

Questionnaire Overview Summary

168 completed questionnaires were received back, with 30 being completed on-line, we estimate ~61% of the households in Stevington responded
The majority of the draft Plan Objectives received a minimum of ~ 90% support of respondents, the only exception to this was the Business objective at ~72%
The majority of the respondents (95%) supported the need for new dwellings in the village, with the most popular response being in the 11-15 houses range
The most popular type of dwelling supported was 1-2 bedroom properties aimed at younger/older people, followed by 2-3 bedrooms family homes
The village supported primarily the conversion of single dwellings ahead of small cluster developments (2-5 houses)
The village broadly supported the retention and protection of our Heritage Assets
The village broadly supported the retention and protection of our Community Assets, though the Red Lion proved to be the most contentious entry (58% support)
Silver Street (62.9%) being more noticeable exceptions
The vast majority of residents would recommend Stevington as a village to live in (~94%) with the majority having no plans to leave (80%)
The majority of the draft statements received strong support, we will review and update those that have not been as well supported (50-70% range)

Questionnaire Format

- 117 Mandatory Questions
- 7 Optional Questions
- 3 Feedback Sections

Questionnaire Response

- 168 Completed questionnaires (includes 30 on line responses)
- 162 Unique household responses
- 61.4 % of village households completing questionnaire

Questionnaire Analysis

Where a respondent answered Strongly Agree or Agree to a statement, then this was assumed to be supportive
Where a respondent answered Strongly Disagree or Disagree to a statement, then this was assumed to be opposed
Where a statement or selection option was left blank this was assumed to be a neutral response

Stevington as a village to live in

- 93.8 % of respondents would recommend Stevington as a place to live
- 80.1 % of respondents have no plans to move from the village

Support for new dwellings in Stevington (Top 3)

- 30.9 % 11-15 New Dwellings
- 25.5 % 6-10 New Dwellings
- 22.4 % 16-20 New Dwellings

Type of dwelling development the village supports (Top 3)

- 30.9 % Small starter homes/ homes for younger/older people (1-2 bedrooms)

26.3	%	Small family homes (2-3 bedrooms)
14.9	%	Bungalows/whole life dwellings

Size of development site the village supports (Top 3)

34.6	%	Conversion of appropriate redundant or derelict single building(s)
29.2	%	Small clustered development i.e. 2-5 houses
28.4	%	Single dwelling site(s) within the village SPA or development ribbon

Key:

	%	Strongly Agree/Agree
	%	Strongly Disagree/Disagree

Note: Percentages may not total to 100 as not all respondents answered all questions, unanswered responses are assumed to be neutral i.e. no opinion

Proposed Heritage Assets

92.9	3.6	Baptist Chapel
79.8	16.1	Baptist Chapel Hall
98.8	0.0	Cross
98.2	0.0	Holy Well & Marsh
95.8	0.6	St. Mary's Church
98.2	0.0	Windmill

Proposed Community Assets

90.5	4.8	Almshouses
96.4	1.8	Church Room
92.3	3.6	Defibrillator (traditional BT phone box)
79.8	12.5	Former Methodist Chapel (currently Jack of all Trades)
95.8	1.2	Stevington Social Centre & playing field contents
58.3	34.5	The Red Lion
89.3	7.1	The Royal George

Plan Objectives

72.0	23.8	Business - Create through the Neighbourhood Plan an environment that makes it attractive for small businesses and shops to locate and flourish in the area
97.0	0.0	Community - Protect and enhance local amenities which provide a community focus
95.2	1.2	Community - Encourage opportunities for all generations to participate in a range of educational, sporting and leisure activities
95.8	1.8	Community - Ensure all residents have easy access to community facilities and green open spaces for leisure and recreation
96.4	1.2	Environment - Protect and enhance the high quality and distinctive rural landscapes for present and future generations
97.0	1.2	Environment - Maintain separation between local villages avoiding the creep of urban sprawl
94.6	1.8	Environment - Protect the distinctive views and their connection with the surrounding countryside and our heritage assets

- 92.3 3.6 Environment - To protect and enhance our designated green spaces
- 94.6 3.0 Environment - Protect the biodiversity of our local flora and fauna and enhance habitats, links between wildlife habitats and sites of special interest
- 90.5 6.0 Heritage - Protect the distinctive 'end' settlement pattern of the village
- 95.2 1.8 Heritage - Conserve the historic built environment and our heritage assets and listed buildings in particular
- 95.2 1.2 Heritage - Preserve and enhance the Conservation Area
- 92.9 3.6 Heritage - Allow only sensitive development which protects and enriches the landscape and built environment
- 94.0 3.0 Housing - Meet new housing demand in a way that is sympathetic to the area, that ensures the right type of housing in the right locations and a requisite mix of housing is delivered
- 94.0 2.4 Housing - Deliver a housing growth strategy that is tailored to the needs and context of Stevington
- 89.9 5.4 Housing - To provide new housing which is high quality in design, size and materials, of appropriate type and suitable for whole life needs
- 97.0 0.6 Housing - Protect the village from uncontrolled, large scale or poorly located development
- 94.0 2.4 Housing - Support sensitive development which protects and enriches the look and feel of the village
- 97.8 0.0 To sustain the vitality, health and safety of the community so as to ensure that the disabled, elderly and infirm are able to remain part of it
- 93.5 3.0 Ensure that Stevington is well connected for pedestrians and cyclists within itself and the surrounding countryside and that new developments contribute to this in every respect
- 96.4 1.8 To seek ways to ensure that any development minimises problems of traffic congestion on our roads and the lack of parking

Plan Policies and/or supporting statements

- 93.5 3.6 Environment - Strategic views across the Parish should be protected by ensuring the visual impact of any new development is carefully controlled
- 92.3 3.0 Environment - New development should respect the natural contours of the site and protect natural features such as trees, hedges and ponds
- 76.2 19.0 Environment - Existing open spaces within the built up area should be preserved with no development permitted
- 80.4 13.7 Environment - The pattern of open spaces surrounding the village SPA (Settlement Policy Area) should be retained in any future development
- 86.9 8.3 Environment - New dwellings should replicate the proportion and scale of existing adjacent built structures and maintain the space between them
- 87.5 7.7 Environment - Open views either towards the countryside or across open spaces must be maintained from existing routes into the village
- 90.5 6.0 Environment - Development proposals that reduce the separation between Stevington and adjacent villages or the sense of openness created by these gaps would not be supported
- 88.7 3.6 Environment - All new development should maximise the biodiversity of the site
- 91.1 4.2 Environment - New development should prioritise the retention of native species, particularly in locations adjacent to wildlife corridors
- 95.8 0.0 Environment - New development should be designed to minimise surface water run-off
- 86.3 8.3 Environment - Proposals for development which could result in the loss of an area of identified green space (see centre pages) will not be permitted other than exceptional circumstances for essential utility infrastructure
- 86.3 9.5 Environment - Gardens are an important characteristic in a large part of the Neighbourhood Plan area and as such should be protected from harmful development
- 87.5 7.7 Environment - Any new planning proposals should demonstrate how they will conserve and enhance the biodiversity of the site and local ecological features and habitats
- 91.1 3.6 Environment - New planning proposals should demonstrate how they incorporate appropriate measures to safeguard the connectivity of any impacted local wildlife corridors
- 93.5 3.0 Environment - The Neighbourhood Plan should specifically protect designated green space, County Wildlife Sites and the Stevington Marsh SSSI, ancient or species-rich hedgerows, grasslands and woodlands, etc.

91.1	3.6	Environment - All new development should be designed to safeguard any ancient trees, or trees of arboricultural value on, or adjacent to the proposed site
92.3	3.6	Environment - The Neighbourhood Plan should promote the preservation, restoration and regeneration of wildlife habitats with the aim of fostering protected species
91.7	2.4	Community Assets - All developments should seek to retain or improve existing listed Community assets
93.5	1.2	Community Assets - Any development proposal that would remove an existing Community Asset should provide an equal or better alternative
93.5	2.4	Community Assets - Any development proposal for change of use of an existing Community Asset should provide an equal or better facility by way of replacement
95.2	1.8	Heritage Assets - The Neighbourhood Plan should identify and protect the distinctive views and heritage assets which the village values and which define and contribute to the historic and natural character of our local area
94.6	1.8	Heritage Assets - All identified Heritage Assets and their settings should be conserved and enhanced for their historical significance and their and their contribution to the character of the Village
92.9	4.2	Heritage Assets - All future development in the Conservation Area should comply with Bedford Borough Council's Conservation and Heritage Policies and materials used in new development should harmonise with those used in the nearby built environment
97.0	1.2	Heritage Assets - Any modernisation, renovation or alteration to buildings identified as Heritage Assets should be designed sensitively and with careful regard to the structures' historical and architectural interest and setting
88.7	7.7	Heritage Assets - Demolition of buildings and structures that contribute to the rural or historical character and appearance of the village should be resisted
85.7	10.1	Heritage Assets - New development that demonstrates contemporary design principles should be supported, provided that they contribute positively to the historic character of the village
86.9	7.7	Housing Mix - Development that delivers small and medium sized houses should be encouraged
81.0	13.7	Housing Mix - Properties should be one or two bedroomed to meet the needs of first time buyers /young families / retirees
61.9	31.0	Housing Mix - Development of affordable housing for rental or shared ownership should be supported
86.9	7.7	Site Suitability - Development should be prioritised on brownfield sites first
86.3	8.3	Site Suitability - Development should be no larger than can be accommodated on small in-fill sites and in proportion to the surrounding buildings
83.3	10.1	Site Suitability - Development should be within or adjacent to an existing settlement area (not isolated) and within the SPA
82.1	12.5	Site Suitability - New development should not extend the boundary of the Settlement Policy Area (SPA)
91.1	3.6	Site Suitability - Placement of new dwellings should not adversely affect a neighbour's enjoyment of their homes and garden
88.1	6.0	Site Suitability - Development should not have a detrimental impact on the openness of the countryside
94.6	0.6	Site Suitability - New builds should minimise flood risk by effective use of sustainable urban drainage technology
93.5	4.2	Agricultural/Commercial - The conversion of existing redundant agricultural and commercial buildings to new dwellings should be supported
75.0	21.4	Agricultural/Commercial - The redevelopment of semi-permanent and insubstantial buildings such as sheds, outhouses and glasshouses, etc. should be resisted
91.1	3.0	Housing DSFFB - New development should enhance and reinforce the local distinctiveness of our village and proposals should clearly demonstrate how the general character, scale, mass and layout fits with the character of the surrounding area
89.3	4.8	Housing DSFFB - New dwellings should confirm to established building lines and arrangement of front gardens, walls, railings and hedges where such features are important to the character and appearance of the area
91.1	3.6	Housing DSFFB - New dwellings should allow for sufficient separation between buildings and site boundaries so as not to impact on the privacy and amenity of neighbouring properties or their outdoor spaces

86.9	6.5	Housing DSFFB - Any proposed development should be small in scale and retain the open spaces adjacent to existing buildings in the conservation area and elsewhere within the SPA
81.0	14.3	Housing DSFFB - Extensions to dwellings should be subordinate in scale to the original building
92.3	2.4	Housing DSFFB - Infill developments should be in scale with the surrounding area and not impact adversely upon neighbouring properties in terms of privacy, outlook or amenity
78.0	18.5	Housing DSFFB - The use of street lighting to facilitate movement around the Village within the hours of darkness should not be supported
76.2	19.6	Village Boundaries - New dwellings outside the SPA should not be permitted
84.5	11.9	Village Boundaries - The conversion of suitable agricultural and other buildings situated outside the SPA should be permitted provided there is no adverse impact on the landscape or dwellings
67.3	26.8	Village Boundaries - New dwellings outside the SPA may be considered providing they are contained within an existing residential or employment site curtilage
51.2	42.9	Village Boundaries - New dwellings outside the SPA may be considered providing they are justified on sustainability grounds (i.e. self-sufficient & not requiring main services)
57.7	36.3	Village Boundaries - New dwellings outside the SPA may be considered providing they provide a community facility or recreation route (e.g. footpath or bridleway)
92.3	3.6	Housing Provision - New dwellings must be proportional in scale, form and character to their surroundings
94.6	1.8	Housing Provision - New dwellings must not adversely affect the amenities of the residents in the immediate area, including daylight/sunlight, privacy, air quality, noise and light pollution, etc
85.7	10.7	Housing Provision - New development must not increase the vehicular traffic flow on Silver Street
88.1	7.7	Housing Provision - New dwellings must have safe and suitable access to the site for people of all abilities
89.9	3.0	Housing Provision - All new dwellings must meet the build quality criteria defined under the Good Quality Design Policy (see next section for examples)
93.5	1.8	Design - New development should integrate with local surroundings, the landscape and the built environment
91.1	4.8	Design - New development should use good quality materials that harmonise with the materials used in nearby buildings
90.5	4.2	Design - New development should use green hedging and/or trees for highway boundaries in keeping with the existing streetscape
95.8	0.0	Design - New development sites should ensure safe access for all road users
85.1	8.9	Design - Innovative design should be supported providing it is sympathetic to the traditional buildings of Stevington
87.5	6.0	Design - New dwellings should have pitched roofs unless there is a functional or aesthetic reason not to do so
91.1	4.8	Design - Building alterations or extensions within the village conservation area should harmonise with existing buildings in terms of materials, design, colour scheme, scale and structure
92.9	3.0	Design - All buildings of family size should provide sufficient private garden amenity space to meet household recreational needs
92.9	3.6	Design - New development sites should provide sufficient off-street parking, functional vehicle garage space and appropriate parking location (i.e. parking located to the side, not front of dwellings)
74.4	22.0	Housing Older People - Where a single development is proposed in excess of four houses, at least one house in every five built should address the need for older persons' housing
88.1	8.3	Housing Older People - Properties designed to be suitable for the elderly should be supported
74.4	20.8	Traffic - No new development requiring access to or from Silver Street should be permitted
94.0	3.0	Traffic - No development which will increase on-street parking should be permitted
95.8	0.6	Traffic - Street furniture & signage to be modest & in keeping with surroundings
94.6	1.2	Traffic - New development should not restrict visibility for ingress/egress of existing dwellings

83.9	11.3	Traffic - New development should include provision of pavement between dwellings
65.5	28.0	Traffic - Any new cluster development (in excess of three units) to be designed as a pedestrian zone with appropriate traffic calming measures
88.1	7.7	Tourism - Suitable development that improves the quality and diversity of existing facilities, attractions and infrastructure should be supported
96.4	2.4	Tourism - Development that has a detrimental effect on village attractions should be resisted
92.9	5.4	Tourism - Tourism development that generally benefits the local community through the provision of local employment, or improvement of local service provision should be supported, providing the proposal is in keeping with the village character
79.8	12.5	New developments should be designed to support working from home
86.9	9.5	The redevelopment of redundant commercial or farm buildings for small business use should be supported
89.9	6.0	The redevelopment of farm buildings to accommodate farms shops which contribute to the rural economy should be supported
88.7	7.7	Planning applications for the conversion or extensions to shops and leisure facilities, including public houses, which are designed to improve their viability should be supported
81.5	15.5	Planning applications for the conversion from residential to business use will be supported in isolated cases where they provide additional local employment opportunities

Age range of respondents?

46-55 Median age of respondents

Green Spaces

84.3	15.7	101 The Manor Farmhouse
96.2	3.8	102 The Churchyard
75.8	24.2	103 Fields to the east of Burridges Close
92.7	7.3	104 Lake Meadow
88.7	11.3	105 Field east side of Church Road opposite the Manor Farmhouse
85.9	14.1	106 Field beyond Village Open Space 126 (or B)
79.9	20.1	107 Rear of east side of Burridges Close
85.1	14.9	108 Spinney in the field east of Burridges Close
80.4	19.6	109 Paddocks between footpath 12 and footpath 13 north of Silver St
83.8	16.2	110 Budds Close Field
87.1	12.9	111 Bakers Corner including plantation
81.1	18.9	112 Sutch's Field
81.4	18.6	113 East of footpath 6 including the meeting piece
72.4	27.6	114 Frosts Field
74.5	25.5	115 Langcroft Furlong
81.0	19.0	116 Baxters Lane
81.6	18.4	117 Hart Farm
82.3	17.7	118 Part of Redland Field adjacent to Park Road
93.5	6.5	129 Windmill and Windmill Lane
79.1	20.9	119 Field between Walnut Cottage and Hart Farm

95.2	4.8	120 The Stevington Belt and park adjacent to the Ouse
80.7	19.3	121 Field between footpath 18 and 23
62.9	37.1	123 Space between 43 and 47 Silver St
66.2	33.8	124 Red Lion pub garden
75.5	24.5	125 Space on Park Road
87.3	12.7	126 Meadow opposite The Manor Farmhouse, Church Road
90.1	9.9	127 The Manor Farmhouse, Church Road
95.6	4.4	128 The Playing field
78.2	21.8	132 Land between footpath 23 to footpath 14