



Aldham Parish Council Response to Survey 2024

Firstly, we must apologise that these results have taken much longer than we had hoped to be published. No-one expected there to be so many other factors to slow this process down including a General Election extending the Pylon consultation, plus the A12 works and all the issues that brought to the village.

It was pleasing to get feedback and engagement from residents which we really appreciated. It was, however, only around 10% of the adult population in the village that responded to this survey and it was hoped that more residents would have taken the opportunity to have their say. As a Parish Council, we are not here to make decisions for us but are here to make decisions for you. We will continue to listen and in turn do our best for our village and community.

Following our September Parish Council meeting the following has been agreed:-

Question 1. Could or should, the village be considered for any new Housing Development as part of the City Council's Local Plan Review?

- This had 33 responses with almost 50% against any new housing.

Response 1. A number of mainly small sites have been put forward for housing development to the City Council by landowners as part of the Local Plan Review, which is due to be published for consultation early next year. Whilst we have agreed that currently the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan is not justified, we have agreed to defer any further consideration until the outcome of the Review is available.

Question 2. If the Parish Council cannot continue with the Millennium Playing Field in its present form, what should replace it?

- 29 responses with 50% requesting smaller facilities on the same site if possible.

Response 2. The current owners have proposed this land to be included in the City Council Local Plan Review for housing. We have negotiated an informal extension to our lease whilst the future of the site is determined and requested that any plans incorporate a replacement play facility, in the absence of and suitable alternatives. This request is without prejudice to the Parish Council's right to comment on any specific proposal or plan.

Question 3. Should the Parish Council investigate the feasibility of creating a safer route for walkers, runners and cyclists from the village to improve access to Marks Tey Station, bus services, and shops?

- 30 responses with 90% requesting us to go ahead with a feasibility.

Response 3. The Parish Council are setting up a Working Group which would include some of the Parish Councillors and some residents to look at this, plus traffic calming options.

Question 4. Should the Parish Council commission some advice on how it could improve management of Gallows Green for nature conservation?

- 28 responses with most wanting it looked at but not as a priority.

Response 4. Our plan is to be pro-active in our response and have contacted the RSPB, Essex Wildlife and the Woodland Trust to review the area and give advice on how to best manage the area. Once we have these reports, we will create a long term pro-active plan and publish this on our website.

Question 5. Any other issues that you think the Parish Council should be addressing?

- 29 responses mainly relating to highway, traffic, speeding and pothole issues.

Response 5. The new Working Group, mentioned above, will be looking at all aspects of traffic speed and volumes, including improved signage and the re-introduction of the Speed Watch Scheme with ECC and the Police, operated by volunteers and then recommend a plan to the Parish Council for approval.