

# **LITTLE BEALINGS NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

**RESIDENTS SURVEY**

**Spring 2024**



**PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR SURVEY BY FRIDAY 21 JUNE**

## **Dear Little Bealings Resident**

We hope by now you have heard about the introduction of a Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan for Little Bealings.

The process of drafting a Neighbourhood Plan was launched in November 2023 and is being drawn up by a working group of residents and parish councillors.

The group and the Parish Council wants you all to have your voice heard.

This survey will provide us with important information and will help us ensure that the Plan is drawn up with reference to, and reflects, the aspirations of Little Bealings' residents.

### **Why does Little Bealings need a Neighbourhood Plan?**

The government has a plan to build many new homes across the country.

The East Suffolk Local Plan does not identify the important local characteristics and features in our village that should be protected from development.

A Neighbourhood Plan allows us to decide where we would like any new homes to be built and identify important features that should be protected.

A Neighbourhood Plan covers things that need planning permission and can cover a range of themes, such as:

- Where new housing would be allowed
- What existing facilities should be protected, or new ones provided
- Protecting historically important sites
- Protecting our countryside and wildlife habitats
- Providing guidance on the design of new development

When complete, the Neighbourhood Plan will be used by East Suffolk Council when they make decisions about planning applications in the parish.

## Completing the survey

This survey is open to all residents aged 16 or over to complete. Under 16's have a chance to have their voice heard with the Youth Survey.

Please complete this survey and return by **21 JUNE** in one of the following ways:

### Online (Preferred):

Scan the QR Code on this page with your mobile device

or go to [www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/LtBealings/](http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/LtBealings/)



### Paper

We are distributing one paper copy of the survey to every household in the parish. If there are additional members of your household who would like to complete the survey separately, please encourage them to do so. Additional paper copies are available by emailing: [littlebealingsparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:littlebealingsparishcouncil@gmail.com) or telephone 07731456133.

Please return completed paper surveys to one of the collection boxes at: The Angela Cobbold Hall, All Saints Church Little Bealings or the Village Hall.

To help us in collating all the survey results, please complete the survey online if possible. However, all paper copies returned will of course be included in the results of the survey.

All information collected will be totally anonymous.

**Thank you for taking the time to help us create the  
Little Bealings Neighbourhood Plan.**

## Basic household information

### 1. How old are you?

Please tick only one box per row as applicable to the number of people in your household

<input type="checkbox"/>	16-19
<input type="checkbox"/>	50-59

<input type="checkbox"/>	20-29
<input type="checkbox"/>	60-69

<input type="checkbox"/>	30-39
<input type="checkbox"/>	70-79

<input type="checkbox"/>	40-49
<input type="checkbox"/>	80 and over

### 2. What is your postcode?

## Your housing need

### 3. Do you intend to move from Little Bealings in the next 5 years?

Yes  
 Go to Q4

No  
 Go to Q7

Unsure  
 Go to Q7

### 4. If you answered YES to Question 3, what are the main reasons for wanting or needing to move?

Tick ALL that apply.

- To move closer to family or friends
- To be closer to work or a new job
- To escape living on a dangerous road
- To move to a smaller home/garden
- To move to a larger home/garden
- Wanting to rent a home
- Wanting to buy a home
- To move somewhere with better public transport
- To move somewhere closer to essential services (shops, GP, dentist etc.)
- To live independently
- Other – please specify

### 5. If you answered YES to question 3, what type of household member(s) will want or need to move out? Tick ALL that apply

- A single adult
- An adult couple
- A family with children
- A single older person
- An older couple
- Other – please specify

**6. If you answered yes to question 3, what type of property would be most suitable?**

*Please tick ALL that apply*

- Small Homes 1-2 bedrooms
- Family Homes 3-4 Bedrooms
- Bungalows
- Flat/apartment
- Social (affordable) housing
- Sheltered/Supported Housing
- Residential Care
- Other – please specify

**What you most value in our village**

**7. Please identify the things you value in our village.**

*Please tick one box for each reason...*

	Highly value	Value	Don't value
Rural atmosphere	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Our village history and heritage developed over centuries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ecological habitats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sense of community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quietness and tranquility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public footpaths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not overdeveloped	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Separation from other villages by open countryside	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Village Hall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Angela Cobbold Hall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Primary School	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Church	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Playing field	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Village magazine (Fynn/Lark news)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other – please specify			

**8. Please tell us whether you agree or disagree that these are weaknesses/negative features of our village**

*Please tick one box for each reason...*

	Agree	Disagree	No opinion
Speed of traffic throughout the village is a problem	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Volume of traffic is too high in Little Bealings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Traffic pollution is a problem	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Car parking is a problem throughout the village	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
There are insufficient bins for dog waste	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
There are insufficient bins for general waste	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maintenance of verges and hedges is a concern	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Road signs are inadequate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Road drainage is a concern	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Noise/dust from Sinks Pit is a concern	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water run-off from fields is a concern	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other – please specify

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**9. Would you like to see any of the following in Little Bealings?**

*Please tick one box for each ...*

	Yes	No	Unsure
Shops and retail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Food and restaurants	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tourism businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other – please specify			

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## Your views on the environment and landscape

### 10. Our local landscape and environment provide a backdrop to our daily lives. Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with these statements.

Please tick one box for each statement...

	Agree	Disagree	No opinion
I value the wildlife and biodiversity across Little Bealings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The open views across the fields and woods are important assets to the village	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All green spaces and open areas should be protected from development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Our hedgerows and mature trees need to be protected	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
We have plenty of accessible green spaces to walk in and enjoy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Our footpaths are clearly marked	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Our footpaths are well maintained	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
We should have more benches or seating throughout the village	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I would like to see a community orchard in the village	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The separation between Little Bealings and neighbouring villages should be protected	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tree and bulb planting on verges should be encouraged	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wildlife should be encouraged by the retention of open spaces, hedgerows etc	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The night sky is an asset to the village due to low light pollution	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other – please specify			

## Your views on the facilities for pedestrians and cyclists in Little Bealings

### 11. Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with these statements

Please tick one box for each statement...

	Agree	Disagree	No opinion
I would like to see cycle routes from Little Bealings into neighbouring towns	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pedestrian safety is a concern	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
It is not possible to travel safely by foot or cycle to all parts of the village	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
There are adequate footpaths within Little Bealings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I would like some fixed bike racks installed in Little Bealings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other – please specify			

## Your views on services and amenities in Little Bealings

### 12. Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with these statements

Please tick one box for each reason...

	Agree	Disagree	No opinion
Our public transport is inadequate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Car parking needs improvement especially for the school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sports facilities need to be improved	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I would like some more outdoor play equipment on the playing field	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
More consideration should be given to the needs of young people in the village	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The mobile library is a good asset	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
We need an improved broadband connection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Our mobile phone networks need to be improved	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A dedicated space for networking and development would help me to interact with other home workers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
We need communal electric vehicle charge points in the village	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A community café would be a valuable space in which to socialise and interact with others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A community shop would be an asset for the village	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A church that is open for regular public worship is an asset for the village	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I would like to see some recycling facilities in the village i.e. glass/clothes/food waste	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other views on services and amenities, please specify			



## Your views on housing in Little Bealings

The Neighbourhood Plan will give Little Bealings some protection against unwanted development. It will also give us more say over the location, size, style and nature of any new housing. This section asks for your opinions on homes and housing development in Little Bealings.

**13. Do you think Little Bealings needs more housing?**

Yes  No  Unsure

**14. If you answered YES or UNSURE to Question 13, what importance do you attach to the following reasons for new housing in Little Bealings?**

*Please tick one box for each reason...*

	Important	Not important	No opinion
To enable young people to remain in the community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To provide affordable homes for rent or purchase	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To meet the wider need for more housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To enable older people to move to suitable accommodation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To add to the social mix of the community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To fund improvements to the community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Another reason, please specify			

**15. If you answered YES or UNSURE to Question 13, what scale would you prefer any future developments to take?**

*Please tick any that apply:*

<input type="checkbox"/> Single dwellings	<input type="checkbox"/> Medium developments of 6-10 dwellings
<input type="checkbox"/> Small developments of up to 5 dwellings	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 or 2 larger developments of 11+ dwellings

**16. How many more houses would you support in Little Bealings, between now and 2036 (the East Suffolk Local plan period).**

*Tick one box only.*

<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> 10 to 20
<input type="checkbox"/> Under 10	<input type="checkbox"/> Over 20

**17. What do you consider the most important factors to be considered when identifying sites for new housing in Little Bealings?**

*Please tick one box for each factor*

	Agree	Disagree	No opinion
Sites should be 'brownfield' i.e. previously developed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sites should be 'greenfield' for example farmland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sites should be within the Little Bealings settlement boundary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Development should not impact on historic buildings or their settings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sites could be in the gardens of existing properties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Field and open space views in the village should be protected	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Another factor, please specify			

**18. What principles should guide the design of new houses?**

Please tick one box for each principle

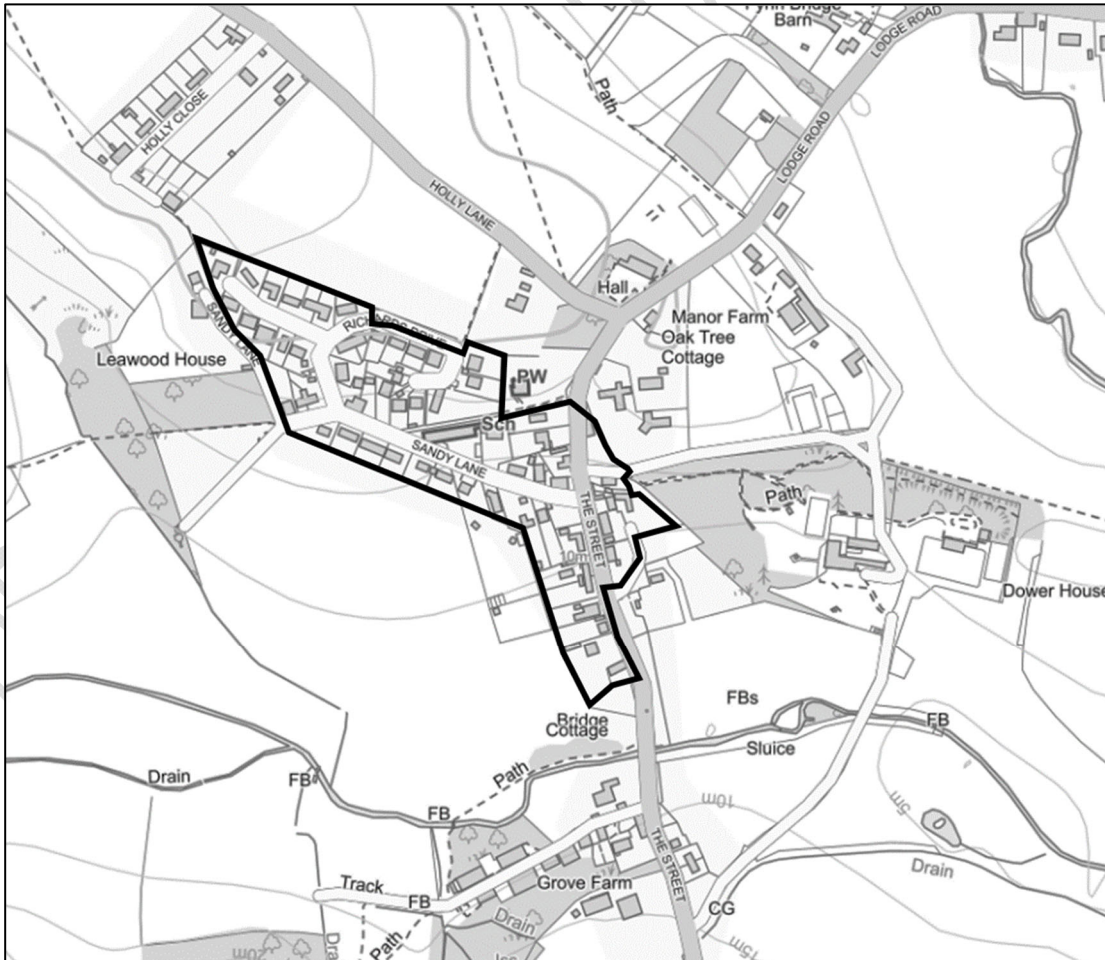
- Use of modern energy efficient design and eco-friendly technology
- Have access to superfast broadband
- Have off-street parking
- Be innovative in design
- Have a garden
- Be limited to no more than two storeys
- Be in keeping with the look and feel of the village

Agree	Disagree	No opinion
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Another principle, please specify

Settlement boundaries are defined lines on a map in a Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plan around main built-up areas of a village within which the principle of new development, including infill between existing houses, is generally supported. They help to restrain development spreading into the countryside.

The current Local Plan defines the Little Bealings Settlement Boundary is illustrated on the Map.



**19. Would you like to see the existing settlement boundary extended?**

Yes                      No                      No opinion

20. Would you like to create separate, additional settlement boundaries for any of the following areas?

	Yes	No	No opinion
Martlesham Road / Beacon Lane	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Playford Road / Hall Road	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Holly Lane/Holly Close	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

21. Looking forward 10 years, what kind of place would you like Little Bealings to become?

22. If you wish to add anything else, please use this text box.

**Thank you for completing the survey**

**We appreciate you sparing the time to share your thoughts.**

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## The Neighbourhood Plan Preparation Process

We have to follow the stages illustrated here in order to bring the Plan into force

