bad enough there are several building projects in being and one threatened at the top of our road. All of the traffic goes onto Cuffley Hill and subsequently Station Road.

There should be traffic calming put in place on Cuffley Hill and a roundabout at the bottom of The Meadway so that people have a chance of exiting safely. Cuffley seems eager to build but the existing roads are inadequate.

Submission 6

Under the section 'Current Facilities' only 5 facilities were presented. Homewood and Northaw Community Orchard (both public green spaces), The Kidstone Institute and the Community Library are excluded, all of which are owned by or leased from NCPC and are worthy of comment and inclusion in the survey. These were also not listed under the section 'Future of Northaw and Cuffley' so there was no opportunity to suggest that investment should be prioritised for these facilities too.

Cuffley Hall – I understand that Cuffley Hall presently provides a venue for various community groups to meet. I would not like these to be reduced because of an increase in commercial ventures. If there are any spaces in their timetable, community groups should be favoured.

King George V Playing Fields

- There is no explanation of what is meant by 'the Pavilion'. This does not currently exist on the site.
- Facilities such as a café would be better placed at the other end of the field where the playground is, as this is where people congregate.
- Toilets would also be useful at this end of the field.
- I would not want an all weather floodlit pitch or any extra pitches as these already take up the majority of the site. Land taken up by this would be better used for other activities.
- Gyms and leisure centres are available locally.

In addition to the list I would like to see:

- play facilities for older children/youths e.g. a skatepark and large zip wire,
- an all-weather surfaced running/walking track around the field,
- areas of the field devoted to increased biodiversity

General comments

The scope of the survey is very limited – as mentioned above, a number of facilities have been missed out. There is no opportunity to comment on green space in particular and the parish council's statutory obligation to increase biodiversity on its land has been ignored as a subject for the survey. For example I would like the council to take into account resident's views on Homewood and Northaw Community Orchard which are public green spaces which could also benefit from investment. Homewood in particular, desperately needs proper management. There is no opportunity to comment on future sustainability such as the provision of electric car charge points, solar panels on public buildings etc. The survey seems to have been written by the council without any consultation with facilities managers and local businesses. Consequently I feel it was very limited in its scope. I also felt that many of the options were 'leading questions'. Piloting before it was launched where these issues could have been raised would have been useful.

Submission 7

General

- The questions are too directed with virtually no room for free text and so make it difficult for residents to give answers outside of the specific questions asked.
- The range of questions is puzzling. Why ask about the two playing fields and yet not about other recreational open spaces such as Home Wood, the Great Wood or the Orchard? Also why have only 3 of 5 halls for hire been included – why not St Andrews Church Hall or Kidstone?

Specifics

- There isn't a pavilion at KGV so questions about one don't make sense unless you ask if people if they want one in the first place. The current changing rooms don't have a capacity for a gym, café or functions area.
- 'Improved/enhanced facilities for sports and activities' is too vague without allowing people free text to say what they would like. Personally I would like to see an extension of the very popular children's play area.
- Why ask specifically about a permanent bar or café at Cuffley Hall? Cuffley Hall in a recent email said they did not suggest this, so the question is why ask specifically for there but not at the other halls? Why ask it at all?
- It talks about future investment at the 3 halls. As they are all independent charities, this doesn't make any sense without saying through what mechanism.

What I would like is more engagement from the NCPC with the community in a meaningful way rather than this arms-length directed manner at present. I want more investment in the green space and a concentration on green/environmental issues. I want the community to be clearly engaged with the plans for KGV in which the majority of investment is with the football club and yet the majority of football club members are not Parish residents. Do the residents agree to spend £200k of their money facilitating the leisure activities of non-residents at the football club?



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Appendix D Regulation 14 webpages

NCPC Draft Neighbourhood Plan

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NCPC Draft Neighbourhood Plan Document

Northaw & Cuffley Parish Council are very pleased to be able to present the draft copy of our Neighbourhood Plan.

[Click here to download the NCPC Draft Neighbourhood Plan Document \(PDF\)](#)

From Monday, 20th September, hard copies of the Plan can be viewed at the Reception of Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council, at their Council Offices, The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 6AE. Opening hours are: Monday – Thursday 9am – 5pm, Friday: 9am – 4.45pm

Copies can also be viewed at the Parish Council Offices, 7 Maynard Place, Cuffley, EN6 4JA.
Standard office hours: Monday and Thursday 13.00 – 17.00 and Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
10.00 – 14.00. Opening hours are dependant on staff availability, please see locally posted
information for updates.



This document is the result of nearly a year of consultation with a volunteer Steering Group of Parish residents, advised by AECOM a planning and infrastructure specialist, and the Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to thank all involved for their hard work and dedication towards this project.

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

In very simple terms, a Neighbourhood Plan is a document setting out a long term vision for the future of the local area, consisting of planning policies written by the people who actually live and work in the Parish rather than by the Local Planning Authority.

However, this isn't a planning document drawn up by members of the Parish Council, this is a collaborative, community lead plan that will directly affect the future of everyone living and working in this Parish.

Unlike the Local Plan (produced by Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council) which deals with the growth and infrastructure of our two villages, the Neighbourhood Plan is a roadmap for how this growth, and local facilities, can be designed to meet local preferences and community needs.

For more information on how the NCPC Neighbourhood Plan has been developed and produced, please click on the link below which will take you to the Neighbourhood Plan pages on our website.

<https://northawcuffleypc.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan/>



What happens now?

In the next stage of the Neighbourhood Plan process we ask you, the residents of Northaw and Cuffley, whether you agree with the conclusions that we have drawn and our vision for the future for our community.

To give everyone a chance to read the plan, discuss it, and ask questions, this consultation period will continue until midnight on 1st November.

Please send your comments to the Parish Council offices at 7 Maynard Place, Cuffley, EN6 4JA, email to officemanager@northawcuffleypc.org.uk , or call us on 01707 875 825.

When providing feedback, residents will need to provide their full name, street name (house number is not required) and postcode. All feedback provided will be shared in full with the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and other entities responsible for amending and updating the neighbourhood plan.

if you didn't manage to attend one of the two community consultation sessions held earlier this month the presentations can be viewed using this link to take you to another page in our website.

[Link to Recordings of the Neighbourhood Plan Presentations](#)

What happens next?

Once this initial consultation period is complete, and your community feedback has been fed back into the Neighbourhood Plan document, the Parish Council will submit the Neighbourhood Plan document to Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council for consideration.

The final stage prior to the adoption of the Neighbourhood Plan will be a public referendum, we are currently assuming this will be in early 2022, when all residents will be officially asked to come out and vote on whether you want to formally adopt the Neighbourhood Plan document.

We will share further details on the subsequent stages of this process, as soon as it becomes available.

Update 15th October:

The Parish Council were very pleased to receive the SEA/HRA screening determination for the Neighbourhood Plan from Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council, this document can be accessed below along with the Initial Screening Assessment, which includes the consultee responses, and the Statement of Reasons.

[Determination letter Northaw Cuffley NP SEA HRA October 2021 \(PDF\)](#)

[Northaw & Cuffley NP SEA HRA Screening \(PDF\)](#)



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Neighbourhood Planning is a new way for communities to get involved in planning the future of their areas.

Communities have been encouraged to get involved in planning for their areas for many years through the preparation of their own parish plans and village statements, and through consultation on the Local Plan and other planning documents. This hasn't changed.

However, communities can now work with Parish and Town Councils to create Neighbourhood Development Plans, and if they wish Neighbourhood Development Orders. The easiest way to get involved in Neighbourhood Planning is through your local [Parish Council or Town Council](#). However, it is not compulsory to prepare a neighbourhood plan; the decision will rest with the town and parish councils.

In Welwyn Garden City, where there is no town or parish council, the local community can come together and form a Neighbourhood Forum, which is then designated by the council to carry out neighbourhood planning functions if it meets certain requirements.

Find out more about neighbourhood planning by reading our Frequently Asked Questions or by looking at the [Related Links](#) on this page.

There are certain procedures that must be followed if you would like to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan or Order. If you are a Town or Parish Council, or live in Welwyn Garden City and would like to form a Neighbourhood Forum, please get in touch with us to discuss your proposals at an early stage.



Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council has approved a request from Welwyn Parish Council to have their area designated as a Neighbourhood Area. The Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2016, no longer require the Borough Council to undertake a consultation in regards to this, as the Neighbourhood area covers the Parish area.

Welwyn Parish Council is the relevant body (under Schedule 9 Part 1 Paragraph 61G (2) (a) of the Localism Act 2011) and is responsible for the production of the Neighbourhood Plan, whilst being assisted and advised by the Borough Council. A plan showing the extent of the [Welwyn Neighbourhood Area](#), is available to view.

Northaw and Cuffley Neighbourhood area

Following an application from Northaw and Cuffley Parish Council, Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council has designated a Neighbourhood Area for Northaw and Cuffley for the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan. The designated Neighbourhood Area is to be known as the Northaw and Cuffley Neighbourhood Area.

This follows a seven-week consultation period which concluded on 13 August 2014.

Northaw and Cuffley Parish Council have published their Draft Neighbourhood Plan for consultation. The formal consultation period runs between **Monday 20th September 2021 to Monday 1st November 2021.**

A digital copy of the Neighbourhood Plan and further details of the proposals can be found on the Northaw and Cuffley Parish Council website:

<https://northawcuffleypc.org.uk/draft-neighbourhood-plan/>

Hard copies of the plan will be available to view at the Parish Council offices and at Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council, The Campus, Welwyn Garden City in reception during opening hours throughout the consultation period.

Please note this is a consultation by the Parish Council.

Comments can be submitted to the Parish Council as follows:

By Post:

c/o Sally Griffiths, Office Manager



Cuffley, Herts.

EN6 4JA

By Email:

officemanager@northawcuffleypc.org.uk

A neighbourhood plan enables local communities to set out a vision for the future of a neighbourhood and establish planning policies for the development and use of land within a defined area.

A plan showing the extent of the [Northaw and Cuffley Neighbourhood Area](#), is available to view

Neighbourhood Planning in Welwyn Hatfield Frequently Asked Questions

- [What is Neighbourhood Planning?](#)
- [Who will take the lead in neighbourhood planning?](#)
- [What is a Neighbourhood Plan?](#)
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- [Will financial support be available to support a neighbourhood plan?](#)
- [Does a neighbourhood development plan have to conform with Welwyn Hatfield's Local Plan?](#)
- [What is the local plan for the area?](#)
- [Can a Neighbourhood Development Plan prevent permitted development?](#)
- [Where can I find more information?](#)

What is Neighbourhood Planning?

Neighbourhood planning is a new tier of planning aimed at empowering communities to shape the development and growth of a local area.

Appendix E Consultation bodies

Schedule 1 Consultation Bodies	Organisation
(b)a local planning authority, county council or parish council any part of whose area is in or adjoins the area of the local planning authority;	Broxbourne
	Enfield
	Hatfield Parish Council
	Hertsmere
	North Mymms Parish Council
	Hertfordshire County Council
(c)the Coal Authority(1);	Coal Authority
(d)the Homes and Communities Agency(2);	Homes England
(e)Natural England(3);	Natural England
(f)the Environment Agency(4);	EA
(g)the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England (known as English Heritage)(5);	Historic England
(h)Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (company number 2904587);	Network Rail
(i)the Highways Agency;	Highways England
(j)the Marine Management Organisation(6);	N/A
(k)any person—	
(i)to whom the electronic communications code applies by virtue of a direction given under section 106(3)(a) of the Communications Act 2003; and	BT
(ii)who owns or controls electronic communications apparatus situated in any part of the area of the local planning authority;	Ibid
(l)where it exercises functions in any part of the neighbourhood area—	
(i)a Primary Care Trust established under section 18 of the National Health Service Act 2006(7) or continued in existence by virtue of that section;	East and North Hertfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
(ii)a person to whom a licence has been granted under section 6(1)(b) and (c) of the Electricity Act 1989(8);	National Grid

(iii)a person to whom a licence has been granted under section 7(2) of the Gas Act 1986(9);	Cadent Gas
(iv)a sewerage undertaker; and	Thames Water
(v)a water undertaker;	Ibid
(m)voluntary bodies some or all of whose activities benefit all or any part of the neighbourhood area;	Northaw and Cuffley Residents Association
(n)bodies which represent the interests of different racial, ethnic or national groups in the neighbourhood area;	Emails sent to WHBC, HCC and local organisations
(o)bodies which represent the interests of different religious groups in the neighbourhood area;	Northaw and Cuffley CofE Churches Life Church, Cuffley St Martin de Porres Roman Catholic Church, Cuffley Oshwal Temple, Northaw
(p)bodies which represent the interests of persons carrying on business in the neighbourhood area; and	Leaflet shared with all Business Owners and Managers in Station Road, Maynard Place and Sopers Road
(q)bodies which represent the interests of disabled persons in the neighbourhood area.	Emails sent to WHBC, HCC and local organisations

Appendix F Emails sent to consultation bodies

Carlisle, David

From: officemanager@northawcuffleypc.org.uk
Sent: 21 September 2021 14:20
To: 'officemanager@northawcuffleypc.org.uk'
Subject: Northaw and Cuffley Neighbourhood Plan Consultation 20th September - 1st November 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of Northaw and Cuffley Parish Council, I am contacting you to invite your views on the draft Northaw and Cuffley Neighbourhood Plan. The formal consultation period is now live and will run between Monday 20th September 2021 to Monday 1st November 2021.

A digital copy of the Neighbourhood Plan and further details of the proposals can be found here:
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As a local organisation, the Parish Council would be keen to hear your views on the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

Hard copies of the plan will be available to be viewed at the Parish Council offices and Borough Council offices during opening hours throughout the consultation period.

Comments can be submitted to the Parish Council as follows:

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7, Maynard Place
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By Email:
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If you need any further information relating to this consultation please do not hesitate to contact me (details in signature below) or the Parish Council (telephone 01707 875825). If you would like to attend one of the two planned consultation events scheduled for the 7th and 15th October, please book your place with the office manager in advance (further details available on the Parish Council website).

Yours Faithfully,

Sally Griffiths
Office Manager

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Carlisle, David

From: Carlisle, David A <david.a.carlisle@aecom.com>
Sent: 20 September 2021 19:58
Cc: officemanager@northawcuffleypc.org.uk
Subject: Northaw and Cuffley Neighbourhood Plan Consultation 20th September - 1st November 2021

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As a statutory consultation body listed under Schedule 1 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended), the Parish Council would be keen to hear your views on the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

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Appendix G Formal consultation period public meetings

Northaw & Cuffley Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Community Consultation

A presentation to learn about the Parish Neighbourhood Plan
and how it will affect our community, Q&A to follow.

Space may be limited - first come first served

7pm start

Visit the Parish Council website to view the draft
Neighbourhood Plan. Email your comments to
officemanager@northawcuffley.pc.org.uk

Thursday 7th October
The Undercroft
St Andrew's Church
Cuffley

Friday 15th October
Northaw Village Hall
Northaw





NORTHAW & CUFFLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Community Consultation Meeting Feedback Form

Thursday, 7th October at The Undercroft, St Andrew's Church, Cuffley at 7pm/19:00

Friday, 15th October at Northaw Village Hall, Northaw at 7pm/19.00

Thank you for taking the time to attend today's meeting. Please either place this form into the box provided as you depart, or return to the Parish Council Offices at your earliest convenience.

Name, Organisation (if applicable) and Address (street & post code only): _____

Details required for statutory inspection purposes. Details provided will only be used in association with the Neighbourhood Plan process. If you choose to provide your feedback anonymously, your points will be summarised in the consultation statement.

To be kept informed about key stages of the Neighbourhood Plan please provide your email address:

If you would like to subscribe to the NCPC mailing list to be kept updated on the work of the Parish Council please tick here

How supportive are you currently of the Neighbourhood Plan?



Was your opinion of the Neighbourhood Plan changed by the information shared at this meeting?

YES/NO

Additional comments (Please continue overleaf or on a separate sheet if required):



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Continuation page:



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Northaw & Cuffley Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan

October 2021



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Meeting Objectives

- Outline the draft Neighbourhood Plan
- Get community feedback – now and by email
- Amend the plan as considered necessary
- Draft Plan on website



2

Agenda

- What is it
- Key Constraints
- Key Benefits
- Key Components and Process
- Planning Policies
- Key Projects
- The Community Survey
- Next Steps
- Q&A



3

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

- A Statutory Planning Document
- Owned and prepared by the Parish Council
- Sets Local Planning Policy for the Parish
- Sets out the ambitions of the Parish Council
- Distinct from the WHBC Local Plan



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Key Constraints

- Compliance with WHBC and National Planning Policy
- Technically fit for purpose
- Passes an independent technical evaluation
- Passes a community referendum
- Based on realisable ambitions
- WHBC have no right of veto



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Key Benefits

- Establishes clear local planning policies
- WHBC must have due consideration of NP policies
- More influence over planning application outcomes
- Statutory right to developers financial contributions



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Key Components and Process

- Background to the area
- Planning Policies
- Projects
- Led by Steering Group of Councillors and Residents
- Supported by independent experts
- Funded by Parish Council



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The Vision

The special character of Northaw and Cuffley, as rural villages surrounded by open countryside and Green Belt, will be maintained and enhanced; whilst delivering the housing and associated infrastructure, facilities and services required in order to meet the current and future needs of the community.

The villages offer a wide variety of beautiful green spaces and access to nature through excellent walking routes and a variety of cycling routes. The Parish benefits from good connections to London and beyond. Local shops, services and community facilities are within walking distance for most residents and contribute to the strong sense of community.



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Policies

- Two greenbelt sites - brief
- Residential Design and Amenity
- Local Character
- Green Infrastructure
- Local Green Space Designation
- Station Road – employment
- Sopers Road - employment
- Station Road – environment
- Walking and cycling
- Community services
- Library and GP surgery
- King George V Playing Fields
- Neighbourhood Infrastructure
- Design Code



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Projects

- Major environmental and road improvements Station Road
- All weather flood lit pitch KGV
- New community pavilion at KGV
- Funding for Halls and Youth Centre

BUT

- At this stage concepts and ideas only, no detail needed
- Feasibility and viability to follow
- Do they have broad community support?



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KGV



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Community Survey

- Needed views of the “silent majority”
- Delivered by independent experts
- Raw Data distributed and on web site
- High confidence level
- Good alignment with NP strategy on key concerns/issues
- Will guide projects in the long term
- Open to interpretation
- Feedback required
- Not the end just the beginning



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Next Steps

- Community Consultation
- Feedback
- Refinement
- Technical review
- Referendum
- Comes into effect



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Q & A



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