Barton Mills Neighbourhood Plan

Residents' Survey Results September 2024



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Do you live in the parish of Barton Mills? IF NO PLEASE DO NOT PROCEED. THIS SURVEY IS INTENDED FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN THE PARISH OF BARTON MILLS

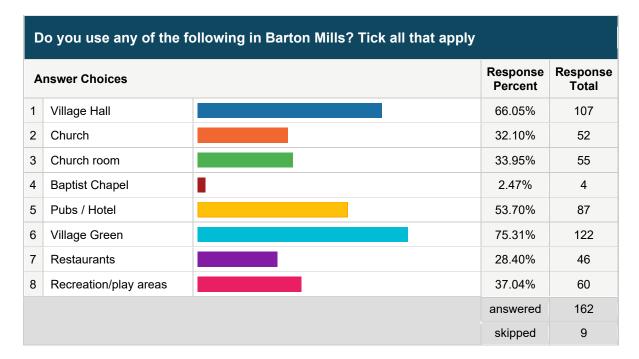
An	swer Choices	Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	99.42%	170
2	No	0.58%	1
		answered	171
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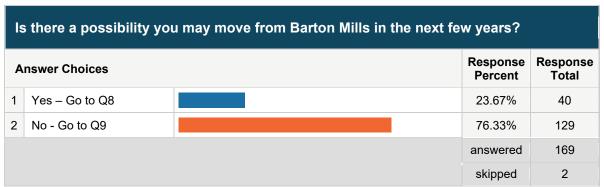
How long have you lived in Barton Mills?						
Α	nswer Choices	Response Percent	Response Total			
1	0-5 years	24.55%	41			
2	6-10 years	10.78%	18			
3	11-15 years	8.38%	14			
4	16 years or more	56.29%	94			
		answered	167			
		skipped	4			

What is your age?					
Α	nswer Choices	Response Percent	Response Total		
1	17 or younger	1.80%	3		
2	18 to 20	0.00%	0		
3	21 to 29	1.80%	3		
4	30 to 39	7.19%	12		
5	40 to 49	10.78%	18		
6	50 to 59	18.56%	31		
7	60 to 69	28.74%	48		
8	70 to 79	16.77%	28		
9	80 or over	14.37%	24		
		answered	167		
		skipped	4		

Ar	nswer Choices	Response Percent	Response Total
1	Employed, working full-time	32.14%	54
2	Employed, working part- time	12.50%	21
3	Not employed, looking for work	0.00%	0
4	Not employed, not looking for work	1.79%	3
5	Not employed, still in education	1.19%	2
6	Self employed	8.93%	15
7	Disabled, not able to work	0.00%	0
8	Disabled, able to work	0.00%	0
9	Retired	47.62%	80
10	Part home/part office	4.17%	7
11	Work from home	4.76%	8
		answered	168
		skipped	3

What do you like most about living in Barton Mills? Tick all that apply						
Α	nswer Choices	Response Percent	Response Total			
1	Always lived here	9.82%	16			
2	Close to family and friends	37.42%	61			
3	Access to the countryside	61.35%	100			
4	Close to place of work	17.79%	29			
5	Village atmosphere	71.17%	116			
		answered	163			
		skipped	8			



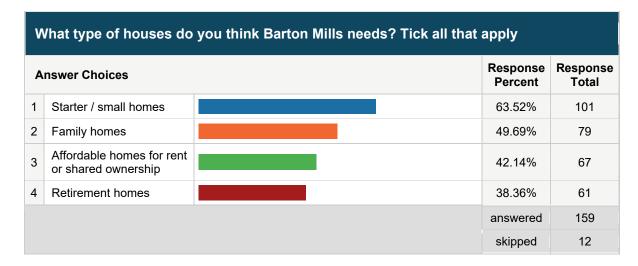


If you answered yes to question 7 what are your main reasons for wanting or needing to move? Tick all that apply

An	swer Choices	Response Percent	Response Total
1	To be closer to family or friends	23.68%	9
2	To be closer to work/new job	18.42%	7
3	To be in a more affordable area	13.16%	5
4	To have a smaller home	36.84%	14
5	To have a larger home	18.42%	7
6	To have a larger garden	5.26%	2
7	To make it easier to receive care/support	10.53%	4
8	To provide care/support to family/friends	2.63%	1
9	To move to a more accessible home	0.00%	0
10	To be less reliant on driving a car	44.74%	17
11	To be closer to facilities such as shops, doctors or public transport	47.37%	18
		answered	38
		skipped	133

The draft West Suffolk Local Plan allocates a site on Church Lane for 12 houses, which includes 40% affordable housing. How many more homes do you think Barton Mills will need over and above the 12 between now and 2040? Tick one box only

An	swer Choices	Response Percent	Response Total
1	None	23.95%	40
2	Under 10	15.57%	26
3	Between 10 and 20	32.93%	55
4	Over 20	27.54%	46
		answered	167
		skipped	4



A	nswer Choices	Response Percent	Response Total
1	Have off road parking	90.30%	149
2	Be innovative in design	16.36%	27
3	Be energy efficient	84.24%	139
4	Be limited to one storey	9.70%	16
5	Be limited to two storeys	40.00%	66
6	Have large gardens	13.94%	23
7	Have room to extend	10.91%	18
8	Have space for outbuildings	20.00%	33
9	Reflect the varied building styles and character of the village	72.12%	119
		answered	165
		skipped	6

Do you consider that future development in the village would have a positive or negative impact with regards to the following? Please tick one box per row					
Answer Choices	Positive	Unsure	Negative	Response Total	
The village identity	41.32% 69	32.34% 54	26.35% 44	167	
Green spaces/countryside	29.01% 47	25.93% 42	45.06% 73	162	
Amenities	41.36% 67	30.25% 49	28.40% 46	162	
			answered	169	
			skipped	2	

What importance do you attach to the following reasons for new housing in Barton Mills? Please tick one box per row

Answer Choices	Very important	Important	Neither important or unimportant	Not important	Unsure	Response Total
To enable young people to remain in the village	39.63% 65	36.59% 60	13.41% 22	7.93% 13	2.44% 4	164
To enable older people to move to suitable accommodation	26.71% 43	40.99% 66	23.60% 38	6.83% 11	1.86% 3	161
To maintain sufficient use of village services and amenities	32.10% 52	40.74% 66	12.96% 21	7.41% 12	6.79% 11	162
To fund improvements to the community	32.72% 53	45.06% 73	12.35% 20	5.56% 9	4.32% 7	162
To meet the general need for more housing	27.22% 43	36.71% 58	17.09% 27	15.19% 24	3.80% 6	158
					answered	167
					skipped	4

How well do the public transport services available to Barton Mills residents meet your needs and, for car owners, provide a viable alternative to travelling by car? Please tick one box per row

Answer Choices	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Response Total
The bus service to and from Mildenhall is adequate for my needs	1.83% 3	7.32% 12	45.73% 75	18.29% 30	26.83% 44	164
Bus services to the surrounding villages meets my needs	1.88% 3	8.13% 13	48.13% 77	16.88% 27	25.00% 40	160
Bus services to nearby towns (e.g. Bury St. Edmunds and Newmarket) are adequate	1.86% 3	10.56% 17	40.37% 65	22.36% 36	24.84% 40	161
The available bus services are easy and convenient for use	1.83% 3	6.71% 11	45.12% 74	23.78% 39	22.56% 37	164
There is a safe and obvious place to stand and wait for a bus	4.91% 8	15.34% 25	34.36% 56	25.15% 41	20.25% 33	163
There is adequate information enabling me to understand bus routes	0.00% 0	11.80% 19	36.65% 59	36.02% 58	15.53% 25	161
There are good taxi services available	0.63% 1	28.75% 46	38.13% 61	18.75% 30	13.75% 22	160
Cycling and walking routes are adequate	4.91% 8	39.88% 65	18.40% 30	26.38% 43	10.43% 17	163
					answered	167
					skipped	4

Do you think the road network in the parish should: Please tick one box per row Response **Answer Choices** Yes No **Unsure** Total 43.64% 49.09% 7.27% Have traffic-calming features such as speed bumps 165 to help slow traffic? 72 81 12 59.88% 33.33% 6.79%

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54

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4

11

skipped

Have permanent speed indicators to help slow traffic? Note: We already have one moveable and one permanent	79.63% 129	14.81% 24	5.56% 9	162
			answered	167

Which postcode area do you live in?				
Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total	
1	IP28 6	91.62%	153	
2	IP28 7	8.38%	14	
		answered	167	
		skipped	4	

Any further comments or issues relating to the survey can be added in the comment box below.

traffic calming is a blight

Have a reduced speed limit to slow traffic?

The issue with regards to crossing the A11 both by car and on foot is not mentioned here at all. While it may not be part of the plan or something that is dealt with via another means, it is the most important issue that exists in the village as far as I am concerned and the more housing and therefore more traffic just makes it even more important.

I am unsure as to whether the Neighbourhood Plan will have any real effect on the developments that are likely in the next few years, and which will have an enormous effect on the village: eg the huge expansion of Mildenhall, the possible Solar Farm, the likely business Park on the A11, and the possible closing of entrances to, and exits from, the A11.

There appears to be plenty of housing stock, for families, but it is often occupied by single people whose families have moved away. More smaller, single storey homes might encourage these villagers to downsize whilst enabling them to remain in the village and release family homes for new buyers.

This is a poor questionnaire. You do not ask what you like least about Barton Mills. For me it is the A11, the noise from the A11. The lack of shops, restaurants of a decent quality, the lack of pubs for families to visit (either couples or couples with children). On question 8 you do not have the A11 cited.

There is no reason for people to move to Barton Mills. There is no focused industry here that would attract a younger group, e.g. green energy, AI, computers, research. This would enhance the cross-section of people in the village and add to the evolution of the village.

The village has very little identity. It is not defined and is not promoted. The only people who feel there is an identity are those that have lived here for some time. This prevents evolution and growth.

You do not ask what sort of people you want to attract to Barton Mills - workers in Mildenhall, working in Cambridge, old, young, professional. That will define the future.

Something needs to be done to reduce through traffic coming from/to the A11 and using the village and as a shortcut., especially large commercial vehicles with no business in the village.

Barton Mills is a beautiful village. More housing will irreversibly affect it. Further, the current infrastructure to support any proposals for additional housing simply will not be adequate - roads, utilities, GP and dental services etc. Any additional housing will place a strain on services already at capacity.

I believe alternative areas should be sought where amenities and the infrastructure to support any additional housing must also be included as part of the construction plan.

We just want to live in a village, and not have to fight for that. Many young people can't wait to leave home so I don't feel that housing for them is a priority. The main moaning point in the village is the traffic which brings pollution, litter and noise to the area.

Any further exemption sites need to include safeguards against quick sales and profiteering as has taken place on previous sites.

Improve car parking facilities at the village hall / recreation field to be more usable (overflow car park is on the field and discourages parking at wet times) this would prevent dangerous parking on Mildenhall Road at busy times. Pedestrians have to cross the road between parked cars at busy times and residents have problems with access / egress to their properties.

The traffic using the Village as a cut through is concerning and the speeds through parts of the village is alarming. WE need traffic calming measures eg 20mph speed limits, speed bumps, right of way Islands. Like many villages have (on route to Ely, Roads in Red Lodge).

With regard to housing may be beneficial that we understand how many younger residents in the village there are ie ages 10 to 25. This will gauge the amount of affordable homes are required.

Village does not need any more new houses.

Better broadband, phone network and television connection should be upgraded Road surface on A11 to reduce noise level should be improved Safety in and out of the village along the A11 should be improved Then consider adding more inhabitants and housing and facilities:-)

I love living here and intend to remain, as I wish to live in a village not a town. The traffic coming through the village now is dreadful, there is so much litter on the roads which are in a bad state of neglect. Young people don't always want to stay in the area, I think too much importance is being put on this, bungalows would be more useful for the mature residents to move to, to make life easier for them and for them to remain in the village. There is too much importance on the younger peoples' housing needs in my opinion.

The map does not include Worlington Road area and recent housing developments.

Question 14. All bus services run from Mildenhall, no services run out or through B. M.

Whilst the village has lovely traditional rural features and feel we MUST allow housing for future needs. If not the village will just be full of privileged middle class, retired people. It needs a genuine social and age mix.

Parking on Church Lane junction near Grange Lane needs to stop. It is very dangerous to force oncoming traffic to pass these parked vehicles which are parked sometimes within 10 metres of the junction. Which we know is illegal.

The bus service from Barton Mills to Mildenhall are inadequate.

It would be great if we had buses to Barton Mills. It would save people struggling with their shopping etc.

Prevent cars parking on junctions of Bell Lane and Church Lane.

Improve services from West Suffolk Council on street sweeping and grass cutting in some areas but also provide wild flower planting on road verges in and out of the village.

Please can we have at least one bus into Bury or Mildenhall.

Because if you do not drive you have to walk to Mildenhall to catch a bus to Bury or Newmarket.

The footpath between Barton Mills and Mildenhall needs more regular maintenance.

The footpaths along the river desperately need work - the banks are eroding and the footpath very uneven.

The questionnaire is poorly designed and probably worded to fit a specific council agenda.

It does not address any infra-structure issues that come with increased development including local GP, social, dental services, water, sewerage, broadband.

Speed humps have been repeatedly shown to be a terrible traffic calming measure, increasing pollution, noise, hindering emergency service response times.

Road safety is not addressed, especially the dangerous junction across the A11 to Tuddenham.

The corrupt or incompetent council decision to allow a drive thru at Five Guys on an already congested and dangerous junction at 5-ways.

The age of the village is increasing and unless young people are able to join the community, this village will die. Many current residents do not want any building and are sitting comfortably in their own homes and denying others the same opportunity. This needs to stop and the doors should be opened to young people.

Has question 14 been composed by someone who thinks Barton Mills has a public bus service? The only public bus services through the village operate on schooldays only primarily geared for school travel. These are towards Mildenhall at 0821 and 1630 and from Mildenhall at 0745 and 1544.

To me it seems that the first six box lines are therefore rather superfluous when bus services don't really exist! It is hard to imagine that the majority of respondents to the questionnaire can give meaningful input on these points.

Over the years the daily direct bus services have been diverted away from Barton Mills with them now travelling out of Mildenhall via Kingsway and Bury Road to Fiveways and on to Bury St. Edmunds.

There have been additional small bus services operated a couple of days a week in the past (notably Fridays for Mildenhall market). The passengers then were older residents that had perhaps never been car owners but, as they died off, so did the bus use.

I have often thought that Barton Mills, at least from the area west of Bell Lane, is considered close enough to Mildenhall for people that either do not have access to a car or are active enough, to walk because there has not been the option of a bus.

Cars need to be parked OFF road to ease traffic flow and reduce inconvenience.

Cars parked on the road cause hazards, are dangerous and make life very difficult for neighbours.

There seems to be a limited amount of Taxi's available in the evenings & as far as I know Bus's do not run after 6pm. which limits socialising without a designated driver

Stop car boot sales near A11. Especially when we have our local car boot sales on village green on bank holidays.

As a young person our housing options are limited forcing us to move away from the village which we call our home. We need affordable housing to start our lives.

Variety of homes required. Families, retirees. A mix brings the community together. Homes to support developing business owners. Bring some wealth to the area. More local facilities stops spending out of area. Currently car is essential!

Fly over for A11 or stop them coming through village and jumping the a11 queue . Slow down village traffic to deter non villagers

Weight limit on the bridge into mildenhall?

Too many cars parked on the street in church lane

14. Walking route to Mildenhall is ok if the weather has been dry but the alternative means walking on a busy road as there is no footpath.

Off road parking is important as for example you turn into Church Lane off Mildenhall road / The Street you have to pass quite a few cars and there is nowhere to pull in should a car be coming the other way which you cannot see when you initially pull out.

Barton Mills lies in close proximity to the A11 with its multiple services and general pressure for development close to major roads. Sunnica has potential to ruin the environment the other side. Barton Mills does need careful protection to keep its character when surrounded by strong planning pressures.

I live here because it is rural, protect our countryside. Just because we have the A11 and air bases on our doorstep should not be a reason to develop/spoil what we have! Our village is plenty big enough. All over villages are lovely - keep them this way. Sunnica and Javnic are bad too!!

Without immigration the population of the UK is in decline. We should renovate and sell current housing stock before building more houses. Most people can't afford housing making more that won't sell is pointless.

Barton Mills is a good place to live!

I don't call Five Guys and McDonalds restaurants, they are fast food outlets.

The Bull Inn would be good if it was more efficient and cleaner.

The path between Barton Mills and Mildenhall should be kept cut short and looked after especially as the school children use it every day.

I have noticed that Grange Lane is the most tidy in the village green even though the road sweeper never goes there, why is this not the case for the other areas of the village.

We would like to see development of the car boot land to housing to reduce sound and also to make the village look more appealing when you first arrive coming in from the A11 by putting in more soft landscaping (trees etc). We would like new developments to enhance the community feel of the village and attract more families and younger people whilst also striking a generational balance with the older

generation, as having and catering to multiple generations is key to a successful village feel and atmosphere. It is important that there is sufficient infrastructure and supporting amenities put in place on any new larger developments and that any neighbourhood plan enhances and further supports the amenities we already have.

With regards to traffic, any extra development does raise serious concerns about the volume of traffic going through the village. It is already getting increasingly gridlocked so a solution to this would have to be paramount to any future development and neighbourhood plan. We would say this is our primary concern, especially when residents parking is allowed on The Street near Bell Lane.

I have not answered Q3 or Q4 as I consider them intrusive.

Many residents are aware that the Parish Council were conned by the developers of the "new" houses on Church Lane when one was sold. The PC need to have cast iron clauses in any similar scheme with prohibitive penalties.

Any community needs younger people to thrive.

Whilst the village has decent facilities on the playing field, house prices are beyond the reach of most young families.

Starter homes are a must (2 bed properties).

The village is, in fact, 3 almost separate groups. (North of the Mildenhall Road is a new enclave, the original "old" village and south of the A11, which is an area which most consider is not Barton Mills. I understand that there are tentative plans to link up housing with Red Lodge there).

I am very much in favour of further affordable housing so that young people can stay in the community where they were raised. Owning ones own home is lifechanging for young people

There should be less traffic filtering off the A11 and making its way through the village during the bank holiday weekends.

The footpath along the river should be maintained at all times.

Please leave Church Lane alone when deciding where to put more new houses. We've had our share of disruption and noise when the houses were being built. People park on the side of the road which causes problems most days. Traffic has increased ten fold in the time I've lived here, Church lane is also used as a rat run into mildenhall and our little road can't cope with any more.

Would like speed bumps along church lane .. as cars have no control over their speed

If Barton Mills is to truly be a neighbourhood it needs a variety of residents and it needs more amenities and connections with public transport. At the moment the wealthy in their large properties with their multiple cars can afford to turn their noses up at affordable housing and public transport and demand to keep the 'character' of the village in their million-pound homes...but this does not create a community. The elderly can't easily walk to Mildenhall shops and there are insufficient public transport links for that purpose. The loss of banks etc. in Mildenhall means everyone must travel further afield for services, so more links to Bury and/or Newmarket are essential. There are also insufficient public transport links for working-age people with jobs to reliably attend them. Can the local council fix public transport; no, that's a larger issue in the county/country, but it is a relevant topic when it comes to trying to create a neighbourhood.

Basically if nothing is done to promote affordable housing and networking to services near and far, Barton Mills will continue further along the path to being a commuter suburb and less of a community.

We should have better traffic control measures in place, especially along Newmarket road when the A11 is backed up. (Toll for non-residents / resident visitors; or short cut removed from traffic mapping systems and speed restrictions in place) Especially for residents to access and leave the village easily during these times, and when walking / running or cycling around the village.

Owners of empty houses should have them removed or made to make them available for rent or for sale there are too many properties within the village that are vacant and have been for a long time. We shouldn't be building anything else if these properties are empty! Plus rentals shouldn't be aimed at air force only High rents aren't reasonable for locals / young people who want to stay in the area

Having lived in Barton Mills for 55 years and love it but finding at 88 need smaller property of one storey for my husband 88, and I. Don't want to leave the village though. Retirement bungalow in the village would be ideal for us.

Due to heavy traffic on the A11 approaching 5ways roundabout, Newmarket Road and the Street are being used as short cuts by cars/lorries/vans to get ahead of the congestion on the A11 causing pollution and danger to pedestrians due to speed.

No more houses. Church Lane has enough houses with off shoots.

Larger speed limit signs on A11.

Permanent speed cameras on A11.

Newmarket Road needs speed limit 40mph.

Road infrastructure needs addressing.

Street lighting to Old Mill Lane.

Keep this village a village. Don't make it into a town.

Speed limit on Newmarket Road 30 mph. Infrastructure road network needs updating.

Lights on Old Mill Lane needed, very dark area.

Speed limit on A11, signs need to be larger.

Possible permanent speed camera on A11.

Noise reduction from A11 concrete surface tarmac.

Pollution from long gueues on A11 and old A11 rat run.

Bypass 5 ways roundabout.

Stop traffic buildups.

Stop car boot sales on field beside A11.

Regarding the question of providing housing for young people to remain in the village is unsustainable. Any such houses would ultimately become part of the private housing stock and hence the whole process would possibly start again.

Any significant housing development would greatly change Barton Mills detrimentally.

The possibility of the Parish Council taking responsibility for the Village Hall . Once approved by the Charity Commissioners the Parish Council would be able to raise money for improvement and funded by Council Tax increases.

Why is the District guidelines only 12 houses when clearly more are needed?

This survey representing views of the village, should strongly put forward the need for considerably more housing.

I live at Southview, Newmarket Road IP28 6AQ.

The street in front of my house MUST be reduced to 30 mph. There are enough homes to validate a need to reduce the speed to a residential limit. People going 60 kill pets and deer, risk hitting pedestrians and bicyclists.

I strongly disagree that the Parish Plan has to fall within the local plan.

This is meant to be "our" plan NOT West Suffolk's plan.

This makes the whole process hardly worthwhile.

If further housing is built, it should be for young people with strong links to the village. Not for investors, property developers.

Don't think there should be more housing, otherwise we shall cease to be a village, but be a town or overflow of Mildenhall. Also traffic issues and overcrowding at schools/GP's already. Too much through traffic from A11.

Aspirations: to have a pavement from the village to the new developments, Dairy Court and Sapphire Gardens. Updat pavements in the centre of the village.

Update Village Hall similar to Tuddenham Village Hall.

Traffic coming off main road is HORRIFIC.

Any new housing have enough off-road parking.

A gradual development to allow public services to keep up. Improve footpath around the village linking Worlington Road to the village centre. Also the paths along Worlington Road towards Worlington be wider.

I would like to see connective footpaths from the village up to the main road, to make it safer and easier to walk from my estate into Barton Mills.

Have traffic lights installed on A11 at junction to entrance to Barton Mills from Tuddenham to make it safer to gain access to village

I think it's very important more affordable houses are offered for young families in the area and chances to get on the housing ladder.

Reduced speed limit along Tuddenham Road to the junction to the A11.

Many family houses are occupied by one person.

Make bungalows / retirement homes in the village might encourage downsizing, freeing up family homes whilst enabling the single person to remain in the village.

Ref A11 close crossings.

A11 Fiveways roundabout build fly over.

My response to 14 is based on the fact that, other than a school bus to Bury St Edmunds once a day in term time - we have no bus service.

With regard to question 6 concerning restaurants, I believe we only have the Bull Hotel, including 5 Guys and McDonalds doesn't count as they are takeaways providing only burgers and fries.

I live in the Street. Behind me and to both sides is open land. Currently I believe it has preservation order on it. Planning position has previously been turned down. 2 of the areas belong to 2 estate agents (off the old A11).

I do hope if they ever build - it would be bungalows. This happened where I lived in Newmarket. All I could see were the rooftops, much better.!

- .Need bypass traffic issues, reservation closures not the answer. Speed restrictions to be applied before brow of hill from Red Lodge
- .more green spaces
- .improved and better maintained paths and cycle routes- (are areas within village itself have to go onto road as either no path or too narrow for pushchairs, wheelchairs or mobility scooters.)
- . No estate style box houses, need to reflect character and individuality of village

Affordable social housing should be built in the area. Young people and families are currently sleeping rough or are in temporary accommodation. Barton mill cannot gate keep the space anymore, it's basically a large cemetery that needs some life breathing into it.

It is important to ensure that existing residential properties (particularly within the conservation area) are not to be used for industrial purposes as this causes noise issues including in early evenings and at weekends.

Much of Barton Mills is a conservative area and it is important that residential properties are not used as a business premises that creates noise that impacts on neighbours.

Unfortunately I would not know what the village needs in the way of housing only as a personal insight as children and grandchildren will not be able to afford mortgages in future would be interested to have this information known to the parish council from West Suffolk! As far as roads are concerned Old Newmarket Road is constantly congested and still remains a 60MPH when there are hidden access to houses and fields there needs to be 40mph or traffic calming on this road the footpaths are inadequate in some places and there is no street lighting

Bell lane is extremely busy at weekends as a cut through from a 11 they speed down and a few weeks ago could not get out of our gate . Need calming and to shut the first turn off a11

Bus Stops near tot Five ways Roundabout are necessary. We have 2just 2 Buses through the village a day .lt's not enough !!!

Because of our poor bus services in the village, a village general shop would be very useful, especially for those without transport.

The garage is very limited and crossing the A1101 is unsafe by foot.

A village store would be very welcome.

Improved exits from Barton Mills onto A11 at both junctions. Both these junctions are extremely dangerous. The Bull Inn has fast speeding traffic and the other junction from A11 to Barton Mills has no filter road. Many accidents have occurred here.

We need speed bumps placed in our village.

Newmarket Road - 60 mph and overgrowth around bling corners leads to accidents.

Overgrowth should be maintained for visibility and so signage can be seen clearly. Especially where uturns from A11 are done daily.

Consider reducing speed on Newmarket Road and have speed indicator.

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