



RESULTS OF SUGGESTED ISSUES FOR ALDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

	Yes or No?	
Major development (more than 10 homes)	2 (1/1)	Number of responses (APM meeting / via web)
Small scale only (less than 10 homes)	14 (9/5)	
Only small scale Affordable Housing	2 (2/0)	
No new housing	15 (5/10)	List of comments made (Number of same or similar comment)
Comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep village as is (4) • Small scale – keep character of village (3) • Not enough facilities for more than 10 dwellings - Additional houses would be good so long as Additional funding is put into local facilities - i.e. shop, cafe, pub, playgroup, playground, post office etc. (5) • Mix of Bungalows and houses - Percentage of private, social & affordable (3) • Unfortunately, any development would "invite" numerous other developments and it is not possible to give permission to one developer and then refuse another without appeals to SOS (likely to succeed) (1) • Bring more families to the village (2) • The field along Hardings Close seems an ideal site if new housing is needed (1) 	

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

Same facilities and size on different site?	8 (4/4)	Nothing?	2 (0/2)
Smaller facility on same site if possible?	18 (10/8)		
Something else?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option 1 then option 2. Must have something! (3) • **Why not include the option of a smaller facility on a different site?** There is no need for such a large playing field - the present one is larger than a full size football pitch - far too big. What we need is a small, compact CHILDREN playground for preschool and for children perhaps up to 14-15 years old. The present playground is very big, costly to maintain and most of the area is not used. For older children there are plenty of football clubs and other sport clubs either at school or in Stanway. Cannot understand why the offer of free land next to the Village Hall is not acceptable? The cost of clearing would not be huge, as it was claimed (are there quotes for the clearing? It is not heavily wooded, lots of it are small trees, brambles and bushes. Playground would be covered by the existing Village Hall CCTV so it would provide security for children playing there AND prevent vandalism which seems to be common in the surrounding villages (for example Great Tey - broken glass and damaged fence recently). Also, parents can leave children to play there while they are attending activities in the Village Hall and that would be monitored by CCTV. We would call that WIN-WIN Considering that the village is being given free land next to the Village Hall, there is no reason to agree to the large development of the existing playground in exchange for a small playground on the same site (it is likely to be very small as the developer would want to build as many houses as possible). (2) • Somewhere to walk dog and socialise (3) • The field as a whole is hardly used and whilst a lovely setting it does make it impractical to find an alternative. Provision of play equipment a small area including some benches etc would be great (1) • Current location is ideal as it is within easy, safe reach of the main population centre of the village. Although it is lovely to have such a big field, which I've seen used for football, cricket, frisbee, bike riding etc. a smaller site would still work if required. The amount of play equipment is already very limited so should be increased once there is a secure site. (1) • Put the field back to agricultural land. (1) 		

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, shops and services?

High Priority	22 (12/10)	Neutral	3 (0/3)
Low Priority	5 (2/3)	No	0

- Absolutely. It would be great to have a safe footpath from Aldham to through to north Lane. There's already a footpath from Brook Road to North Lane but this is often overgrown. Would be great if it was big and safe enough to cycle down. I would even be happy to help if there was a group of like minded residents willing to work on the project. (1)
- Especially for those of us with infants and young children, safe paths are a must and the current set up is increasingly dangerous due to changes in road usage in recent years. It would vastly improve quality of life if we could walk to the station and shops. (1)
- The road is busy and currently quite dangerous for walkers, cyclists and runners. With no facilities and very limited bus service in the village, a safer route to Marks Tey would be very beneficial. (6)
- Not safe for walkers/runners/cyclists. (6)
- Not needed at all (2)

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

High Priority	11 (6/5)	Low Priority	15 (8/7)	No	2 (0/2)
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- Get it right for wildlife = Get it right for everything (2) - Nature will do what it wants without us (1)
- By commission I assume you mean 'pay for'? Perhaps first it would be worth contacting conservation charities to see if they can assist. Wildlife Trust, RSPB, Natural England etc. One area has been left to be overtaken by brambles, I'm not sure if this was a deliberate decision or just a lack of maintenance? (1)
- If there is spare time/funds but I don't think this is a priority - could that area work for playground if cleared to allow a couple of parking spaces - obsv equipment would need to be fenced in? Maybe defeats the nature part, possibly could have more formal wildlife area alongside playground - multi purpose - more likely to get used but would only work if a fair bit of clearance to enable safe parking and fencing?
- Yes I would agree that the Aldham Council should seek advice on how Gallows Green could be improved for nature conservation. I love the history behind Gallows Green and it should be kept at its best ❤️ (1)
- I am sure some people in village could provide advice on nature conservation if required, maybe a working group to clear areas etc would help? (1)

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

- Road condition and POT HOLES!!! (6)
- Large lorries and traffic using village as a short cut (3)
- Speeding (3)
- Coming to agreement with Great Tey to make Tey Road unsuitable to HGV. (2)
- Stop further development of Wicks Farm into an industrial estate with more and more Heavy Good Vehicles and other commercial vehicles using New Road. (1)
- Maintaining road verges - overgrown verges presents danger for driving, as proven by recent road collision on Tey Road where overgrown verges considerably reduce visibility on the corners. (2)
- Keep pathways wide enough / accessible for all users especially where roads affected by the increased traffic due to A12 work – Brook Road in particular (2)
- Parish council meeting times are not family friendly and I have never been able to attend since moving here due to having young children and my partner being away for work during Tuesday's. Either rotate the day and/or time to allow everyone who wants to contribute to village matters. (1)
- Increase in vehicles parking on pavements in Brook Road blocking pavements for pedestrians & dog walkers (2)
- Plus traffic calming and safety measures around the crossroads by Church and Village Hall which is a bad accident waiting to happen. (4)
- Appreciate the steps already taken to engage the community it's appreciated and ongoing activity welcomed (3)