



Danbury Neighbourhood Plan

Our Parish, Our Future

Dear Resident

Danbury Neighbourhood Plan – Questionnaire Number 2. Please complete by 15th September 2018

The next stage in preparing the Neighbourhood Plan is to obtain the views of Danbury residents on a variety of matters to enable us to draft the Policies which will be the bedrock of the Neighbourhood Plan. At the same time we will be looking for your thoughts on potential location(s) of the 100 new homes to be built in Danbury that have been allocated through the Chelmsford City Council emerging Local Plan.

The attached questionnaire can be completed by all Danbury Residents and Business Owners – there is no age limit!! This is your opportunity to have your say in shaping the future of Danbury for the next 18 years.

There are two ways to complete the questionnaire, using the paper version, or online by visiting **www.danburyneighbourhoodplan.com**. The questionnaire can be responded to by up to four members of the household using the reference numbers below (please note that each reference can only be used once and each household member should only make one response.) You will need to enter one of the numbers below either when responding online, or if responding on the paper copy, please insert a number into the reference box on Page 3.

If you have any queries relating to the questionnaire, please contact Lesley Mitchelmore at Danbury Parish Council, the Old School House, Main Road, Danbury, CM3 4NQ. Tel: 01245 225111.

If you would like more information about the Danbury Neighbourhood Plan please visit www.danburyneighbourhoodplan.com.

Thank you for taking the time to have a say in the future of Danbury.

Danbury Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

The Danbury Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is an Advisory Committee of Danbury Parish Council. Your response will be anonymous and by taking part in this survey, you agree that your answers can be used for analysis purposes and summarised into a report to be published and used only for the purposes of producing the Danbury Neighbourhood Plan.

We are working with an external and independent research agency Qa Research who will collect, enter, analyse and summarise the information into a report in accordance with the Qa Research Privacy Policy <http://www.qaresearch.co.uk/about-us/privacy-policy/>. Paper copy responses will be sent securely to the Company. The information including paper responses will be returned to Danbury Parish Council where it may be further analysed and will be kept until the Neighbourhood Plan has been passed at examination and adopted, up to a maximum of five years, in accordance with their data protection Policy: http://www.danbury-essex.gov.uk/images/documents/General_Data_Protection_Policy_May_2018.pdf.

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VISION STATEMENT

The vision for the future of Danbury up to 2036 has been written based on the feedback received during the Visions and Objectives Consultation during July and August 2017.

‘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.’

Q1: Do you agree with this Vision for the Danbury Neighbourhood Plan?

Strongly Agree ¹ Agree ² Disagree ³ Strongly Disagree ⁴ Don’t know ⁵

HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT

Any future development should be sympathetic to the village character and respond to local needs. Properties for younger people and smaller properties for downsizers will be a priority. Suitable housing at less than the market value will be included. It should be of high quality and design and fit well into the context of the village in terms of mix, scale, character and tenure. Suitable previously developed land and infill sites will be preferred, which do not conflict with Chelmsford’s criteria for site selection and for development. Danbury’s residents are keen that the existing separation between settlements is maintained, and any development proposed should not encroach on green spaces between Danbury and its neighbours.

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.’

Q2: Do you agree with this objective for Danbury’s Housing and Development?

Strongly Agree ¹ Agree ² Disagree ³ Strongly Disagree ⁴ Don’t know ⁵

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT: The emerging Chelmsford Local Plan has allocated 100 homes to be accommodated within or adjoining Danbury's Defined Settlement Boundary. The next questions will help us identify the type, tenure, design, location and size of the development for the 100 homes.

		Highly Suitable	Suitable	Unsuitable	Highly Unsuitable	Don't Know
Q3. How suitable are the following types of land for homes to be built on?	Agricultural Land	1	2	3	4	5
	Backland (use of gardens)	1	2	3	4	5
	Previously Developed Land	1	2	3	4	5
	Empty Properties	1	2	3	4	5
	Infill (filling gaps between existing houses)	1	2	3	4	5
	Inside the Village Built up Area	1	2	3	4	5
	Outside but Next to the Village Built Up Area	1	2	3	4	5
Q4. How suitable are each of the following types of homes if they were to be built?	Detached House	1	2	3	4	5
	Link Detached House	1	2	3	4	5
	Semi-detached House	1	2	3	4	5
	Terraced House	1	2	3	4	5
	Town House (3 Storeys)	1	2	3	4	5
	Bungalow	1	2	3	4	5
	Flats/apartments – max 3 storeys	1	2	3	4	5
	Low Cost Starter Homes	1	2	3	4	5
	Luxury Housing	1	2	3	4	5
	Retirement Housing	1	2	3	4	5
	Specially adapted for people living with disability	1	2	3	4	5
Q5. How suitable are the following forms of tenure for the new homes?	Owner-occupied	1	2	3	4	5
	Commercial and Private Rental	1	2	3	4	5
	Part Buy, Part Rental (Shared Ownership)	1	2	3	4	5
	Almshouse	1	2	3	4	5
	Social Housing e.g. Housing Association	1	2	3	4	5
	Council Housing	1	2	3	4	5
	Sheltered Housing	1	2	3	4	5
	Housing at Less than the Market Cost/Rent	1	2	3	4	5
Q6. How suitable are each of the following design features for the new homes?	Maximum 2 storeys	1	2	3	4	5
	Maximum 3 storeys	1	2	3	4	5
	More than 3 storeys	1	2	3	4	5
	Have off Street Parking	1	2	3	4	5
	Have Pavements and Kerbstones at the Roadside	1	2	3	4	5
	Be Energy Efficient and Eco-Friendly	1	2	3	4	5
	Innovative Design	1	2	3	4	5
	Access to a garden or shared space	1	2	3	4	5

		Number of Homes				
Q7. Of the 100 homes, how many should be built of each type?	1 Bedrooms	0-10	11-19	20-34	35-50	51+
	2 Bedrooms	1	2	3	4	5
	3 Bedrooms	1	2	3	4	5
	4 or More Bedrooms	1	2	3	4	5

		Number of Bedrooms				
Q8. If you are intending to move within Danbury in the next 5 years, what type of home would you require?	Detached	1	2	3	4	Don't Know
	Semi-detached/terraced	1	2	3	4	5
	Bungalow	1	2	3	4	5
	Flat	1	2	3	4	5

Q9. If you answered Q8, would this be any of the following?

Sheltered Housing ¹ Social Housing ² Specially Adapted ³ Starter Home ⁴ None of These ⁵

Q10. Would you support a policy that any new starter home built in the village should remain as a starter home and not enlarged?

Strongly Support ¹ Support ² Oppose ³ Strongly Oppose ⁴ Don't know ⁵

Q11. If an existing small property on a large plot becomes available for redevelopment, what type of property(s) do you think would be appropriate to ensure that any development will be sympathetic to the immediate surroundings?

Single dwelling up to 200sq metres (approx. 2,150sq ft) – 3 or 4 bedroom house	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Single dwelling up to 350sq metres (approx. 3,750sq ft) – 5 or more bedroom house	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
More than one dwelling (in order to maximise the efficiency of land use)	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>	4

		Highly Suitable	Suitable	Unsuitable	Highly Unsuitable	Don't Know
Q12. What size of development is suitable for the village (i.e. number of homes on a site). Remember that the allocation for Danbury is 100 homes in total.	Single dwelling	1	2	3	4	5
	Groups up to 10 homes	1	2	3	4	5
	Groups of 11 to 30	1	2	3	4	5
	Groups of 31 to 50	1	2	3	4	5
	Groups of 51 to 70	1	2	3	4	5
	Groups of 71 to 100	1	2	3	4	5

A total of 20 sites have been put forward to build these 100 homes. The following 12 sites, shaded in brown on the map on page 12 meet Chelmsford’s initial principles for development, although they will be subject to further environmental and sustainability evaluation to progress further through the plan process. A larger map is available at this link <http://www.danburyneighbourhoodplan.com/> or the Parish Council Office.

Q13. The 100 homes may be accommodated either across a number of sites or on one site. Bearing this in mind, what is your opinion of the suitability of each site listed below to accommodate some homes? You may wish to consider your response to question 12 when answering this question.

Site No.	Location	Highly Suitable	Suitable	Unsuitable	Highly Unsuitable	Don't Know
D4	Land off Runsell Lane	1	2	3	4	5
D5	Sandpit Field, East of Little Fields	1	2	3	4	5
D7	Land at Tyndales, East	1	2	3	4	5
D8	Land at Tyndales, West	1	2	3	4	5
D9	Land at Millfields & Mill Lane	1	2	3	4	5
D10	Field South of Jubilee Rise	1	2	3	4	5
D11	Play Area, Jubilee Rise	1	2	3	4	5
D12	Bay Meadow, land adjacent to Medical Centre	1	2	3	4	5
D14	Danecroft, Woodhill Road	1	2	3	4	5
D15	Well Lane Industrial Site	1	2	3	4	5
D20	Riffhams Lane	1	2	3	4	5
D21	Land at Copt Hill/Mayes Lane	1	2	3	4	5

Q14. If you consider any of the sites in Question 13 to be unsuitable, please indicate your reasons below. Please tick all that apply.

Site No.	Reason					
	Impact on landscape character	Impact on main road or country lanes	Impact on heritage assets	Impact on Sites of Scientific Interest	Damage to ecology	Increased light or air pollution
D4	1	2	3	4	5	6
D5	1	2	3	4	5	6
D7	1	2	3	4	5	6
D8	1	2	3	4	5	6
D9	1	2	3	4	5	6
D10	1	2	3	4	5	6
D11	1	2	3	4	5	6
D12	1	2	3	4	5	6
D14	1	2	3	4	5	6
D15	1	2	3	4	5	6
D20	1	2	3	4	5	6
D21	12		3	4	5	6

Discounted Sites

As the sites listed above have sufficient capacity to accommodate the 100 homes to be built in Danbury, the following sites, (shaded blue on the map) that do not meet Chelmsford’s policy for Danbury have been discounted for the reasons stated.

Site No.	Location	Reason
D1	Hammonds Farm	Outside of or not adjoining the Defined Settlement Boundary.
D2	Land at St Clere’s Hall	Outside of or not adjoining the Defined Settlement Boundary.
D3	Land to North of 80 Main Road	Outside of or not adjoining the Defined Settlement Boundary. Largely in a Tree Preservation Order area
D6	Land at Twitty Fee	Outside of or not adjoining the Defined Settlement Boundary.
D13*	Land at Copt Hill/Mayes lane	Outside of or not adjoining the Defined Settlement Boundary. <i>*This submission has been superseded by a new submission ref: D21</i>
D16	Land at Woodhill Road	Outside of or not adjoining the Defined Settlement Boundary.
D17	Land North of White Elm Cottage, Hyde Lane	Outside of or not adjoining the Defined Settlement Boundary.
D18	Land at Old Chase Farm, Hyde Lane	Outside of or not adjoining the Defined Settlement Boundary.
D19	Land at Old Chase Farm, Hyde Lane	Outside of or not adjoining the Defined Settlement Boundary.

Q15. If you have any other comments relating to sites, please add them here in no more than 25 words, stating the site reference number where applicable.

DESIGN AND HERITAGE

Danbury has many listed buildings and a Conservation Area. These heritage assets will be protected and enhanced where possible, and any development impacting on these assets will not be supported.

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.’

Q16. Do you agree with this objective for Danbury’s Design and Heritage?

Strongly Agree ¹ Agree ² Disagree ³ Strongly Disagree ⁴ Don’t know ⁵

ENVIRONMENT

Danbury's residents place a very high priority on the importance of the countryside, wildlife areas, open spaces, conservation area(s) and protected lanes, together with the network of public rights of way and commons. Therefore, these will be protected and enhanced where possible, and ways sought to mitigate the potential recreational pressure on the Sites of Special Scientific Interest, Country Parks and Local Wildlife Sites. The Danbury Ridge Living Landscape will be supported, and opportunities taken to enhance the existing accessible open spaces and rectify any shortfalls in provision. The character of Danbury's Rural Lanes will be protected.

Objective

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

		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
Q17.	Do you agree with this objective for Danbury's Environment?	1	2	3	4	5
Q18.	When new houses are built, do you agree appropriate trees and hedges should be planted to assist in reducing air pollution?	1	2	3	4	5
Q19.	Do you agree that garden hedges are to be encouraged to demarcate boundaries and encourage wildlife?	1	2	3	4	5

Q20. Please select any of the following views you would like protected. A map showing the locations can be viewed at www.danburyneighbourhoodplan.com

From rear of St Johns Church, South From the Water Tower, Looking over Hanningfield Reservoir	1	From A414 (West) towards Danbury	7
From Dawson's Field, South	2	Looking eastwards from the field to the east end of Cherry Garden Lane towards Bradwell Power Station	8
From Southview	3	From the War Memorial towards Chelmsford	9
Fitzwalter Lane Footpath to Paternoster Farm	4	Griffin Hill from the beer garden	10
Lingwood Common from the seat	5	From the Anchor over the Warren	11
From Runsell Lane over Blackwater	6	From Riffhams Lane, towards Riffhams (house)	12

		Yes	No	Don't know
Q21.	Should new street lighting be installed in the rural and outlying areas of the Parish?	1	2	3
Q22.	Should new or replacement external property lighting be controlled to reduce light pollution?	1	2	3
Q23.	Should street furniture including bus shelters be sympathetic to the area in which it is installed?	1	2	3
Q24.	Should unmade roads throughout the Parish be retained as an integral part of the overall character of the landscape?	1	2	3
Q25.	Should utility services be buried whenever the opportunity arises?	1	2	3

TRANSPORT AND MOVEMENT

Danbury’s geographical position, being midway between the City of Chelmsford and Maldon and the Dengie Peninsula, which is subject to significant growth, means that the A414 carries the bulk of the traffic between these growth areas, with a significant detrimental effect on the centre of the village.

Danbury’s residents very much want to see improvements to this situation. Therefore collaboration with other agencies will be sought to find a solution, which could include better public transport and cycling provision to encourage a lesser dependence upon private cars, both within the village and outside.

The Parish Council continues to press for a solution to the A414 problem, although it is accepted that this is beyond the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Adequate parking and improvements to pavements are also a priority and opportunities to address these will be taken, and the issue of the impact that HGVs have on the village needs careful consideration.

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.’

Q26. Do you agree with this objective for Transport and Movement?

Strongly Agree ¹ Agree ² Disagree ³ Strongly Disagree ⁴ Don’t know ⁵

		Yes	No	Don't know
Q27.	Would you use an enhanced footpath from Mayes Lane to Well Lane (footpath 17 from behind the Sports and Social Centre to St Clere’s Way)?	1	2	3
Q28.	Are additional pavements needed when walking along busy roads e.g. parts of Woodhill Road?	1	2	3
Q29.	Should private and public hedges be kept clear of pavements for the safety of pedestrians?	1	2	3
Q30.	Is additional parking required in the centre of the village?	1	2	3
Q31.	Would you support an increase in the size of the current car parks?	1	2	3

Q32. Would you use dedicated cycle routes from Danbury to Sandon Park & Ride and from Danbury to Maldon?

Yes Often ¹ Yes Occasionally ² No ³ Not a Cyclist ⁴ Don’t Know ⁵

RECREATION AND LEISURE

Danbury’s leisure facilities and community groups are well used and are a priority to its residents. When asked what other facilities residents would use if provided, suggestions included a swimming pool and an outdoor gym. Danbury has an undersupply of play space for older children, which could be addressed. The existing play areas could be improved where required.

Objective

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

Q33. Do you agree with this objective for Danbury’s Recreation and Leisure?

Strongly Agree ¹ Agree ² Disagree ³ Strongly Disagree ⁴ Don’t know ⁵

		Strongly Support	Support	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know
Q34.	Would you support the provision of activities for young people aged 6-12?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Q35.	Would you support the provision of activities for young people aged 12+?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Q36.	Would you support the reduction of the damage to Danbury Common and Scrubs Wood from Mountain Bikers?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

		Yes often	Yes Occasionally	No	Not my Activity	Don't Know
Q37.	Would you use outdoor exercise equipment if it could be provided?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Q38.	Would you use a swimming pool if one could be provided?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Q39.	Would you cultivate an allotment if more were available?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

AMENITIES

Concern was raised over the capacity of the Medical Centre and schools to cater for its existing residents. Collaboration with other agencies will be sought to improve the situation.

Objective

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

Q40: Do you agree with this objective for Danbury’s Amenities?

Strongly Agree ¹ Agree ² Disagree ³ Strongly Disagree ⁴ Don’t know ⁵

Q41. Would you support selected essential facilities being nominated Assets of Community Value? Assets of Community Value are spaces and places that are important to local people. (If they came up for sale, the community would have an opportunity to bid on them.)

Strongly Support ¹ Support ² Oppose ³ Strongly Oppose ⁴ Don't know ⁵

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

The mobile phone signal, broadband reliability and traffic congestion negatively affect Danbury's Businesses, whilst the local Post Office is very important. Residents seek a better range of retail shops, restaurants and a bank.

Further small-scale enterprises will be encouraged, as will those that entail working at home. Large-scale or those likely to increase traffic in the village will not be supported.

Opportunities to increase green energy will be sought, provided they are in keeping with, and not detrimental to the character of the area.

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.'

Q42. Do you agree with this objective for Danbury's Business and Economy?

Strongly Agree ¹ Agree ² Disagree ³ Strongly Disagree ⁴ Don't know ⁵

Q43. Would you support the creation of a Business Hub (providing fast broadband, office and meeting facilities) to support local and home working businesses?

Strongly Support ¹ Support ² Oppose ³ Strongly Oppose ⁴ Don't know ⁵

About You

We are asking the following questions to enable us to assess the distribution of views expressed.

Q44. Please state your age group.

<input type="checkbox"/> ¹ Under 18	<input type="checkbox"/> ⁴ 35-44	<input type="checkbox"/> ⁷ 65+
<input type="checkbox"/> ² 18-24	<input type="checkbox"/> ⁵ 45-54	<input type="checkbox"/> ⁸ Prefer not to say
<input type="checkbox"/> ³ 25-34	<input type="checkbox"/> ⁶ 55-64	

Q45. Please state your gender

Male ¹ Female ² Prefer not to say ³

Q46. Are you:

Danbury Resident ¹ Danbury Business Owner ² Both a Resident and Danbury Business Owner ³ None of these ⁴

Map of Potential Sites for Development in Danbury (please note that this is not to scale and is for indicative purposes only.)

