

## Results of Questionnaire No. 2:

The Questionnaire was designed to gather residents' views to ensure our Plan meets local needs on the following:

- Vision & Objectives
- Potential locations for 100 new homes as allocated by Chelmsford City Council
- Type, design, tenure and size of developments for these homes.

**In total, 996 surveys were completed, and we are advised that these results can give a highly accurate picture of the views of the wider population of Danbury. The age profile of respondents is shown below compared to the 2011 Census.**

*Some of the tables below show a direct comparison of positive and negative responses (e.g. 'Don't know' replies are not reported). The % is calculated on the total number of replies received for that question and may not add up to 100%.*

	Survey		Census 2011	
Number of replies	993		5,087	
Under 18	40	4%	1,093	21%
18 to 24	24	2%	277	5%
25 to 44	141	14%	1,013	20%
45 to 64	322	32%	1,553	31%
65+	429	43%	1,151	23%
Not disclosed	37	4%		

### Vision Statement

'Danbury in 2036 will be a thriving village, separate from Chelmsford, with a strong community spirit, where people of all ages will be able to enjoy Danbury's unique character and identity. Its countryside, woods and green spaces will be protected, as will its heritage, older buildings and distinguishing features.'

Any development will be sympathetic to, and not detract from, the character of the village, will be sustainable and appropriate to its scale and nature and be integrated with the landscape and existing housing.

Opportunities will be taken to improve leisure, recreation and retail facilities for local residents. Danbury's geographical position within the area's road network is likely to continue to be a challenge and opportunities to improve this will be actively sought with other agencies over the plan period.'

**Reaction to the proposed direction for the Neighbourhood Plan was overwhelmingly positive, with levels of 'strong agreement' making up well over half (64%) of responses.**

Number of replies	995	
<b>Agreed</b>	<b>955</b>	<b>96%</b>
Disagreed	30	3%

### Design & Heritage Objective

'Conserve and enhance Danbury's heritage assets and positive features which contribute to the village – development affecting these assets and features will not be supported.'

**Nearly all residents were in agreement with the objective (97%), with 76% of residents' expressing strong agreement indicating conserving the heritage of the village is very important to them.**

Number of replies	990	
<b>Agreed</b>	<b>964</b>	<b>97%</b>
Disagreed	17	2%

## Environment Objective

'To seek protection, conservation and enhancement of this significant element of Danbury's character, including its open spaces and rural lanes.'

**98% of respondents agreed with this environment objective of which 83% strongly agreed. Conservation and protecting the environment are a priority for people living in Danbury.**

Number of replies	981	
<b>Agreed</b>	<b>964</b>	<b>98%</b>
Disagreed	7	1%

In addition:

- Results show high levels of support ~ 98% for environmental initiatives such as planting trees to reduce air pollution and using hedges to encourage wildlife.
- There was a desire to reduce external lighting as much as possible: 62% were against installing new street lighting and 75% wished to control external property lighting.
- Residents were keen to keep Danbury's landscape relatively unchanged: nearly all said street furniture should be sympathetic to its surroundings and that utilities should be buried where possible.
- Nearly three quarters (73%) said unmade roads were an integral part of the landscape and character of Danbury.

## Transport Objective

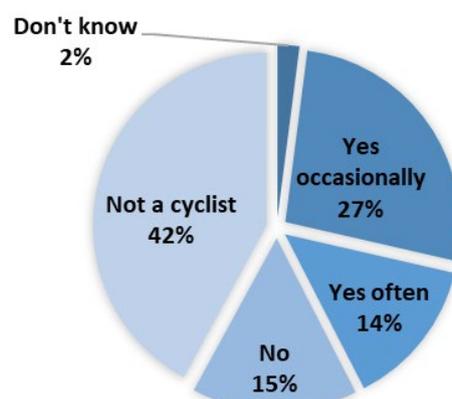
'To promote clean, safe streets and spaces, seeking creative solutions to the traffic issues that currently affect Danbury; encouraging sustainable transport, addressing parking issues and improvements to pavements where possible.'

**98% agreed with the objective for transport.**

In addition:

- 53% would use an enhanced footpath from Mayes Lane to Well Lane indicating moderate demand.
- 64% felt additional pavements were needed on busy roads such as Woodhill Road.
- 95% said hedges should be kept clear of pavements to improve safety for pedestrians.
- There were mixed views on parking provision in Danbury: 54% said there was no need for additional parking in the centre, yet 38% said there was.
- Equally, 48% would not support an increase in the size of car parks, however 40% would
- Results for a cycle route from Danbury to Sandon Park and Ride and to Maldon are inconclusive as 42% of respondents were not cyclists. Only 27% said they would use such a route often – see below

### RESULTS FOR A CYCLE ROUTE



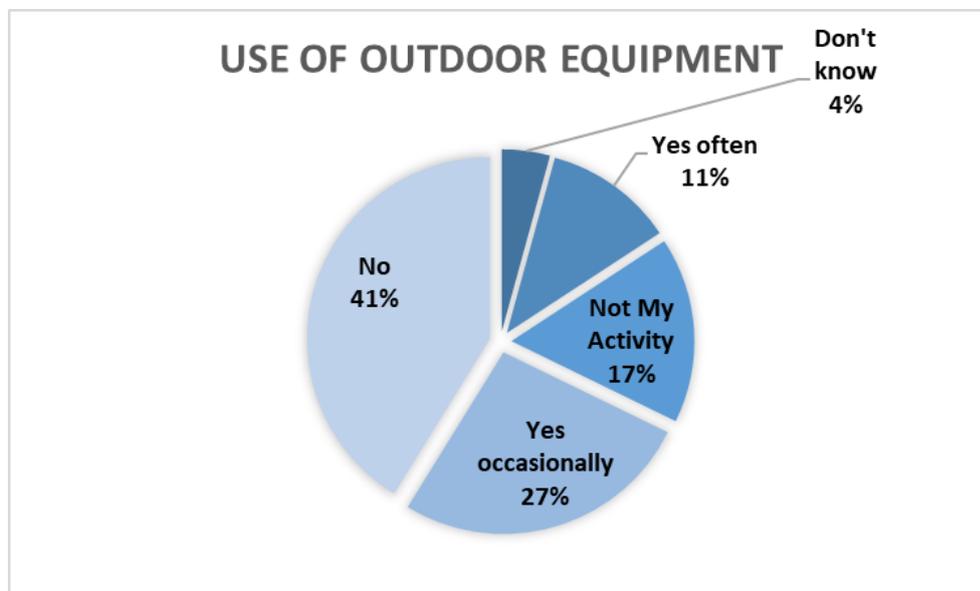
## Recreation & Leisure Objective

'To improve Danbury's recreation and leisure facilities and increase provision where a shortfall exists.'

**Overall 90% agreed with this objective.**

In addition:

- Results show high levels of support for providing activities for young people: 90% supported activities for 6-12 year olds, 91% supported activities for those aged 12+.
- Little demand was found for allotments as only 16% said they would cultivate one.
- The majority (73%) supported the reduction of damage caused by mountain bikers to Danbury Common and Scrubs Wood.
- Demand for a swimming pool appears to be high with 62% indicating they would make use of one but only 33% often.
- Results for the use of outdoor equipment are mixed - see below.



## Amenities Objective

'To ensure that important amenities are retained and sufficient for the future needs of residents.'

**98% agreed with the objective for amenities.**

Almost all (92%) supported the idea of nominating certain essential facilities as 'Assets of Community Value' so that if they came up for sale, the village would have an opportunity to bid on them.

## Business & Economy Objective

'To encourage further small-scale enterprises particularly working from home; commercial sites for green energy will also be supported where locally appropriate and where they will cause no demonstrable harm to the character of the area.'

**92% agreed with the objective for Danbury's business and economy.**

The creation of a business hub to support local business and home working was supported by 75% of respondents.

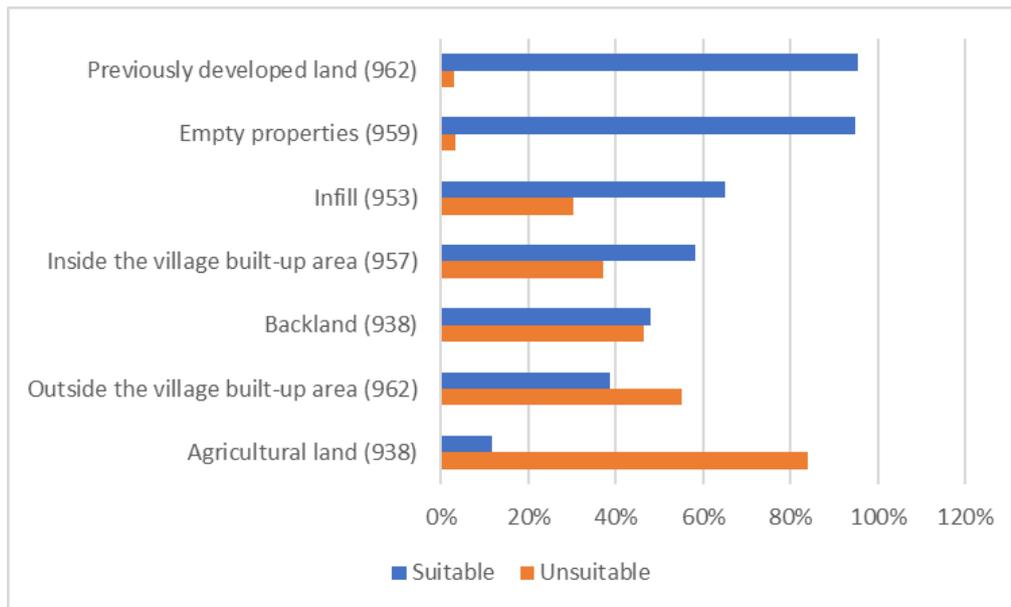
## Housing Objective

'To ensure there is a high-quality housing provision for all ages, which responds to Danbury's needs. Any development will be sustainable (meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs). It will also be appropriate to the scale and nature of the Parish, with the separation between existing settlements being maintained. Green energy in new developments will be encouraged.'

**95% agreed with the housing development objective**

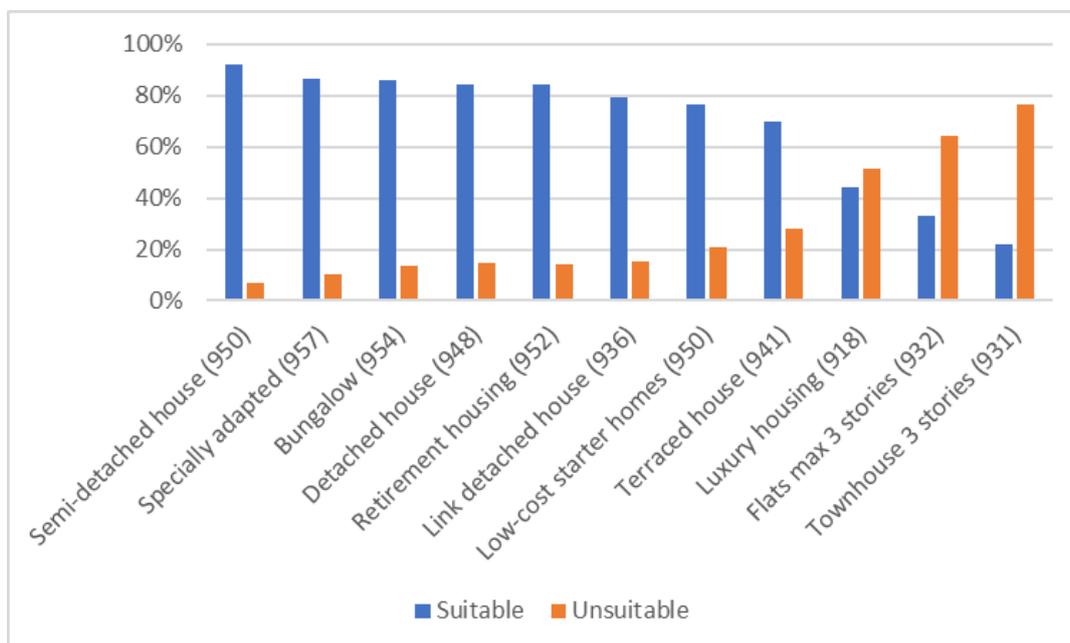
## Type of Land

There was a clear preference for development of previously developed land (96% felt this was suitable for development) and in empty properties (95% felt suitable) – in contrast, there was considerable opposition to development on agricultural land (86% unsuitable).



## Type of Housing

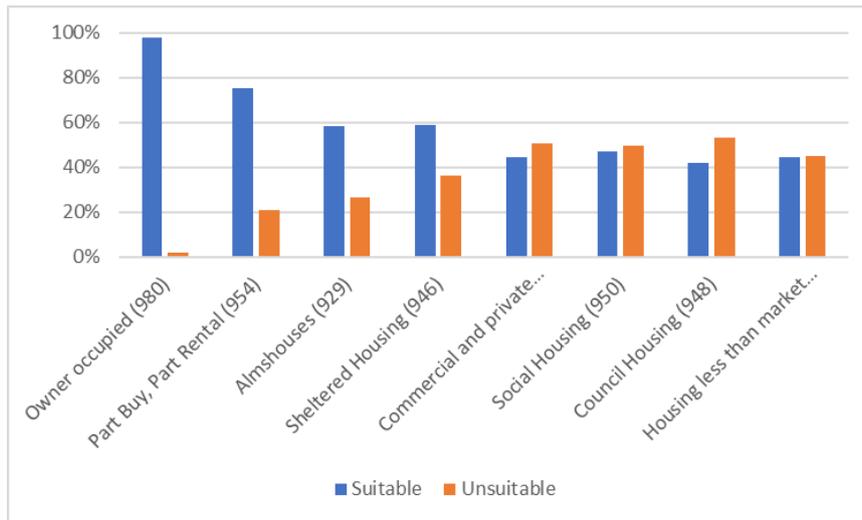
With the exception of luxury housing, flats and apartments, and three storey town houses, most respondents felt a variety of housing types were suitable for development.



There was strong support, 87%, for a Policy that any new Starter home built in the village should remain as a Starter home and not enlarged.

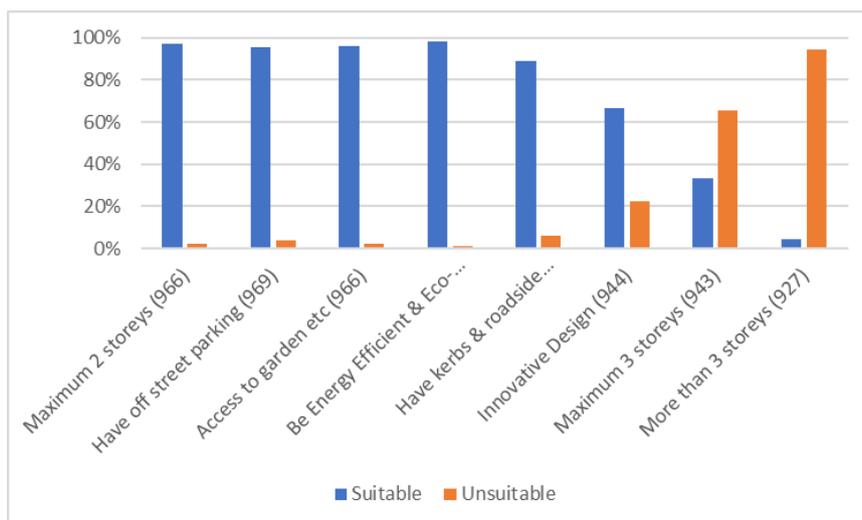
## Tenure

The development of rental properties of any type, including social housing, was felt to be far less suitable for Danbury.



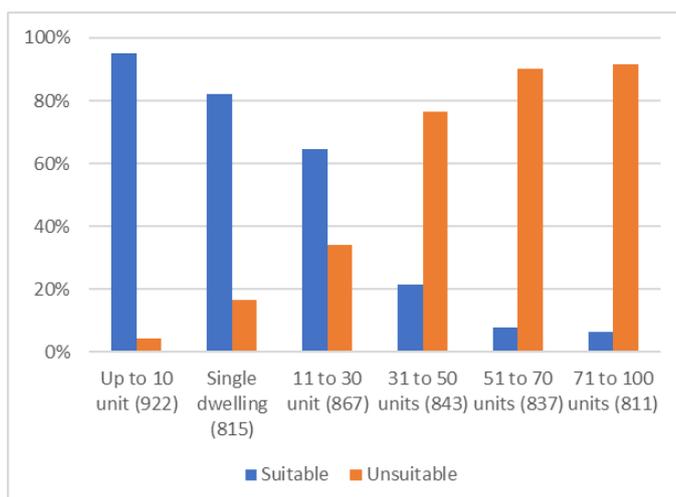
## Design

Results suggest a desire that developments be energy efficient & environmentally friendly, have off street parking, access to garden space and of no more than two storeys.



## Size of development for the 100 homes

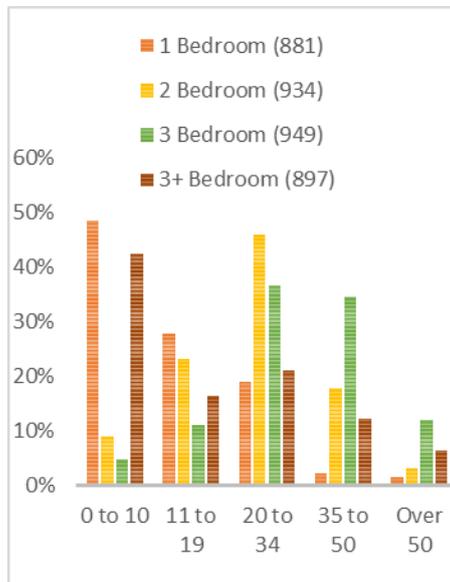
There was a preference that the 100 homes are built in smaller groups (preferably groups of up to 10, or up to 30) or single dwellings.



## Size of home to be built within the 100 home allocation

The results indicate the following allocation of the 100 homes:

- 1 Bedroom up to 10 homes
- 2 Bedroom 20 to 34 homes
- 3 Bedroom 20 to 34 homes / 35 to 50 homes
- 4 or more bedroom up to 10 homes.



## Redevelopment of large plot

Results were mixed on what to do when a large plot with an existing 'small' home becomes available for development.

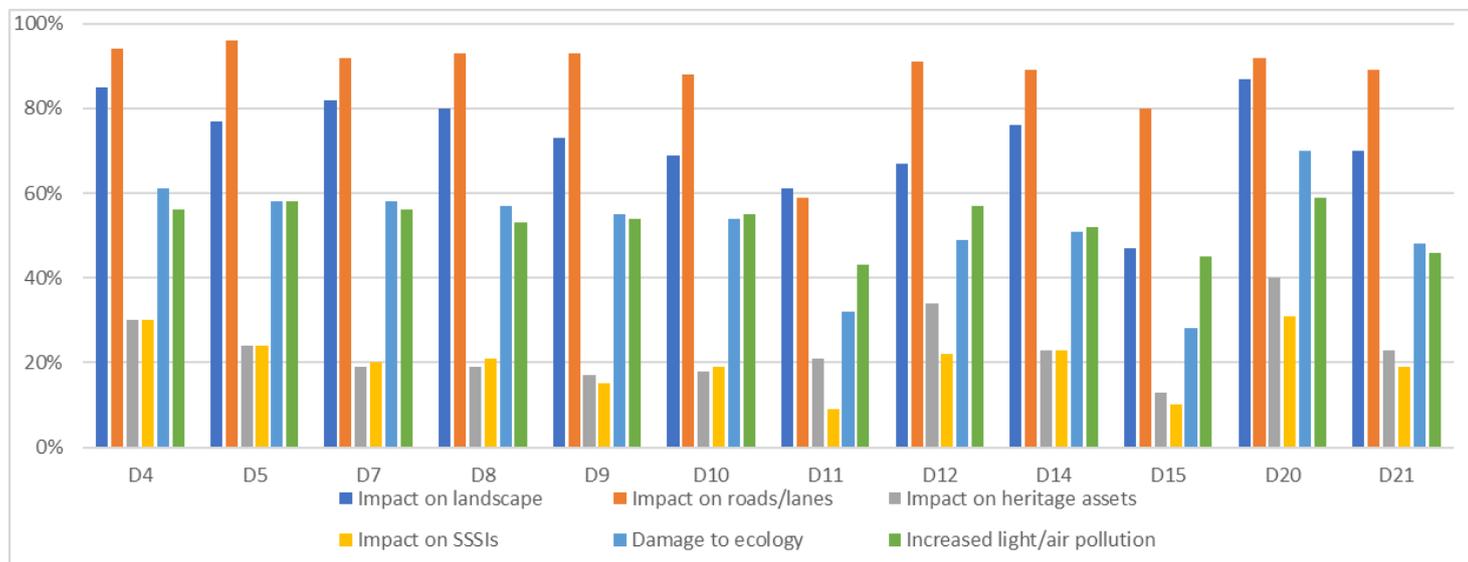
	Number of replies	
	976	
More than one dwelling	514	53%
Single dwelling < 200 sq mtr	416	43%
Single dwelling > 200 sq mt	132	14%
Don't know	71	7%

## Suitability of Sites

Well Lane Industrial Site and Danecroft, Woodhill Road were the two sites seen as most suitable for development (by 75% and 63% respectively).



## Reasons for unsuitability of each site

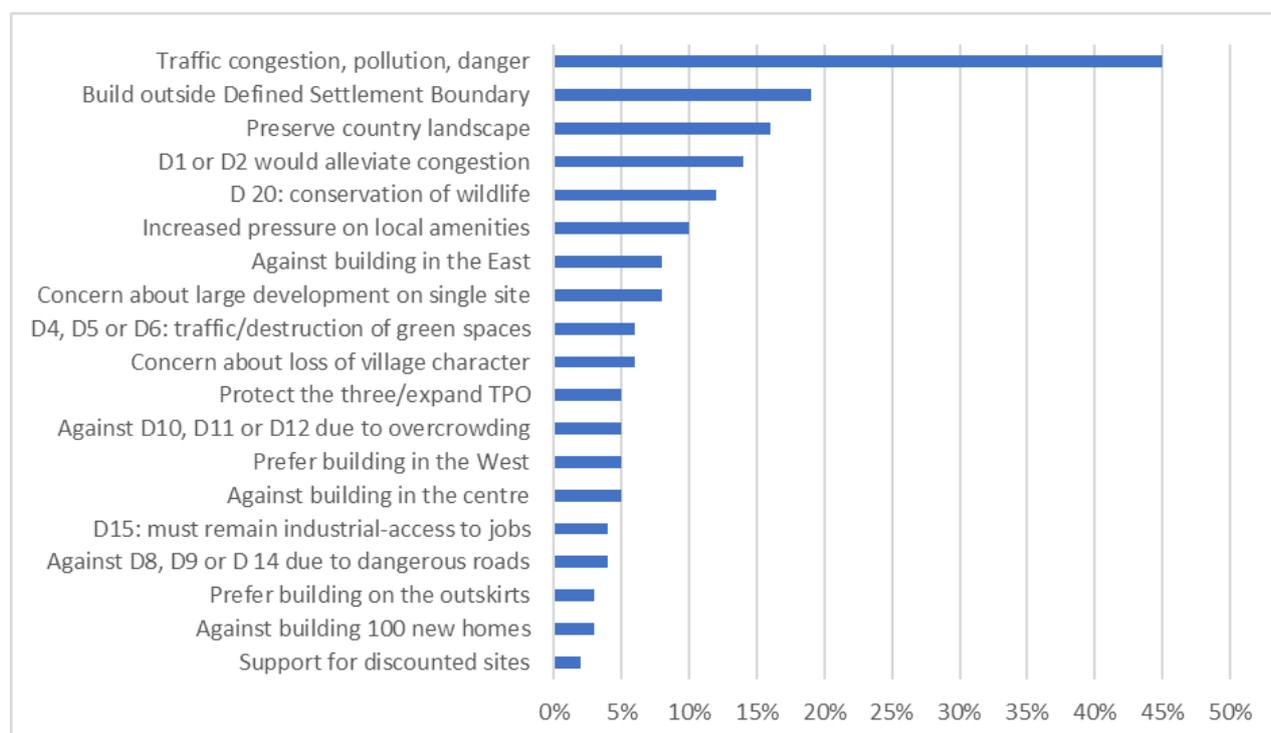


## Key to Sites

D4	Land off Runsell Lane
D5	Sandpit Field, East of Little Fields
D7	Land at Tyndales Farm (larger site)
D8	Land at Tyndales Farm (smaller site)
D9	Land at Millfields & Mill Lane
D10	Field South of Jubilee Rise
D11	Play Area, Jubilee Rise
D12	Bay Meadow, adjacent to Medical Centre
D14	Danecroft, Woodhill Road
D15	Well Lane Industrial Site
D20	Land North of Elm Green Lane
D21	Land at Copt Hill & Mayes Lane

## Other Comments relating to the Sites

370 other comments were made. Concerns typically centred around increases in traffic, congestion, and pollution

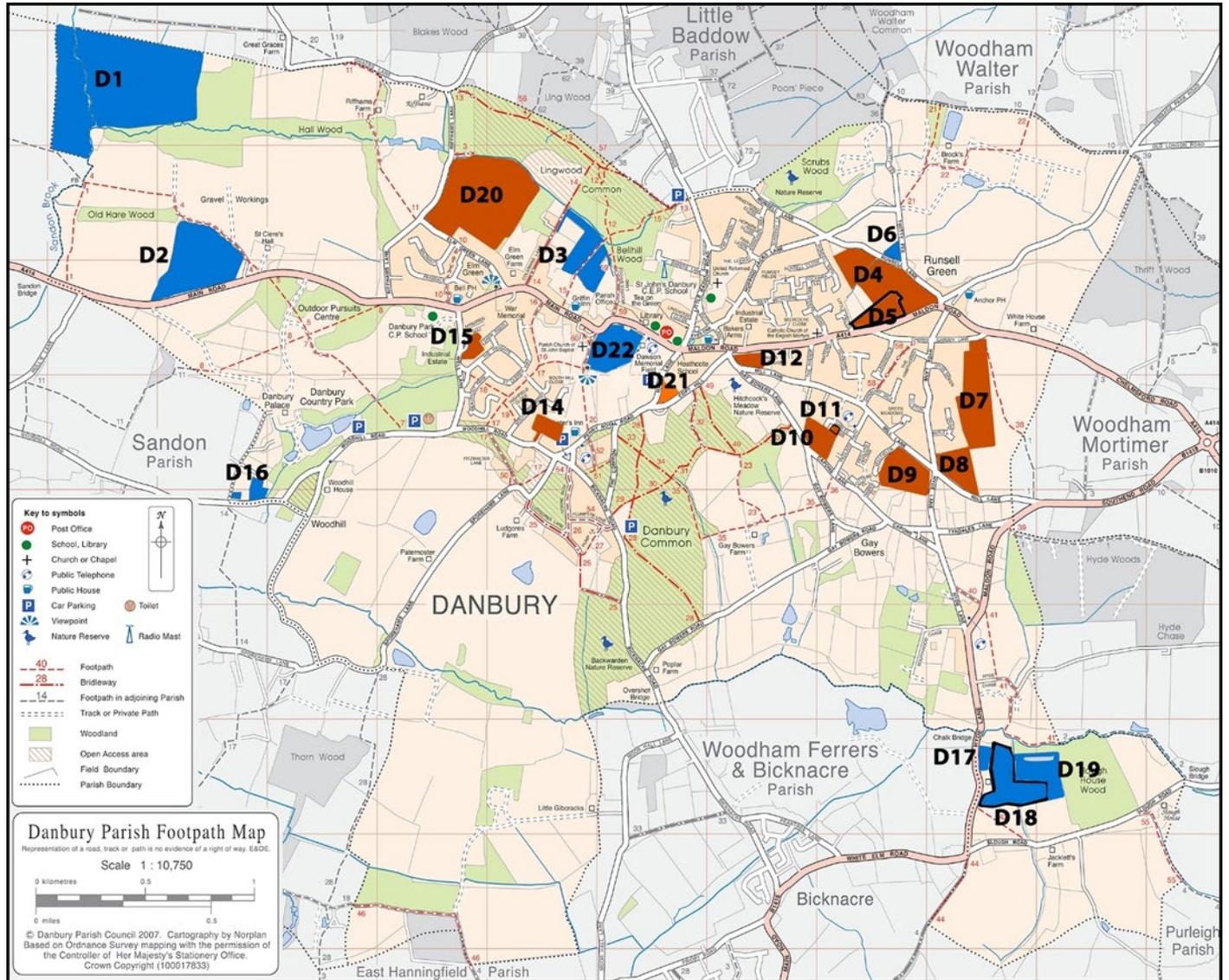


## Map of Sites

Sites shaded blue have been discounted as they are either not being in accordance with Strategic Growth Site 9 - Danbury, or not being suitable, available and achievable (in accordance with Chelmsford Council's approved SLAA Methodology (March 2015)).

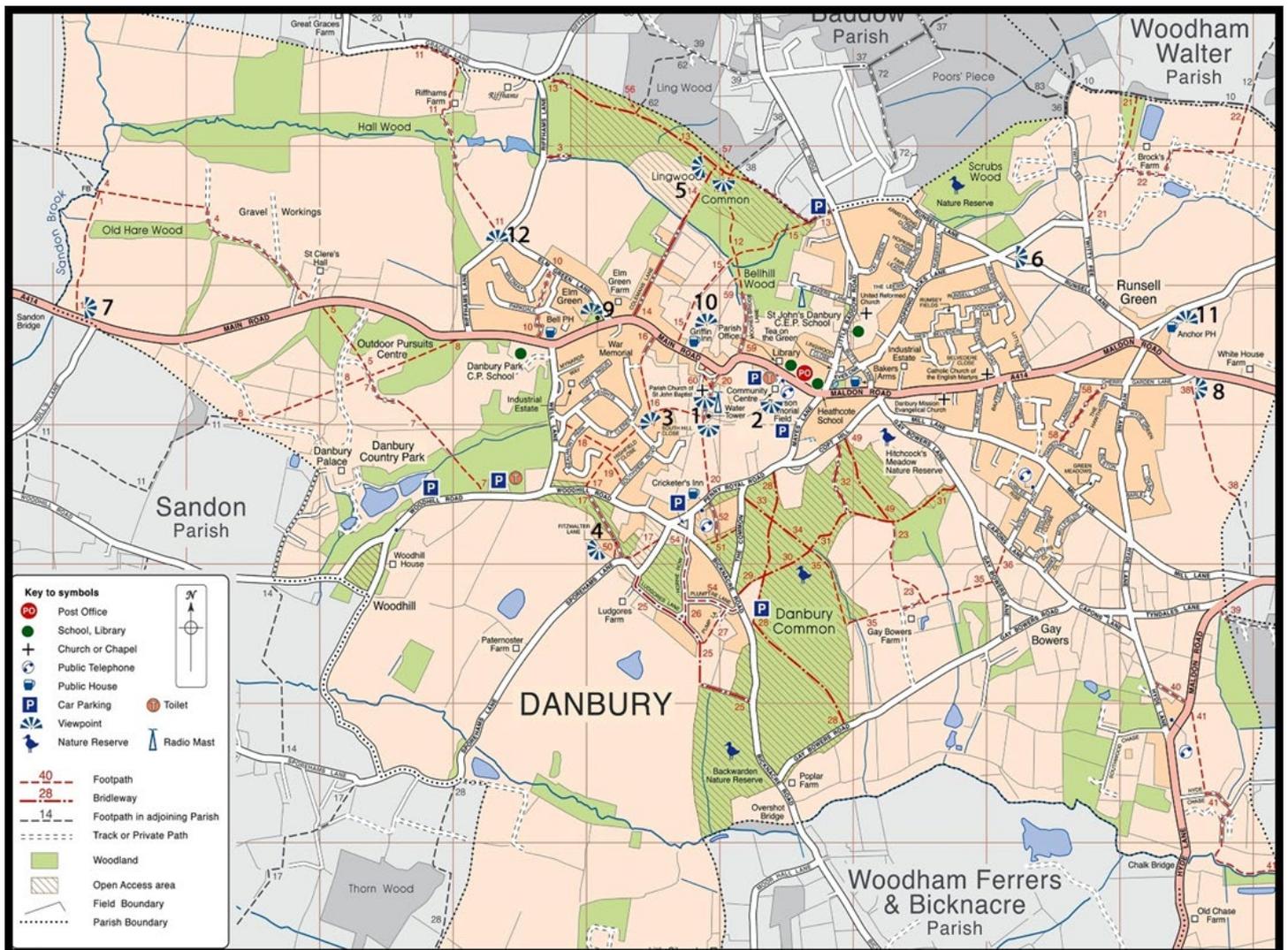
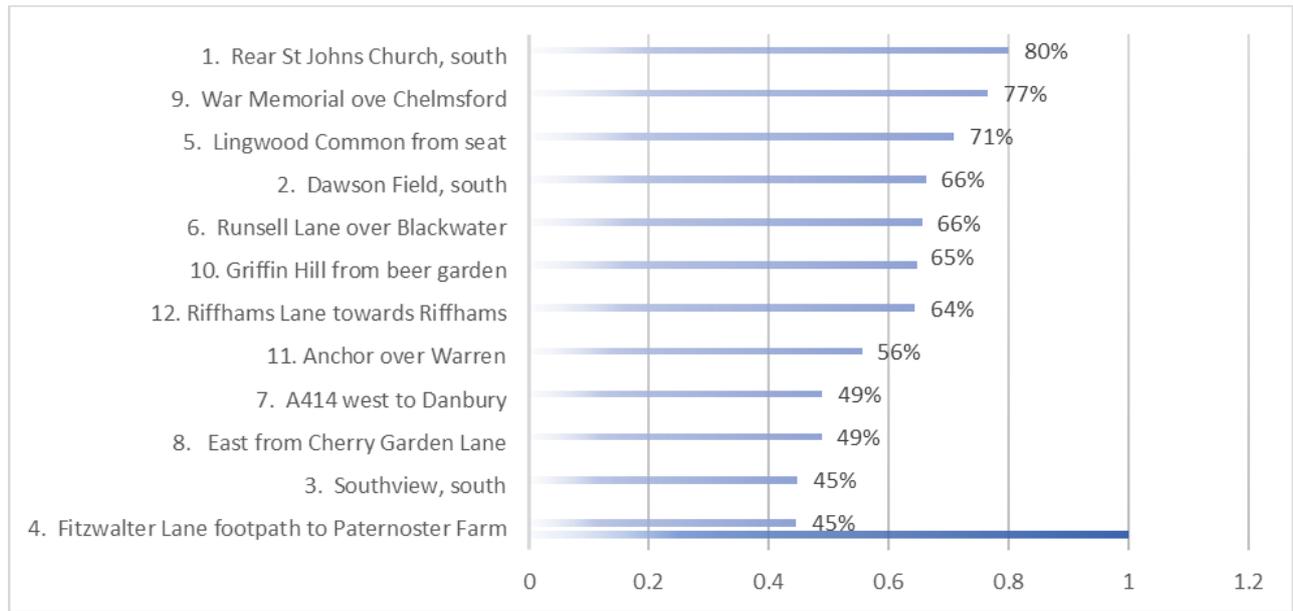
12 sites shaded brown will be subject to further environmental and sustainability evaluation to progress further through the plan process.

Site D22 was a very late submission, to Chelmsford City Council, and therefore does not appear in the survey



## Danbury's Views

97% of respondents mentioned a desire to preserve at least one view from the list presented. The breakdown is shown below.



# Project Plan

