

Boughton and Dunkirk Neighbourhood Plan

Background document **BD1** - Neighbourhood plan questionnaire and results.

Question 1.

This question is about potential **residential** development and where you feel it should or should not occur.

YES	NO	NOT SURE
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Should the village envelopes be enlarged?	37	202	38
Should there be development on brownfield (previously developed) sites?	187	69	30
Should there be development in the countryside?	18	240	20

Would you like to see a bias towards any of the following:

YES	NO	NOT SURE
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Converted farm and other buildings	192	41	25
Bringing old redundant buildings back into use	251	17	5
Garden development	73	135	45
Demolition and re-building of new homes	110	84	64
New build homes	91	119	50

Should the village envelope be enlarged

No development within the village envelope without improvement of infrastructure eg schools, roads, parking, drainage, subsidence – 13

Any development should retain village ethos & character of buildings – 5

Housing should be affordable for local people / no outsiders - 4

None - 1

There are numerous opportunities for “infill” without “cramping” the village - 1

On brownfield (previously developed) sites

Small scale development OK on brownfield sites / new build on brownfield only - 2

Development in the countryside

Not on any public parkland / green space / rural space / farmland - 7

Discussion with landowners (farmers etc) about land they are not making full use of,

with potential to develop - 1

Would you like a bias towards any of the following:

Converted farm and other buildings

Bringing old redundant buildings back into use

Small scale development OK on redundant buildings - 1

Garden development

Don't know what this means - 2

Demolish old or redundant buildings and build new homes

No demolition of one building to replace with multiple buildings - 2

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New build homes

Yes to cheap affordable homes - 1

Any new builds in moderation and of sympathetic design -1

Suggested areas - Under bridge at Hickman's Green

New Oast Bull Lane

Next to the Swedish Houses

Behind bungalows in Courtenay Road

London Road and Courtenay Road to take advantage of Bus Route

General

Villages to be kept separate / no ribbon developments - 1

Don't build where RAF mast is. Only put something local residents can use and their children - 1

Better control and 'policing' of development plans and the finishing of proposed development;

ref Underground home by Boughton Golf Course -1

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Question 2.

Are there sites which, in your opinion, could be considered for inclusion in our development plan? Please also use this question if you feel there are areas where there should **not** be any development.

Please indicate, with as much detail as possible

Residential

Old Dunkirk School - 2

None – 8

Yes - 3

Small amount; keep as a village - 4

Use the former Garden Hotel – 1

More affordable housing / Housing Association / homes for the elderly

Only brown fields should be considered residential development. -

Should not be more dense

Possible areas for development –

Infill in Bull Lane and Colonels Lane Poplar View recreation Ground

Expansion towards the golf club would be OK Village Centre

Meadow Cottages Staple Street. Bottom Boughton Hill off Horselees Rd

The Street, Boughton

Commercial

NONE - 14

Yes – 1

On a small scale; Small industry / cottage industry in empty shop – 2

Possible areas for development:-

Garden Hotel and gardens should be developed - possible tea room – 5

Close to the motorway Between last house in Dunkirk and Garage complex

Gate Hill area close to A2 By pass

What type of development:-

Only light industrial Should encourage independent shops

Local businesses need improvement

Community Use.

Yes – 6

None / we have enough already – 11

What community use development is required:-

Dunkirk Primary School or through Boughton Village Hall need to be turned into sporting facilities for our young in the village. At the moment you have to travel to Canterbury or Faversham for any facility. Can introduce table tennis facilities or basketball, they are low maintenance sports.

Build a shop, café - 3

Playground – 1

The old hotel / tearoom on Street

Plus more could be made of the Village Hall

Where could community development take place:-

Not either Village Hall / recreation Ground

Woodland @ Dunkirk, farmland at Boughton

Garden Hotel needs development

Green space

Yes – 5

None; keep for wildlife and nature – 15

None in back gardens - 1

What green spaces could be developed:-

No greenfield sites south of A2 As much as possible

The village green off Bull Lane Boughton has sufficient recreation green spaces

A tennis court would be a welcome addition

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Areas that should NOT be developed

ANY part of the recreation ground – 5

Outside village envelopes - 2

Conservation areas - 3

RAF Mast ground -

We don't need any more homes - in Gardens! - 1

No more in the Street.....it is too busy - 1

Nowhere that would destroy views - 1

Winterbourne Quarry – 1

Nowhere at all in either village - 5

Residential areas - 1

Green spaces, countryside, woodland rural areas and farm land – 22

Garden hotel – due to traffic flow – 1

Farming World should not be built upon

Green space and existing developed areas in Boughton and Dunkirk - Residential development should not be permitted as Boughton / Dunkirk villages are small rural areas. The infrastructure is maxed out already. The school are over-subscribed, the roads are narrow, dangerous and over-populated outing road users at risk. The natural environment and habitats would be destroyed. There is a history of subsidence and drainage issues, which would be exacerbated with any new development.

None at all in the Dawes Rd, Stoney Rd, Berkeley Close area. Bottom of Dunkirk old A2 Hill. Subsidence problems and water run off from the hill.

No development in the hamlet of Oversland. We not want it to become merged with Neames Forstal, where some development is occurring

Areas that you feel COULD be developed

None - 8

Brown field sites - 5

Redundant buildings, empty buildings including The Old School Dunkirk - 3

Disused farms not in operation (Not Farming World) – 2

Land adjacent to the pylon in Dunkirk - 2

Wasteland at bottom of Dunkirk Hill if safe to do so

Large gardens could have annex or small houses built on

Area around the allotments

Courtenay Road, top of Dunkirk Hill

Top of Dunkirk Hill Agri Site could be developed

Possible car parking area behind Queen's Head

Develop sites on London Road and Courtenay Road to take advantage of Bus Route.

Keep development of the countryside to a minimum - 2

Fill empty spaces rather than new areas - 2

Poplar View rec.

Garden Hotel - 1

General

Roads at present unsuitable for further development - 4

Brenley Lane (park and share car park).

It's easy to destroy a balanced environment. Boughton, for example, has as much development as it needs and can reasonably take. Look, for example, at Thanet and how it has been despoiled.

I object to agricultural land being sold off in small plots for grazing animals which then need 24 hr supervision needing P/P for mobile home which then becomes a house.

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Question 3.

Q3 If there is support for residential development what type and level of housing would you wish to see?
Please tick all that apply.

	Already Too many	About right	Need a few more	Need a lot more
Flats	29	108	68	5
Retirement housing / apartments	16	67	135	22
Bungalows	34	98	87	18
Terraced houses	35	114	51	12
Semi-detached houses	30	106	80	7
Detached houses	30	115	57	9
Gypsy pitches ** See Q4	94	53	6	1

If there is support for residential development what type and level of housing would you wish to see?

Flats

None

Retirement housing / apartments

None

Bungalows

None

Terraced houses

Small terraces for 1st time buyers by Selling station on unused railway land

None

Semi-detached houses

None

Detached houses

None

Gypsy Pitches

None - 8

Don't know - 1

General

More affordable housing for young and old / social housing / homes for temp. migrant workers- 6

No development at all – 4

No development until traffic & parking issues addressed & infrastructure improved – 2

Keep village feel - 1

All houses should have rooms that are of an acceptable size - 1

Development should be of mixed type housing. Make sure all developments allow for wheelchair use inside and outside. Plus all rooms etc should allow disabled people use - 1

Stop selling council houses - 1

Any development should include parking space and adequate to cope with demand. - 1

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Question 4

Do you think that our neighbourhood plan should have a separate section for Gypsy and traveller policies, in the same way as Swale, or should all issues be dealt with under normal planning constraints?

Yes, there should be a separate policy.	110
No, they should be part of the normal planning process.	157

Yes, there should be a separate policy.

We have one at the back of the Gate Garage. - 1

Gypsies should not get free social housing. They should pay bills just like we do. Not get special treatment or be on TV shows - 1

Although I feel there should be stricter policies, gypsies just ignore, set up camp and then refuse to move. Calling any complaints – “racist”, “civil rights”, “diversity” etc. - 1

Yes and the policy should be none here - 1

No, they should be part of the normal planning process.

Should be treated equally and comply to same planning rules as everyone else – 3

Gypsy issues should be dealt with at SBC level, because no-one would voluntarily have them in their own area - 1

Gypsy sites need better monitoring & regulations enforced - 4

Don't really understand the implications of this - 4

There should be **NO** separate section and they should live within the community - 1

No gypsy pitches - 2

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Question 5.

What type of housing would you like to see?

	YES	NO	NOT SURE
Rented (Private or Housing Association)	111	87	42
Social Housing	80	112	38
Low cost / affordable starter homes	193	45	20
Private owner occupier homes	174	45	26

Rented (Private or Housing Association)

None - 1

Social Housing

None - 2

Low cost / affordable starter homes

More affordable housing required - 3

None - 2

Private owner occupier homes

None - 1

General

We don't need any more housing developments – 6

The village ethos must be maintained – 2

Affordable housing for old and young & small housing for temp. immigrant workers – 5

All developments should be disabled friendly – 1

Some development is necessary, but limited and sympathetic, not in countryside – 3

Amenities & infrastructure should be developed if there is any more housing – 2

Keep village & Hamlets separate – no ribbon development – 1

Use underdeveloped farm land - 1

No gypsy pitches - 1

Swale has the right balance of housing at the present time. It has done much to respond to good policy in Sittingbourne eg building development in East Sittingbourne, Milton etc. It has done its fair bit! - 1

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Question 6.

Please indicate all of the design criteria you would like to see included.

YES	NO	NOT SURE
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All new builds should exceed the minimum standards for energy use	218	21	24
All areas for gardens/paths/parking to be porous to allow drainage	239	9	20
Internal design should make the most effective use of interior space	216	13	29
Developments should provide a mixture of sizes and accommodation	235	17	11

Building design and construction - what are the important factors? Indicate all you would like to see included.

All New builds should exceed the minimum standards for energy use

None – 2

Don't care - 1

All areas for gardens/paths/parking to be porous to prevent water run off

None - 2

Internal design should make the most effective use of interior space

None – 2

Don't care - 1

Surely this is the meaning of DESIGN to fit the particular requirements - 1

No match box rooms please! Developments must be real families, they need space for storage and somewhere to put their bikes. - 1

Lots of people do what they like inside..... - 1

External design should be in keeping with the historic nature of the village - 1

Developments should provide a mixture of sizes and accommodation

None - 3

Surely this is the meaning of DESIGN to fit the particular requirements - 1

Not necessary..... we should take each one on its merits - 1

General

No development - 6

Exterior should be in keeping with surroundings, although not all identical – 7

Risk of flooding / drainage and subsidence should be fully and properly considered – 3

The infrastructure needs to be improved before any development - 1

All should be disabled and wheelchair friendly – 1

Make sure there are plenty of parking spaces - 1

Large developments of identical houses are ugly - 1

More affordable housing - 1

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Question 7.

To maintain the vibrancy of the community and provide local opportunities for employment, what area of business development do you consider appropriate for the villages?

Please indicate all of those you would like to see included.

	YES	NO	NOT SURE
Make sites available for manufacturing	53	141	49
Make sites available for office based business	110	88	50
Use converted houses for business	127	91	36
Use agricultural buildings for other businesses	187	41	28
Make more use of existing business parks	175	42	34
Extend existing business parks	66	120	59
Create new business areas	51	147	44
Move businesses out of the parishes	44	157	48

Make sites available for manufacturing

Small units with minimal increase with vehicular traffic / excessive noise / disruption - 3
Near Brenley only - 1

Noise Pollution. Businesses means more goods vehicles on narrow roads. More traffic - 1

Make sites available for office based business

Small units with minimal increase with vehicular traffic / excessive noise / disruption - 1
It would be good to see more business areas but not sure where - 1

Use converted houses for business

In selected locations. The street – Yes; Residential Estates – No - 1

Use agricultural buildings for other businesses

Note: only use sat agricultural or other buildings if they are not being used and are standing redundant. - 1

Make more use of existing business parks

More are required for local people - 2

Where are they? - 1

Extend existing business parks

Where are they? - 1

Create new business areas

Extend Golf Course facilities - 1

Move businesses out of the parishes

General

Infrastructure needs to be improved before any development - 4

Village and countryside need to be retained as such - 2

Use existing buildings / redundant farm buildings - 2

Yes to manufacturing and employment for locals, but not over spaced areas for business park or “White elephant” buildings – 2

Coffee / tea shop required – 1

Fish and chip shop - 1

Outdoor gym – 1

Extend garage site in Dunkirk – 1

Too much noise already from people working in garages and sheds – 1

Many local businesses killed off years ago & unlikely to return - 1

No development in Boughton and Dunkirk - 1

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Question 8.

Are there sufficient health facilities in the villages?

YES	92	NO	126	NOT SURE	49
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If you answered 'no', what other facilities would you like to see & would you use them?

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
Dentist	16	6	52	71
Physio / chiropractor	22	26	60	28
Chiropodist	28	21	67	23
Alternative therapies	37	19	37	16
Other - please make your comments below	10		3	12

If you answered 'no', what other facilities would you like to see & would you use them?

Dentist

If National Health - 2

Physio/chiropractor

If needed - 2

Chiropodist

If needed - 2

Alternative therapies

Other - Please specify

Sufficient services exist within easy reach in Faversham - 2

Chemist / Pharmacy / Boots type store - 3

An improved doctor's surgery (Boughton) / health Centre / Midwife / Health Centre for babies / nurses for diabetes / blood pressure etc / wellness centre - 12

Doctor's surgery (Dunkirk) - 1

Beautician - 1

Optician - 1

Evening exercise classes in Boughton for residents who work during the day e.g. Pilates, Yoga - 1

Boughton Health Centre is a good facility - 2

Charity shop with local people working in it - 1

Chinese Restaurant - 1

Slat bins - 1

Businesses mean TRAFFIC and NOISE

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Question 9

Which of the following would you wish to see, as an improvement of village facilities, and please tick the ones you are likely to use, indicating frequency. Please tick all that apply.

Would like to see	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
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Sports/gym facility (all ages). Specify below	115	53	22	59	35
Education/learning centre (adult)	99	46	37	66	32
Nursery/pre-school playgroups	75	98	12	11	14
After school club for older (secondary) pupils	110	89	10	14	12
Youth clubs	110	89	9	20	20
More adult daytime activity groups	103	40	23	55	21

It should be noted that there were 42 'No' answers. Some were from the website, where 'No' was an option, some wrote 'None'.

They are not relevant to the survey. The interpretation of this question is very difficult. Some people ticked 'would like to see', as a village facility and then ticked 'Never' as to frequency, but it's still a valid need for the parishes. This is our own fault; the question tried to harvest too much information and should have been split into two or more questions. It does not obviate the validity, just makes it harder to interpret.

Sports/gym facility (all ages). Specify below

None / We have already - 2

Outdoor gym – type seen in public parks - 1

Education/learning centre (adult)

None / we have - 2

Nursery/pre-school playgroups

None / we have 3 already - 3

After school club for older (secondary) pupils

None / Have 1 already - 3

Youth clubs

None / Have 1 already - 3

I'm too old, but there seems to be a need - 1

Ask the youth - 1

More adult daytime activity groups

None / we have lots already - 3

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What other facilities would you like to see

Tennis courts – 4

More shops / bookshop / Improvements to the village shop – to include a deli and maybe a small café. Fresh fruit and veg / meat etc. - 3

More provision for young people generally, pre-school, after school and youth club / Better BMX track for older boys / 5 a side football surface / toddler paddling pool - 4

Cycle Paths – 2

Café / Community café / bakery (would be helpful for tourism as well as for locals) - 2

Take away – 1

Facilities for elderly people - 1

Pushchair friendly walks identified using public footpaths - 1

Better 'holistic' wellness facilities eg osteopath, yoga, health pool, shop etc - 1

Outside adult gym equipment at the "Rec" - 1

Maybe computer area for people to use, with someone to help the needy / wi - 2

Allotments - 1

Information centre - 1

Keep fit trail -

Another doctor or chemist – 1

Litter & dog poo bins – 1

Would like to see St. Barnabas used more for Bring and Buy mornings, bric-a-brac saes and more, clothes sales etc - 1

The village has no after school care! - 1

We have all of the above / we used to have more, but all have disappeared over the years - 2

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Question 10.

What improvements could be introduced to amenities such as open spaces, leisure sites, walking and cycling routes to promote healthy living, and what facilities for informal recreation that would enhance the quality of life for local people.

Site address / area	What improvement would you like to see?	
None (Boughton and Dunkirk)		-3
Dunkirk Primary School	This site must be turned into a sports leisure facility. All the infrastructure is already there, it would be a shame to turn it into houses.	-1
Boughton Village Hall	Can be turned into a sporting facility, integrated with the existing grounds.	
	Tennis Courts	- 7
	Outdoor gym equipment	-4
	Toddler pool?	
Main Rec. Poplar view. Small park	Have 3 parks. Main park is now very good – due to villagers - other 2 in need of help	- 1
Bull Lane Rec	All purpose sports pitch for tennis, netball, basketball, hockey, 5 a side football	- 2
Dunkirk	Play park for children & older children/youth facilities-	1
Boughton	A youth centre for older children.	- 1
Park behind Horselees Rd houses 48-52	Needs upkeep, Swings squeak. Items broken. Baby swing	- 1
Courtenay Road playing field	Put a children’s playpark for young kids, skateboard, scooter, bike ramps	- 1
Village Hall	More pop-ups? E.g. tea shop, local farmers market, coffee shop. – something for the community. Better access to toilets	- 1
Footpaths in villages/alleyways/walkways	Kept clear of weeds (N.B. responsibility of farmers)	- 8
	Cycle paths in all areas safe for all	- 2
Public Footpaths	Unsure which are suitable for pushchairs. Live in countryside but don’t feel able to utilise with buggy as not safe	-1
Dunkirk	Cycle and walking footpaths	- 4
Cycle parks	Identified, publicised cycle routes	- 1

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Woods	Cycle Path.	- 1
Village Centres	Designated cycle paths through villages linking up with wider cycle networks	- 1
Footpaths and cycle paths	Clear signage of both	- 1
Swale footpaths	Make sure all amenities allow for wheelchairs and disabled people e.g. cycle route should be wide enough for wheelchair type cycle	- 1
Cycling between Boughton and Faversham	Cycling only routes avoiding main roads currently dangerous	-1
Dunkirk	Safe cycling routes in and around the village	- 1
Chilham lakes	Better access to footpaths	- 1
The Street	Traffic calming and speed restrictions (20) and no Lorries. Speed control in the Street, currently under regulated, no speed controls, no digital control, lack of speed restriction signs	- 2
Speed limits dropped in built up areas St.Paul's Road	But don't expect it will ever happen Speed bumps because of excessive speed of vehicles, cars, motorcycles, quad bikes etc	- 1
All roads	Repairs to potholes which are very dangerous for cyclists	- 1
Street signs cleaned and repaired	Dawes Rd crossroads sign j /w Stoney Rd is bent Berkeley Close sign is old and dirty. Needs replacing No road markings at j/w Fernleigh Close & Stoney Rd No road markings junc Berkeley Close & Stoney Rd	- 1 - 1 -1 - 1
Boughton under Blean	Poor management by Parish Council of allotments	- 2
The Street Boughton and A2 Dunkirk and all Footpaths and roads	There should be an organised litter pick twice a year. The area is filthy with litter. My husband and I are always picking up other people's litter. People seem to walk past and ignore it.	- 1
Courtenay Road RAF	Fence half ground off. Build two small buildings i) a shop and ii) a fish and chip shop. Residents will like that and local people can run it. Put dog bins up in public bridleways, roads and woods so dog mess doesn't harm kids or mess on paths	- 1
Poplar View	New fencing around residential car park and new goal posts	- 1
Chilham Lakes	Parking, More signs	- 1

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Perry Wood	Toilets, Picnic areas – more of them	– 1
Boughton under Blean	Poor communication by Parish Council of its work, its finances. Little communication with residents	- 1
Boughton	There are in our opinion ample facilities already	

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Looking at the quality of the surrounding countryside, what areas have special natural or visual significance and need protection.

Site address / area	What protection should there be	
Blean Woods, Dunkirk	No development; rubbish tipping; cameras in vulnerable spots; should be protected at all costs; careful management; conservation	- 8
Perry Wood	Never to be built on; managed; protected at all costs	- 5
Bossingham Woods	Preserve	- 1
All woodland	No building; keep as it is; protect wildlife & biodiversity; footpaths need holes filling; keep as natural as possible; protect from vandalism & misuse	- 12
Oversland area, stretching up to Winterbourne Wood, Goulds Wood and Joan Beech Wood	This area should be considered one to protect from future development: - exceptional beauty and agricultural significance and wild life.	- 1
Brickfield Road woods	Fly tipping is huge problem. Regular clean-up	- 1
Dunkirk woodland	Needs walkway and dog walking	- 1
Farmland /orchards / agricultural land/ Hop Garden to be kept for next	Footpaths maintenance. Biodiversity of sites considered; no building; generations; preserved & protected; give nature a home; views to be maintained	- 10
Dawes Wood (off Dawes Rd)	No development & commercial activity	- 1
All green / brown areas /open space along Dawes Rd /Kent Wildlife Trust Land/New Zealand Bank / New Zealand Hill, Dunkirk /Open vista from Woodmans towards Hernhill /Boughton & Dunkirk is blessed with beautiful countryside/ all countryside wherever it is / all countryside views which are & bunkers at the back of Boughton & Dunkirk & lovely Surrounding areas / fields & bunkers at back of Boughton& Dunkirk	No building; must be maintained as green space; enhances the village; should be managed to provide wildlife; views are fantastic; preservation order on beauty spots; protect from developers; it's an area of natural and visual importance & beauty many & varied should be kept at all costs / fields	- 18
The trees, green verges adjacent to the roads	Preserved, protected and increased; needs bulbs planting; keep hedges cut back	- 2

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Local footpaths & bridleways		
village alleyways N & S of A2	Need to be better maintained – cut back in summer months; need to be well marked; protect from development; keep tidy; improvement in paths	- 7
Coffin trail to Boughton Church	Overgrown & needs regular cutting back	-1
The Boughton Allotments / 2 allotment sites	Maintain as allotments; fencing or CCTV to prevent theft & damage to sheds	- 2
Radar Mast / Gun site	Too many dishes being installed to mast; History	- 2
Courtenay Road and Bungalows	Perhaps use for grazing animals	- 1
Courtenay Road to Dawes Road	No building as the views are fantastic	- 1
The playground area and field	Never develop here and maintain it. It is such a wonderful visual environment for the children coming out of school maintaining their innocence	-1
Boughton High Street	Better parking to allow traffic free flow. Buses play a big part of our lives.	- 1
Boughton and Dunkirk Hill	Put Street lights up and employ a person to maintain their upkeep.	-1
A2 Bypass	Noise pollution – plant evergreens, for year round noise protection, along roadside	- 1
Top of Dawes Rd Hill	Always litter there. Regular litter pick up	- 1
Staple Street	Needs pothole repairs	- 1
Farming World	No residential visible to Boughton & if any residential use must be consulted & appropriate scale. Why aren't they re-opening Farming World as promised as it is / was a viable business!?	- 1
Churches	Preservation	- 1
South Street Conservation Area	Strict adherence to planning laws	- 1

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Question 12.

Are there areas affected by issues such as pollution, noise and flooding. Where are they and what could, or should, be done to mitigate this?

Please add any other issues you feel apply.

Area	Issue	
Boughton Street	The flow of traffic needs to be looked at with regard to cars parked on both sides; restrict heavy vehicles; enforce better road manners & speed restrictions; shuttle bus for school children from Dunkirk to reduce traffic; alternative residents' parking; review & enforce yellow lines	
The Street, Boughton & Colonel's Lane	Pollution caused by traffic. Inconsiderate and illegal parking, particularly outside the shop, causes huge hold-ups and pollution is pumped into the houses located in that section of the Street. There is a lot of dangerous driving at night along the Street – cars with very loud exhaust emissions roar up and down the Street at night	- 10
Boughton & The Street	Reduce noise from A2 - planting? Pollution from A2 – high fencing? Lighting on A2 causing light pollution. Audio bunds?-7	
Boughton, The Street - lighting	Lighting too bright; is on all night	- 2
Boughton, The Street – flooding	Caused by heavy rain on Dunkirk Hill; by P.O. needs a drain-	2
The Street	Potholes abound	- 1
Middle Bull Lane. Outside Kensdale bottom lodge. Outside what was Farming World. Under railway bridge on way to Selling. Footpath between Bull Lane playing field & 3 Horseshoes Pub; Bull Lane past Oast & before stream. South Street / Crouch Corner. Staple Street. Brenley Lane. Boughton Hill. End of Horselees Rd. Oversland. Dunkirk. Brickfield Lane. Boughton Green. Woodland Rd from Courtenay Rd to Dargate. Drains off Courtenay Rd Garages getting blocked.	Floods, Drainage issues; drains needs clearing; subsidence	-20

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Brenley Lane; local roads; Rd from A2 past Nash Court	Rubbish	- 3
Brenley Lane	Needs a proper Car Park for car sharing	- 1
Courtenay Road	Residents frightened in their homes because of door to door salespeople. No-one checking on vulnerable to see if OK	- 2
Boughton P.O. Village Green. Village Shop	Bored children causing noise & anti-social behaviour	- 2
A2	M20 needs to be advertised more as the gateway to the coast and Europe	- 1
Radio Mast Area	If built on would cause light pollution and noise, not in keeping with the area.	- 1
Woodside	Hedging and ditching not carried out	- 1
Staple Street near 3 Horseshoes	Too many cars parked on road for a long stretch here, making it difficult to see oncoming traffic	- 1

All over our area the country roads and lanes are decreasing in width because of the growth of shrubs and giant weeds (plants) growing in the earth that has built up on the side of the road, creating hazards to traffic and walkers e.g. 2 examples – Nine Ash Lane and Bull Lane, two vehicles should be able to pass but often can't. Driving down Brickfield Lane my car has been scratched on both of its sides at the same time it's so narrow. We have to get to our allotment that way. - 1

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Question 13.

Which features, in both parishes, need protection and which features need improvement?

Boughton

The High Street / better parking / speeding / lighting / disabled access / need off road car park / residents' Car Park/ congestion / no large vehicles in Street / enforce parking regs / keep crossings clear at all times -15

Roads / resurfacing / pothole repairs / management of verges to keep roads at proper width / keep country roads free from dirt & debris / cutting back of over-hanging hedgerows - 8

St. Barnabas Church/ Boughton Parish Church / Hernhill Church / Graveyards / Church yards need tidying / protection & upkeep - 8

Retain the village atmosphere / preserve historic buildings / keep building to a minimum, especially in sensitive areas (e.g. beauty spots etc) - 8

Parks / Playparks / Play area off Horselees Rd used as a dump / safe route for children to utilise rec from Weatherall Close / dog litter bins for Poplar View rec - 7

Footpaths / alleyways / keep clear - 3

Signage – low level signage / replace “20 minute parking” sign on toilet block & enforce it (currently used by local home owners) -2

Woodlands /orchards / hop fields / farmland open spaces / conservation areas – although traffic caused by people visiting them needs to be properly managed & controlled/ any areas for wildlife / trees / views -10

Garden Hotel & Old Methodist Church are both eyesores - 3

Allotments require better management - 1

Village hall / village library - maintain & further develop both - 3

Protect P.O. / protect & improve village shop - support local producers & better quality & more healthy food options / hairdressers / Pub / Garden Centre - 10

School / no turning in school lane - 2

Boughton Hill / Boughton Hill – too much parking on the pavements making it dangerous for pushchairs and wheelchair user. People should be prosecuted. -2

South Street North to Mount Ephraim - 1

Create a conservation area for Oversland hamlet to prevent expansion of Neames Forstal -1

Litter needs picking up its dirty - 1

War memorials - 1

Tennis courts. - 1

Toilets - 1

Bus stops - 1

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Dunkirk

Woodlands / all open areas / Blean woods North & South / farms / all unspoilt countryside – no building / views / all wildlife areas / woodland on left of road joining A2 badly polluted by dogs	- 13
Maintenance of roads/verges need attention/lanes/ cutting back of verges to widen roads to original size	- 8
Footpaths / more places for dogs to walk off the lead	- 4
Radar site woodlands & fields for wildlife. The mast & the village hall layout must be protected to stop expansion	- 3
School needs to be developed either as a business or residential	- 2
All old / historic buildings	- 2
Low level signage	- 1
Garages	-1
Lighting	- 1
The Hill and lower park for redevelopment. Trees need to be put back higher up the hill	- 1
Bus Routes need protection	-1
Public Houses – Protect	- 1
Litter needs picking up its dirty	- 1
Manor House and grounds Staplestreet Road.	- 1
War memorials	- 1
Holistic wellness centre	- 1
Churchyards – need tidying	- 1
Village Hall – cleaner and better access from hall onto the road	- 1

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Question 14.

Please rate the following statements from 1(Not important) to 5 (Very important)

	1	2	3	4	5
Better signage of paths and bridleways	25	26	72	44	95
Dedicated fitness trails	65	51	54	52	41
Dedicated off road cycle trails	43	36	54	52	76
More map boards showing footpath routes	27	21	60	74	89
Continue improving stiles/gates for access	19	14	53	73	107

Better signage of paths and bridleways

Signs to make sure gates are shut on footpaths

No more unsightly signage, please

Dedicated fitness trails

Dedicated off road cycle trails

100%

More public map boards showing footpath routes

Continue improving stiles/gates for access

General

Better maintenance of footpaths for accessibility for old & young alike / Easier usage of Dunkirk woodland and hop garden walkways / Separate provision for walkers and cyclists - 6

Mobility Scooters – More dropped kerbs / Electric (disabled) scooter access past the school to Stockers hill pavement left hand side going down is not wide enough for a scooter - 2

More litter bins & dog poo bins - 2

More bus shelters - 1

Salt / grit bin because we are isolated in the winter when it snows! Parish Council rejected! - 1

Off road travel very poor - 1

Tennis Court - 1

Since moving to Boughton three years ago I have rarely used by bicycle because there is nowhere safe to cycle around here - 1

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Question 15.

Do you want the Plan to consider the potential benefits of additional tourism to our communities?

YES	116	NO	83	NOT SURE	79
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Yes

Yes to tourism if parking and problems of increased traffic are addressed	- 14
Need for better signage; signs to show shops; hairdresser; school; rec; village hall (esp. to show where to park at Village Hall); Church	- 5
Things that would attract tourists – many styles of architecture; walks; pubs; beautiful area	- 2
Businesses which would benefit – P.O.; shop; pubs	- 3
Benefits of tourism – more businesses e.g. coffee shop; sandwich bar	- 3
Need for leaflets / brochures for tourist use	- 1
We like seeing folk walking in groups through the countryside. They generally look after it and on occasions use the shops & pubs etc.	- 1
Improving the appearance of Boughton Street e.g. shop fronts and flowerpots	- 1

No

There won't be anything worth tourists visiting if development continues anymore	- 1
Too many people as it is	- 1
Not really sure tourists bring anything to the area	- 2
Tourists do not bring anything into the village apart from litter!!!	- 1

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Question 16.

What are your feelings about safety, crime and policing?

YES	NO	DON'T KNOW
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Do you generally feel safe	244	24	13
Would like to see more police patrols	197	46	37
Would like to see more lights in the villages	80	161	32
Do you feel that levels of crime are decreasing	51	93	134
Would you feel safer with, and join, a Neighbourhood Watch	131	52	91

Do you generally feel safe?

Uneasy - 1

Would like to see more police patrols?

About 3 or 4 years ago the NEW Community Policewoman knocked the door, introduced herself and said she would be a regular sight. Not seen any Police of any type since - 4

It would be nice to see any Police Patrols 24/7 - 2

More Police patrols re traffic regulations - 1

Keep Faversham Police Station open. Ask for more Police at Faversham Police Station - 1

Police cars driving "through" every "blue moon" doesn't keep crime down - 1

They come if called. - 1

Would like to see more lights in the villages?

Get existing columns working FIRST.

New column opposite Post Office not lit since first erected 6 months ago. - 1

Horselees and Colonels Lane needs more lighting very dark areas. - 1

Crime will rise when streetlights are out. Stupid idea of KCC: - who also pay the Police who will unfortunately need more staff to cope with crime - 1

The Street light at the top of George Lane has been out of action since around Oct '13 – despite the Council being made aware - 1

New streetlights in the Street are far too bright.

More lights but more subtle would be preferable as far as I'm concerned - 1

Do you feel that levels of crime are decreasing?

Crime levels are increasing a lot in Boughton - 1

Theft crimes from sheds and garages are high at the moment.

What are the Police views on this? Otherwise, burglary is at a low.

Car crime lowish. Young people and anti-social behaviour goes in peaks

and troughs, children become teenagers and do silly things, then grow up, then quiet, then more children etc etc. etc.. - 1

Antisocial behaviour from teenagers hanging around Village Hall & alley to High Street - 2

Would you feel safer with, and join, a Neighbourhood Watch?

Neighbourhood Watch sounds like a good idea / After living here for 5 years

we have encountered (luckily) no crime but would feel more secure within

a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme / It would help to be notified when there is a

spate of break ins around and what they are targeting e.g. sheds, cars, houses etc - 2

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Already tried but appears to have died out in 1980's and 1990's.

Where did it go? / Already a member of neighbourhood Watch –

but I can't say it makes me feel safer – good neighbours are the answer

which I have, but I was still burgled – burglaries from shed BAD at the moment

- 2

We need CCTV and checks to deter vandals / would-be criminals.

This should not just be down to Neighbourhood Watch

- 1

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Question 17

Please rate the following statements from 1(Not important) to 5 (Very important)

	1	2	3	4	5
Better integration of bus/train timetables	25	17	70	49	101
Provision of a rural bus route around the community	32	18	79	49	91
A shuttle bus to serve the school	33	24	53	53	88
Encourage car sharing schemes	35	33	53	55	80
More bus shelters	51	42	68	43	63

Better integration of bus/train timetables

Buses are constantly late

Provision of a rural bus route around the community

Have for the elderly.

A shuttle bus to serve the school

Encourage car sharing schemes

More bus shelters

Improve current bus shelters

Nice idea but look what happened to the bus shelter at School Lane

Seating at the bus stop by the Woodman's Hall

General

Futile suggestions. You know it won't happen!

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Question 18.

Please rate the following statements from 1(Not important) to 5 (Very important)

1	2	3	4	5
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	1	2	3	4	5
Enforcing parking rules where there are yellow lines	25	13	29	35	165
Increased parking regulations to improve traffic flow	32	20	43	40	114
Providing (extra) off street parking where possible	15	11	24	47	171
Prompt filling of potholes and other road defects	17	3	7	22	227
Enforcement of dog fouling laws on footways	16	8	24	28	194
Provide extra litter bins and better collection/emptying	15	19	51	54	130

Enforcing parking rules where there are yellow lines

In Boughton? You're joking Ha, ha, ha, ha, ha

Ha Ha! Joking!

Flagrant disregard

Extension of present yellow lines would lessen chances of accidents and improve traffic flow

Increased parking regulations to improve traffic flow

No comments on this question.

Providing (extra) off street parking where possible

In Boughton

Prompt filling of potholes and other road defects

And Pavements

Enforcement of dog fouling laws on footways

Dog owners

Provide extra litter bins and better collection/emptying

Enough already thanks

Extra regulation not necessary of people show consideration

Litter bins generate rubbish – take it home!

Distribute poo bags

Already good

Latter pretty good

Enforcing parking rules where there are yellow lines

Enforce yellow lines after and only after alternative parking is provided by the Council ie Village Car Park

It's a village

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General

Use library car park in the day with NO Parking from the White Horse to Queen's Head during daytime say 8 to 20 hours

Reduce dropped litter by enforcement

I think that the Plan should take an holistic view of parking and traffic through the village. This could include measures to reduce the speed of vehicles in Boughton; reducing the number of vehicles parked on the street; and measures to mitigate the impact the village of traffic diverted off the motorways in cases of emergency.

Speed: The type of measures which could be considered might include signs throughout the village which indicate the speed of vehicles and advise when they are exceeding the limits; traffic calming measures (sleeping policemen); and chicanes, indicating which direction has priority.

Parking: Measures could be proposed to provide additional off-street parking, and possibly residents' parking permits [although this of course would require supervision]. Heavy lorries should be banned, unless delivering in the village. Bus schedules could perhaps be adjusted so that the buses do not meet in the street traffic flow depending upon which way the diverted traffic is flowing; or perhaps it might be possible to arrange that the police or the Highways Authority deploy marshals to control the traffic through the village.

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Please use this space to tell us what you think we have missed or what you consider of great importance to our villages.

Keeping village atmosphere / keep development to a minimum / keep the villages separate (no ribbon development)	- 9
Parking / traffic flow in the Street / double yellow lines down one side of The Street / changing of bus timetable so that buses do not come into the Street at the same time from opposite directions / enforcement of yellow lines & speed restriction / Police help with traffic flow when A2 I closed / If you have a driveway use it – policy	-13
Litter & dog fouling / Better enforcement of legislation against fly tipping and tipping garden refuse. Extra warning sign / Signs warning of penalties for dog fouling / Make the village shop more responsible for litter	- 8
Improve communication of Councils / cut precept of Councils / cut Council tax /Cut the term of Councillors to serve / stop unnecessary schemes / cut payment for these schemes	- 6
Provide facilities for the young / engage the young with their opinions	- 3
Housing for the elderly / provision for the elderly, disabled and lonely	-2
Provide proper parking in Brenley Lane to allow for car sharing	- 2
Very happy with the work of the Councils	- 1
Protect wildlife and areas for wildlife	- 1
Need for more housing and parking sensitively placed	- 1
No long stay parking by the toilets	-1
More bus routes in rural area of Boughton and South Street	-1
Broadband access and upgrading to the villages <u>and</u> the outlying areas. Speed and access particularly poor	-1
Investigation into Community energy and investment schemes	-1
Add slip road from A2 bypass @ Dunkirk Bridge to reduce traffic through Boughton (possibly both off and on)	-1
Hedgerows need to be regularly trimmed	-1
The importance of the village Post Office and Shop to the community, and we love our library. Fantastic Village Halls, both of them	-1
More school places as the children in the villages do not get a place when needed	-1

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If we needed to concentrate on only one or two issues what would they be?

Improve traffic flow through Boughton / Parking in the Street / speed controls / Make the Street one way (except buses) / Advertise more parking at Boughton Rec. rather than the Street/	-22
More litter bins / enforcement of laws concerning dropping litter / more control over dog fouling / keeping village safe and clean / more policing	-14
Improve Road surfaces / deal with potholes promptly	-10
Low cost housing / housing for local people / housing for 20-30 year olds & retired people	- 6
Keeping the village atmosphere / no more development	- 4
Protect areas for wildlife / woodlands / greenfield areas / Improve access into Blean Woods from Dunkirk	- 5
Improved transport arrangements / bus routes	- 4
More businesses in Boughton and Dunkirk / better employment opportunities	- 3
Better cycle paths / footpaths	- 2
No more gypsies or traveller sites	- 2
Control parking along Brenley Lane / provide car park for car sharing	- 2
Measures to reduce flooding	- 1
Improved street lighting	- 1
Sight lines at junction of Burnt Oast Rd / Horselees Rd. This is an accident waiting to happen.	-1
Oppose request for building on Radar Site.	-1
School capacity before considering development	-1
Control our spending – Boughton P.C. increased spending by 2%!	-1
Clubs for the children	-1
Reduce the Council Tax	-1
A better shop or farmers market	-1
Tennis court.	-1
There is no school sign in the village or zebra crossing / zig Zag are for the children and crossing lady to use!!	-1