



Neighbourhood Plan Survey Findings 2017

At the beginning of 2017, a small group of local residents & Parish Councillors started to form what would officially become the Stanstead Abbotts Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. One of our first tasks was to gather information from the local community and this was accomplished with a paper survey. This provided us with a starting point as to what was important to our village and community. A more comprehensive paper and online survey would follow at a later date as we became more established but the information gathered by the first survey helped us decide which direction we needed to take and the results are as detailed:

Housing Survey Responses

HOUSING	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW
Do we need more?	41	64	1

TYPE:

- Family Homes
- Starter Homes for young local families
- Bungalows
- Affordable Housing
- 2 & 3 Bed Houses
- 4 Bed Houses
- Low Rise Flats
- Mixture
- Permanent Moorings on River Lea
- Part Rent/Part Buy
- Eco Friendly

COMMENTS:

- No obvious sites without using Green Belt
- Infrastructure needs to improve first to sustain more housing
- No flats
- Retired/Sheltered accommodation
- Build near train station
- Brownfield sites
- Netherfield Lane
- The Folly
- Lower Road
- Chapplefields
- Gilston should provide sufficient homes without the need to build in Stanstead Abbotts

Healthcare Survey Responses

HEALTHCARE	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW
Is it adequate?	48	41	5

COMMENTS:

- We need a 2nd surgery
- Would like a small health centre
- Reinstate flabotomist
- Nurse required in surgery for dressings
- Doctors to be open more
- Full time GP
- Open chemist on a Sunday
- Mobile screenings
- St Margarets Parishioners cannot access village surgery
- Use Much Hadham surgery
- Use Dolphin House, Ware surgery but this is acutely under strain
- Were there plans for a surgery in Sanville Gardens?

Employment Survey Responses

EMPLOYMENT	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW
Is there enough in the Village?	43	18	27

COMMENTS:

- Need apprenticeships for young people
- More shops needed to encourage tourism and therefore increase employment
- Village not large enough to support more employment
- More employment means more traffic
- Use disused business locations to create employment
- Maltings provides ample employment
- Many in village commute to London
- Extend School into Parish Hall thus creating employment
- We do not want village to become a town!
- A lot of retired persons live in the village

Public Transport Survey Responses

PUBLIC TRANSPORT	GOOD	BAD	REASONABLE	DON'T USE
View on Train & Bus Service	51	45	16	14

COMMENTS:

- 424 Bus only goes down bypass and on 1 bus (351) every 2 hours to Hertford
- Need a bus route to Harlow train station
- Likes the new buses with WiFi
- Later last train needed with no change at Broxbourne
- Lots of engineering works at weekends has caused disruption, restricting train service
- Less stops in rush hour would be good ie: similar to Stanstead Express
- Longer trains or more frequent at rush hour
- Often cancellations, especially for children travelling to Ware/Hertford for school

Leisure Survey Responses

LEISURE	YES	NO
Are young people catered for?	23	46
Is there enough for older community?	24	21
Have you used St Marg'bury facilities?	18	17

COMMENTS:

- Astro Turf at St. Marg'bury would be ideal
- Gym at St.Marg'bury would be great
- Extend St.Marg'bury, could be a good asset if properly managed
- Mark Tennis cheaper at St.Marg'bury
- Big disconnect between St.Marg'bury and people in village
- Clubs needed at St.Marg'bury for young & old
- Pitches at St Marg'bury are poor. Team had to move to Broxbourne
- Multi sports facilities would be nice
- Evening Café / Cafe with Creche facilities
- Pool Table or Video Games
- Youth Club
- Independent Coffee Shop
- Disco once a month for teenagers in a safe environment (this is done in Cheshunt)
- Utilise Copping Centre more, as a drop in centre
- Evening place for teens to go
- Skateboard park in The Meadow
- Meadow is wasted space
- Theatre/drama club
- Village Choir
- Parish Hall is in a poor state of repair and could be a good focal point for village life
- Suggest an 'open-week' once a year to promote facilities for young & old
- Basketball
- Cinema

Education Survey Responses

EDUCATION	YES	NO	N/A
How satisfied are you with the options available	45	17	29

COMMENTS:

- Primary schools are full to capacity
- No possibility of expanding these (unless upwards!)
- If more housing, can see major issue with school places
- 3 families have to attend schools outside of village
- Being in Nursery does not allow a place for Reception despite families living within the village catchment area
- St John's should be doubled in size
- Do not agree with both primary schools being church schools