

Hoath Parish Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire

Our Community, Our Future



Hoath Parish Coronation Big Lunch, May 2023

May-August 2025 The results

Introduction

This document summarises the results of Hoath Village's Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire. The original questionnaire is available on request. Paper questionnaires were delivered physically to people in properties and returned to the Village Hall post box or directly to our Clerk or members of the Parish Council or Neighbourhood Plan committee.

Written submissions have been manually transcribed into Excel format seeking to be as accurate as possible to the original replies. Obvious typos have been changed occasionally. The rare examples of illegibility have been marked as “???”.

For ease of reading, we have removed the original questionnaire's introduction, pictures and question detail where possible. This should not affect understanding of the responses.

Where necessary for completeness, we have a “Blank” column to inform when there was no response.

Averages of scored responses (1-5) are calculated excluding blanks.

If names were mentioned, we have sought to anonymise manually. We have tried to be as GDPR compliant as possible, remembering our resource constraints as a group of volunteers.

Some formatting may have changed the look and feel of this document relative to the original questionnaire, especially to accommodate the detail of the answers. The content of this document is intended to be an accurate reflection of the aggregate responses as they were intended. On occasion, interpretation may be necessary if people have answered a negative question “yes” for example (such as responses to question 12B “No renewable energy”).

This report is intended as a raw collection of all information provided in the questionnaires. Summary conclusions can be found in separate documents.

We have done our best to audit for accuracy of collation and calculation. If somebody spots a substantive error, please inform our clerk and we shall endeavour to correct as soon as possible.

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General Information

1. Do you support Hoath Parish Council undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan to give you a voice in shaping our Parish's future?

	Yes	No	Unsure / other	Blank
Number	63	0	4	4
Share	89%	0%	6%	6%
Share excluding blanks	94%	0%	6%	

2. How might you be willing to be involved in preparing the Neighbourhood Plan? Please tick or circle.

	Number	Share
Distributing information	17	13%
Helping with a website	3	2%
Joining the core group of organisers	5	4%
Neighbourhood and resident outreach	6	5%
Responding to surveys	40	31%
Voting in the neighbourhood plan referendum	40	31%
I support the Neighbourhood Plan but unfortunately can't help at this time.	20	15%

Note: this data aggregates multiple responses where relevant so the total is not related to the number of submitted questionnaires but the total number of answers to this question.

3. Where do you live? Please tick the relevant place.

	Hoath village	Knaves Ash	Maypole	Ford	Shelvingford	Old Tree	Boyden Gate	Other	Total
Number	29	1	17	2	7	6	0	9	71
Share	41%	1%	24%	3%	10%	8%	0%	13%	100%

Note: Other includes Rushbourne, Millbank, and no response

4. Please circle the age groups within your household and the number of people in each group (e.g. if there are two 9-year-olds, circle the category and write x2 on the dotted lines).

	<9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	>80	Total
Number	5	5	5	5	9	28	24	38	6	125
Share	4%	4%	4%	4%	7%	22%	19%	30%	5%	100%

Note: Data captures multiple residents in properties.

Parish Landscape, Green Space and Environment

5A Looking at the countryside around our Parish, which areas or parts of the landscape have special natural or visual significance and need protection? Please list site addresses / areas.

All of the above

Marley Lane

All of above key landscape features, Plus Ford Valley, Increase hedgerows where they have been lost.

All! Particularly the Sarre Penn Valley and its watercourse

Shelvingford Valley / Inlet

Nethergong Valley

The Nethergong Valley, East Blean Woods, Deer Downs

All of the above

Not sure of the areas but cycling around the parish there is splendid views in all directions

All of the above

All of the above

Hoath Holy Cross Church, All surrounding countryside, Hedge rows

All of them

All of it

Field opposite Old Tree Farm House and wooded area. Hollow Road

woodlands and fields

Long-reaching views - towards Sturry from Hoath Road, at Moleshill House, from Village towards Old Tree and Tile Lodge, Shelving Wood, East Blean

Most of it! Maypole airstrip especially, fields to the Nethergong from Tile Lodge

Marley Lane - visual significance

All of it

East Blean, Shelvingford views from footpath opposite Holy Cross Church and Ridgeway including Crow Down

All the areas require a measure of protection, but development is inevitable. The focus should be on the areas that can be developed without damaging the landscape to any great degree. Our view is that Maypole airfield should be considered as probably the only area for sensible commercial and residential development

Views along school Lane and Old Tree Road, East Blean Woods, Views across fields from village hall.

All of above

Beacon Wood (Ford Hill), Crowdown Wood, East Blean Woods

All views from perimeter of village and associated hamlets including "internal views" such as towards Mill Road (page 2), across fields (page 24)

Farming land, large fields that are inhabited by animals, large trees, rivers that wildlife use

Farmland, woodland, rivers

Farming land, Significant trees, Hedgerows

All areas surrounding the village

Field opposite to Church

Open fields, Marley Lane, Church Road, School Lane, Hedgerows, Church Lane, School Lane, Maypole Lane, Pond, Old Tree. Long-reaching views across the parish, woodland Hicks Forstal, Views from Church Road, Marley Lane, Old Tree

No new protection

All above

All parish landscape features have natural and visual significance. They form part of our national and local heritage. They need protection to preserve this heritage. Of special historical significance are the open fields, medieval field structure and drainage systems

Shelvingford Wood and surrounding fields. TPO. Buckwell Wood TPO. Clangate Wood TPO. Hollow Road towards Old Tree.

Whole area

All of the above

All open space

Ford Manor Farm. Maypole airport

Open fields from Mill Road across to Thanet

Field adjacent to 16 Wood View if houses are built on the field we will lose our view.

All of the above

Wood View - Hoath Farm. Protecting wildlife and bats on the fields

Hoath Farm Woodview. Protection of bats and wildlife

The fields opposite the church and the Old Rectory

All of it

East Blean Woods, numerous streams that are already at risk of running dry, proximity to Stodmarsh

All farm and woodland within our boundary

All woodland, hedgerow remnants, ponds and wetlands and streams. Far-reaching views with ancient buildings. Big skies. Standalone trees, groups of trees. Views across Chislet marshes.

All woodland, standalone and groups of trees. Dark skies, protection against noise. Protection of our small streams.

Shelvingford and wood. Ford. Nethergong - Sarre Valley

Shelvingford Wood, Shelvingford. Nethergong - Penn valley. Old Tree. Knaves Ash. Maypole

All of the above. Shelvingford and Wood. Beacon Wood. Nethergong Sarre. Penn Valley. Old Tree. Open fields, medieval field structure. Long reaching views Holy Cross church. Conservation areas.

Note: "All of the above" refers to the key parish landscape features in the original questionnaire:

Woodland: Shelving Wood, Beacon Wood, East Blean, Clangate Wood, Buckwell Wood, Calfs Wood

Hedgerows

Ponds, Springs & Wetland: Nethergong-Sarre Penn Valley, Shelvingford, Old Tree

Streams: Nethergong-Sarre Penn, Rushbourne, North Stream

Open fields, medieval field structure & drainage systems

Long reaching views across the Parish, e.g., Holy Cross Church, a focal point which can be seen from different points in the Parish

5B What protections should there be? (E.g., Tree Protection Orders (TPO), dark skies, extending the two Parish conservation areas, ponds.)

Dark skies in Maypole Hoath Old Tree

Dark skies, no street lighting, Build a TPO database

See map all areas in blue

TPO, Limit new developments, Dark skies

All of the above

TPOs, dark skies, extending conservation areas eg East Blean Woods

Dark skies

TPOs

TPOs, Drainage ditch / maintenance

TPOs, Dark skies, green areas

Dark Skies

conservation areas

Protection of all conservation areas, Maypole, Tile Lodge, Old Tree etc, TPOs for trees that have particular interest, Joint TPOs to protect small wooded areas - off Maypole Road at CH38 and around Rushbourne

Not sure about TPO, and ponds should be safe. No more lighting please

Dark skies policy of any proposed development

TPO on oak trees at Stoneyleys, preserve our dark skies, no more street lights. I'd like to see the whole of the Hoath area as a conservation area

The conservation areas should not be developed, apart from any part of Maypole airfield that falls within it.

Dark skies

TPOs necessary - none at present. Village green and adjacent pond / wild area. Dark skies - prohibition of outdoor floodlights especially on main roads.

Extending parish conservation areas for example to the east and south of Old Tree (1) up to Hoath Village (2) up to Chislet / Hollow Street. Enhancing village green.

Shops being built, street lights (light pollution), wild life / endangered species protection

No streetlights

No street lights - re light pollution. Consideration for wildlife

Tree and hedges protection

Tree protection orders, dark skies, agricultural fields

None

Dark skies, Extend the two parish conservation areas (above)

Dark skies with restrictions on unnecessary lighting

TPO for woods so that WMP is required

Tree protection orders. Extending two parish conservation areas. Ponds

Dark skies to protect light pollution. Tree protection orders

Open space at end of school field

TPOs, Dark skies, Ponds

Maintain dark skies status

All above

Dark skies

All of the above

Dark skies, can an SSSI be applied to anywhere?

TPOs, Dark skies, Protection of all woodland and known endangered species

Hedgerows should be protected and extended and maintained sensitively. Dark skies should be protected. All prominent trees should be TPOs. Road verges should be widened and only cut once grasses / flowers have seeded, and protected from overspray by farm activity

All trees and dark skies. Protection of existing hedgerows

Shelvingford Woods, Moolie Pits, Upper grounds

Shelvingford Woods, Highstead. The banks going down the valley to Shelvingford, Oxenden, Ford, Stoney Leys.

Wood, tree and view, fields and dark skies, protection for wildlife and for public health. Conservation areas and ponds. Insects, birds, pond life, ??? ??? All need to thrive. Need green spaces and wilding for public health

6A. Which areas of open space in Hoath Parish do you value the most and would like to see protected and/or enhanced by the Neighbourhood Plan? (E.g., the Nethergong-Sarre Penn Valley, the fields opposite Holy Cross Church)

Areas around the old airfield at Maypole
All of the above and all green spaces
All open views / fields / woods as of now June 25, eg towards Upstreet / Chislet, Marshside towards Broomfield / Herne, Towards Boyden Gate / Shelvingford.
Nethergong Valley
All open spaces
East Blean Woodland, Old Tree, Shelvingford
Holy Cross Church Fields
All open fields
The above
Airfield, Fields opposite Hoath Church, Maypole Lane adjacent to Rose Cottage
All
All of the above. They make the area ours
Fields either side of Old Tree and Hollow Road
The green spaces between the centre and Maypole, Knaves Ash, Rushbourne, The Lodge, Old Tree
Open views around Maypole towards Herne, All open spaces between Hamlets i.e. Tile Lodge, Maypole, Knaves Ash, Old Tree, Ford Hill
I value all of it. To walk to Hersden across fields (3 miles) and the wildlife is special
All of it
Village Green
Fields opposite Church and the Ridgeway, Chitty Lane to Sarre
Apologies but all of it. I love living here.
Land and view between Millbank Hamlet to Herne including bridleway / Beacon Wood
The fields along Maypole Road
Fields to the south and east of Old Tree / ???
The fields opposite Holy Cross Church
As listed above
As listed above
Nethergong Valley
Opposite Holy Cross Church
Any open farmland around the village
None
As above
Fields either side of Old Tree Road between Mill Road and School Lane
All
All open space in Hoath Parish
All open space
Nethergong - Sarre Penn Valley. Highstead. Ford Manor Farm. Boyden Gate and Marshside
All of them
Ground at gap of school view
All
Hoath Farm fields and opposite Holy Cross Church
The fields opposite Holy Cross Church. Use the land next to the school which is padlocked!
All of it
Fields
Any and all open spaces should be protected. Generally, people live in areas such as this for the space, nature and peace. We also have a lovely number of public footpaths.
Penn valley
Views across open countryside from Village Green. Views across Nethergong Valley from Maypole Lane. Gap between Church Farm and Maypole.
The marshes, Ford & Shelvingford
Shelvingford, Nethergong - Puddledock area, Chitty Lane and the marshes

The fields all around Hoath and Shelvingford should be protected (Hoath farmlands).

6B Which views within the Parish do you value the most and would like to see protected and/or enhanced by the Neighbourhood Plan? Please specify from where to where, (E.g., from the Church towards the allotments).

From village hall to Hersden

Village green, Shelvingford, Marley Lane

Views from Maypole Road towards Beacon Wood / towards Broomfield, Views from Old Tree both left and right and towards church from School Lane and all in C.

Village Hall to Old Tree, School Lane, View to woods East Blean Woods

View from Maypole towards Herne / Broomfield, all of the views really!

Sunsets looking towards the airfields

Maypole Road towards Blean, Mill Road both directions

All

All

All

As above, it serves no purpose to build further s we have no infrastructure.

Boyden Gate to Old Tree

From Village hall towards Old Tree, Maypole Lane towards Old Tree, Mill Road towards Reculver

All views from Hoath Village outwards, Keep those spaces open.

Old Oak Farm overlooking marsh towards Margate you can see the see, happily not Richborough Towers!

All of it

Church to allotments and mushroom farm

Maypole to Broomfield

View across from Maypole to Beacon Woods (main road ????)

As answered in 6A

The view down Marley Lane towards Chislet. The view from Maypole Lane towards Beacon Wood.

Fields from Old Tree and Hoath to Village and to Chislet / Hollow Tree

The farming fields

Farmland mostly

Farmland generally - development should be discouraged.

As above

All

Views over to East Blean Woods

None

All views from Old Tree hamlet

The open fields to the east of the village hall with far-reaching views towards the south east. Similarly the views south from village hall and church towards Sturry and Upstreet

Old Tree Road from Boyden Gate to Old Tree

All

All

Views of all current open spaces

From the junction of Highstead and Ford Road over the valley to Chislet and Upstreet.

From Mill Lane towards Thanet

Field adjacent to 16 Wood View and allotment behind 1-7 Church Road

Mill Road towards coast

All of it

From back of church to school

From Rushbourne across towards Hoath and Upstreet. Also from Rushbourne across to East Blean.

From Rushbourne to Upstreet

All of the above answers in 6A

From the top of Shelvingford hill out to Thanet and Chislet

Chitty Lane towards the marshes, From Shelvingford Hill up to Shelvingford Woods. From the top of Shelvingford out towards Thanet across past Chislet Church

Holy Cross Church towards allotments. Shelvingford and Hoath medieval field structure.

6C Although the NP has no control over views beyond Parish boundaries, it would be helpful to know which views from the Parish you value the most?

Hoath

Across all the fields and open spaces

View across from Maypole Road to Beacon Wood and in reverse to Crowdown Wood, View from Maypole Lane across towards Broomfield Orchard, View from Peter's field (footpath towards Ford / Shelvingford), View from fields behind East Blean towards Backwell and Upstreet. Think that's West Blean.

All of the above

Old Tree Lane across to St Nicholas

Mill Road / Hollow Road - Coast & Chislet

All

All

All

We need to preserve views not for ourselves but for wildlife.

Maypole Roads Herne, Hoath towards Chislet

Views towards Herne, Views towards Sturry, Views towards Chislet

See above

All of it

Hoath to Nethergong, Chitty Lane to Sarre

Maypole to Broomfield

All views previously mentioned

As above

From Chitty Lane across fields to Sarre / St Nicholas

View across to Chislet (East). View across to Sturry (South West)

All the fields that are inhabited by wildlife to keep them safe, to reduce endangerment

Nethergong - Sarre Penn Valley

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Church Field / Maypole Road

Views over to Chislet, St Nicholas, Birchington

None

See above - some views with parish, some towards the coast

All

Too many to mention. All need protection.

See above

The view from Ford Road over the valley between Maypole and Herne

From Maypole airfield across to Herne

View from where seat was on Mill Road to Chislet, Birchington and Thanet

All of it

The fields from farm silos to school

I value all of our views

As per 6A, plus all views across open fields to distant views of Chislet marshes, East Blean Woods, Park Rough and Chislet

As above

As above

Shelvingford (approach and surroundings).

7A Which Parish areas rich in biodiversity would you like to see protected through the Neighbourhood Plan? (E.g. East Blean woods [Hicks Forstal Road], the Nethergong-Sarre Penn Valley wetland). If possible, please name these.

East Blean Woods, Sarre Penn Valley

All of the above

North Stream and Orchards between and around Boyden Gate / Highstead. Fields off Maypole Road (and woods Beacon Wood), around Old Tree and Shelvingford

Hicks Forstal Road, Nethergong Sarre Penn Valley wetland

All especially East Blean and wetlands

All of them

East Blean Woods

East Blean woods, Hicks Forstal Road

All these and Beacon Wood and Crowdown Wood areas

East Blean Woods

All

East Blean Woods. The Nethergong-Sarre Penn Valley wetland.

All of these

East Blean Woods, Meadows and Bluebell woods to the west of Maypole Road

All

East Blean Woods, Crowdown, Penn Valley

East Blean Woods, Nethergong-Sarre Penn Valley

East Blean and Beacon Woods

Beacon Wood, East Blean Wood, Nethergong Area

East Blean Woods, Boyden Gate stream.

Open area between Old Tree and Maypole / Shelvingford

East Blean Woods, Nethergong-Sarre

As listed above

East Blean Woods, Nethergong - Sarre Penn Valley wetland

East Blean Woods, Nethergong-Sarre Penn Valley

East Blean Woods

East Blean Woods, Hicks Forstal Road, Nethergong Sarre Penn valley wetland

None

All above

East Blean Woods, Nethergong-Sarre Penn Valley

Both the above

All

East Blean Woods. Nethergong-Sarre Penn Valley wetland

All

All natural areas within the parish

East Blean Woods

Nethergong-Sarre Penn valley wetland

East Blean Woods, Nethergong - Sarre Penn

Blean Woods, Wetlands

Hicks Forstal. Fields opposite the church

East Blean Woods

The triangle the children play on

East Blean Woods, wetland. But we should also be trying to increase biodiversity in other areas

East Blean Woods and Penn Valley

East Blean Wood / Field boundaries, Field corners. Any hedgerow and tree.

Shelvingford, Chitty Lane - Marshes, East Blean Woods

All hedgerows. Blean (ancient woodland), Woodlands Shelvingford, wetlands Shelvingford, Old Tree, Nethergong - Sarre

7B Which areas within Hoath Parish have the most potential for biodiversity gain, enhancement or restoration? (E.g., the former airfield [parallel to Maypole Road, bordering East Blean], the Nethergong-Sarre Penn Valley [home to beavers], Rushbourne valley, wetland in these areas.)

Former airfield, East Blean, Nethergong

The former airfield

Marshside, Buckwell Wood, Beacon Wood, The Ford valley E&W

All as mentioned above

All of above

Not qualified to say

The view east from the church

Airfield

Former airfield

Rushbourne, Nethergong-Sarre Penn Valley, wetland in these areas.

Nethergong-Sarre Penn

Woods adjoining East Blean and Airfield

All three

All

Airfield and Sarre Penn Valley, fields opposite church

we should all want to enhance biodiversity throughout the parish

The former airfield

I strongly agree that the land on the former airfield needs to be protected or repurposed to light aircraft

Maypole airfield, Nethergong Valley, Rushbourne area

Former airfield / Open area between Old Tree and Maypole / Shelvingford

Nethergong-Sarre, Rushbourne Valley

As listed above

As listed above

Former Airfield

None

All above

Nethergong-Sarre Penn valley. Ponds and streams around Old Tree and Shelvingford areas

Nethergong-Sarre Penn

Don't know

Don't know enough to comment

No idea

Nethergong - Sarre Penn Valley

Former airfield, Nethergong - Sarre Penn Valley

Nethergong Sarre Penn

Anywhere that has potential.

Penn Valley

Residents gardens. The churchyard. Field boundaries. Field margins. Allowing Nethergong Penn to flood and beyond Hoath, allowing Chislet marshes to flood.

All of the above. Field boundaries and corners

Nethergong - Sarre valley

Hedgerows, woodlands, watercourses, green infrastructure, existing habitats. Habitat protection. Old Tree conservation area. Rushbourne and Tile Lodge ???

7C How do you think that increasing/enhancing/restoring biodiversity can be best achieved? (E.g., with community orchards, hedgerows, verges, tree planting, wetland creation)

Working in partnership with landowners

All of the above. Kent is especially well-placed in the UK for ??? trees

Landowners / farmers should be encouraged to replant hedges, eg Old Tree Road where they have been removed.

All of the above

Tree planting, transfer of stewardship to Wildwood Trust, approval of rewilding projects, generational community rewilding projects

All of the above

By sensitive management

Wetland - bird reserve

All of the above

Wetland, hedges

Yes to community orchards, hedgerows, verges, tree planting, wetland creation.

Planting hedges

Community orchards, Restoration of Hedge Rows, Varied crops in fields, Biodiversity isn't helped by same crop everywhere.

Wetlands, Wildflower verges, trees

Orchards would be a treat. I love trees ... but may not be alive to see it.

All

Any tree planting or hedges, access between houses for hedgehogs etc

Hedgerows, ditch maintenance, verges

Community orchard, No buildings / houses

By preventing destruction of hedges / habitats ????? Construction on green belt, and planting

Hedgerows, wetlands

Species recovery, vegetation reproduction

As listed above

All of the above and not permitting greedy developers to profit from their projects

More hedgerows and tree planting

Orchards

Hedgerows, tree planting

No biodiversity needs to be increased

Engaging with farming community to reinforce importance of biodiversity of land farmed (nb Chislet Court Farm is exceptional in this respect. St Nicholas Court Farm does not show the same dedication to the land, hedgerows, verges)

Planting hedges

Don't know

All of the examples given.

Maintain status quo

Complete rewilding wild fauna and flora

Hedgerows, clearing streams from rubbish

Tree planting

hedgerows, verges

Community orchards, hedgerows, tree planting, wetland creation

Tree planting, hedgerows

All of the above

Orchards / tree planting

Community farming, hedgerows, natural meadows, better farming methods (eg [Anonymised] farm).

All of the above

Working with farming community to encourage nature friendly farming creating field margins, new / restored hedgerows etc. Creating community orchard, planting native trees in gardens and hedgerows.

All of the above. Kent is especially well-placed in the UK for ????? trees

Hedgerows but not close to roads and unless planted 4ft away

Verges along all arable fields that butt onto roads. Hedgerows around arable fields

Listed above, community orchards, community keeping hedgerows, ponds, wetlands, no insecticides. Keep bees. Agricultural fields - wilding

8A Should existing separations between the settlements – Knaves Ash, Hoath, Maypole, Old Tree, Ford, Shelvingford – be maintained as Green Gaps?

	Yes	No	Unsure	Blank
Between Knaves Ash and Hoath village	58	1	5	7
Share	82%	1%	7%	10%
Share excluding blanks	91%	2%	8%	
Between Knaves Ash and Maypole	58	1	5	7
Share	82%	1%	7%	10%
Share excluding blanks	91%	2%	8%	
Between Hoath village and Old Tree	58	2	4	7
Share	82%	3%	6%	10%
Share excluding blanks	91%	3%	6%	
Between Maypole and Hoath village	54	1	10	6
Share	76%	1%	14%	8%
Share excluding blanks	83%	2%	15%	
Between Maypole and Old Tree	59	1	5	6
Share	83%	1%	7%	8%
Share excluding blanks	91%	2%	8%	
Between Maypole and Ford	56	2	3	10
Share	79%	3%	4%	14%
Share excluding blanks	92%	3%	5%	
Between Maypole and Shelvingford	54	2	4	11
Share	76%	3%	6%	15%
Share excluding blanks	90%	3%	7%	
Between Old Tree and Shelvingford	54	2	4	11
Share	76%	3%	6%	15%
Share excluding blanks	90%	3%	7%	
Between East Blean wood, Maypole and Hoath village	56	1	5	9
Share	79%	1%	7%	13%
Share excluding blanks	90%	2%	8%	
Between Old Tree and Boyden Gate	55	2	4	10
Share	77%	3%	6%	14%
Share excluding blanks	90%	3%	7%	
Between Shelvingford and Ford	55	2	3	11
Share	77%	3%	4%	15%
Share excluding blanks	92%	3%	5%	
Between Hoath village and the Nethergong-Sarre Penn Valley	57	2	3	9
Share	80%	3%	4%	13%
Share excluding blanks	92%	3%	5%	

Comments

Plus between Maypole and Millbank, Maypole towards Shelvingford, C Patel's field & Sandybanks small holding

Please leave our green spaces alone

Subject to development on the airfield

Yes

Rushbourne to Hoath Maypole

Yes

8B Should these open spaces be defined as Green Gaps to maintain the existing separations between these settlements?

	Yes	No	Unsure	Blank
Number	53	1	9	8
Share	75%	1%	13%	11%
Share excluding blanks	85%	2%	15%	

9A How satisfied are you with Parish Public Rights of Way (PRoW: paths which allow the public to pass through private land), bridleways (there is one in the Parish), connectivity between green areas such as East Blean, the Nethergong-Sarre Penn Valley, Beacon Wood, Boyden Gate and the Parish settlements.

	V Satisfied	Satisfied	Neither	Dissatisfied	V Dissatisfied	Blank
Number	8	32	9	13	1	8
Share	11%	45%	13%	18%	1%	11%
Share excluding blanks	13%	51%	14%	21%	2%	

Comments

Landowners not maintaining rights of way, not cutting grass and hedges

Sometimes a problem across [anonymised]'s field from corner of Maypole Lane, mainly before of the person who is resting the field.

Some are obstructed, farmers do not always reinstate after ploughing, CH37 needs maintenance, CB524 often impassable, CB99 has a fence across it, CB98 hasn't been marked for years, solution: are more - especially CCC

Would love a shorter footpath to avoid the road at Ford Hill - it may be that I just need to look harder for an existing one!

Not well defined

More cycle paths and bridleways

Not enough bridleways, cycle paths. Some footpaths over farmland not adequately maintained or reinstated. School Road to Maypole Lane for example

Some PROW need action (bridges, pathways)

more bridleways

Need more, and farmers need to reinstate when cropped, often very muddy in winter and impassable in summer due to crops

??? Posts are regularly broken off during hedge trimming so I'm not always clear where they are.

Farmers / landowners should be asked to be more open to minor deviations by walkers (within reason)

There is a lack of maintenance

Lack of maintenance

Footpaths not maintained, Path from Old Tree to Chislet Forstal unpassable with oil seed rape

More paths for walkers and bikes

They can become overgrown (a natural occurrence). A significant requirement of landowner to keep under control. Do we still have a parish PROW warden?

PROW - no action when reported problems. Solution PROW to do their statutory duty.

Need more of them and better use of the land

Footpath from church to Maypole Road via horse field and School Lane to Maypole Lane

All paths should be reclassified as bridleways. All old PROWs should be restored.

Some are not maintained with appropriate signage so need be audit

9B Would you support multi-use PROWs (E.g., paths used for pedestrians/bridleways/bike trails or any combination of these)?

	Yes	No	Unsure	Blank
Number	35	18	11	7
Share	49%	25%	15%	10%
Share excluding blanks	55%	28%	17%	

Comments

Too many bikes can be a problem, Bikes have national routes, they don't mix with walkers and horses in countryside, nor do loose dogs. Bad for wildlife, nesting birds etc

Pedestrian paths should be limited to walkers

Do not want them as there is already lots of access

It would be nice to cycle to Herne Bay by bypassing Ford Hill

No preference but bridleway and bike trails would be of benefit to locals and visitors

Pedestrian only

Safe ways to walk to Sturry.

Too dangerous. Speed of bikes, horses churn up footpaths and make them unusable

Join circular route around Hoath Village

Any new ones not all pedestrian paths, suitable for horses. Gates to replace styles.

No motorised / electric vehicles / bikes

Both - walks / bikes

A local parish map showing accessible paths and associated obstructions. Reinstatement (9C) would need time and money. Could students help as part of their relevant studies?

Not bike trails. Yes to the rest

Yes, provided the paths were very well designated to prevent encroachment into sensitive sites. They should follow existing rights of way to prevent loss of land to the landowners

I feel strongly about Yes to reinstating historic PROWs

??? existing PROWs with permissive footpaths and restoring old PROWs.

9C Should the Parish work to reinstate historic PROWs (PROWs on old Ordnance Survey maps) to expand the PROW networks and support connectivity?

	Yes	No	Unsure	Blank
Number	43	4	12	12
Share	61%	6%	17%	17%
Share excluding blanks	73%	7%	20%	

10 Do you support controlling light pollution to preserve Hoath Parish's current dark skies status* (dark skies = night skies are dark and stars clearly visible)?

	Yes	No	Unsure	Blank
Number	62	0	4	5
Share	87%	0%	6%	7%
Share excluding blanks	94%	0%	6%	

Comments

No street lighting

The encroaching light has greatly increased in the 23 years we have lived in Hoath.

No street lighting, No more large scale residence

Areas with heavy traffic need some lighting

Understand and support dark skies but need lighting from village hall to carpark

All floodlights should be movement activated so can't be left on

Dark skies should be maintained

Require planning permission for mains powered external lighting on housing (and enforce it)

It is important that any new housing / other developments in the parish do NOT result in light pollution

The 17 house development proposed for Church Farm, school lane will do nothing to maintain dark skies

Modern residential lighting is beginning to impact - much of it under the guise of "security"

Should be restricted

Do not allow street lighting in the parish

Any further property development will potentially reduce out dark skies

Massively reduce any new dwellings etc

The dark skies are often spoiled by temporary bright lighting and inappropriate and excessive outside lighting, which lights up areas unnecessarily.

Prevent development of housing. Reduce light pollution through responsible outdoor lighting practices.

Community dark sky friendly policy. Education.

11 Do you support protecting ponds, natural springs, drainage ditches and streams in the Parish as part of preserving habitats, wildlife connectivity, landscapes, and recreation spaces for community wellbeing?

	Yes	No	Unsure	Blank
Number	64	2	0	5
Share	90%	3%	0%	7%
Share excluding blanks	97%	3%	0%	

Comments

[With ! Emphasis]

It would be great to support residents to create ponds bat boxes etc

Should be regularly maintained

Ditches need cleaning out regularly.

Farmers should be encouraged to maintain ditches

It would be helpful to know where they are

Drainage ditches around fields should be maintained

Information on who to contact for guidance / help is difficult to find

Need to be maintained properly by landowners

As well as preserving existing, can we encourage those with open spaces to create new ones?

Enhancing / protecting / providing any amount of water sources will promote biodiversity.

Drainage ditches should be a concern because of future flooding.

Manage silt and maintain healthy water flow. Controlling erosion. Minimise run off. Reduce water pollution plant vegetation.

12A Would you support renewable energy installations in the Parish? For example, solar, wind, biomass, anaerobic digestion.

	Yes	No	Unsure	Blank
Number	17	34	14	6
Share	24%	48%	20%	8%
Share excluding blanks	26%	52%	22%	

12B Do you have a preference?

	Yes	No	Unsure	Blank
Solar	23	22	9	17
Share	32%	31%	13%	24%
Share excluding blanks	43%	41%	17%	
Wind	16	20	17	18
Share	23%	28%	24%	25%
Share excluding blanks	30%	38%	32%	
Biomass	5	29	14	23
Share	7%	41%	20%	32%
Share excluding blanks	10%	60%	29%	
Anaerobic digestion	7	22	11	31
Share	10%	31%	15%	44%
Share excluding blanks	18%	55%	28%	
No renewable energy	9	16	4	42
Share	13%	23%	6%	59%
Share excluding blanks	31%	55%	14%	

12C If yes to solar, please tick where you would like to see it.

	Yes	No	Unsure	Blank
On private homes	44	0	3	24
Share	62%	0%	4%	34%
Share excluding blanks	94%	0%	6%	
Parish public buildings	42	4	4	21
Share	59%	6%	6%	30%
Share excluding blanks	84%	8%	8%	
On the parish car park	26	17	5	23
Share	37%	24%	7%	32%
Share excluding blanks	54%	35%	10%	
On quality farmland	2	42	2	25
Share	3%	59%	3%	35%
Share excluding blanks	4%	91%	4%	

Note: responses were collated regardless of whether previous answer was Yes or No

Comments

No

"Only as C" [solar not on farmland]

Nuclear power stations are most efficient at producing energy on a large scale and have minimal visual impacts there are few needed

Farmland should be used after other options and should have dual use eg sheep grazing / wildlife space beneath panels

Solar if on private homes is fine

Only for supply and use of parish, On new and public buildings, not fields.

Solar on new housing, not digestate, possibly wind. All depends on scale and location

Would support wind turbines, any business farm building to have solar, also new builds

These should be built on brownfield sites. Wind should be offshore only. Solar on farmland: absolutely not! Quality farmland provides the UK with an element of food security.

Large scale industrial areas should be used first before disrupting the countryside

There should be some benefit to Hoath residents to compensate for lack of amenity.

Renewable only within reason i.e. must not be intrusive. New housing / other developments should automatically include solar panels on all roofs

No to the proposed solar "farm"

Build near motorways / not near houses

On low quality farmland away from homes

Not on farming land. Renewable energy is a necessary requirement going forward but at "what cost"? Surely not at the cost of our natural heritage

Lower quality [farmland] would be better

Not on agricultural land. On private homes if suitable

Yes, renewable energy too some. Solar in right place

12B/C answered "N/A" because 12A No

Hillside areas that are not conducive to farming could be used as land below could still be used for grazing.

Depends on size and impact on village. BESS depends on size and impact on environment

I don't agree with the solar farm

12A: If it meant we had free energy

Rooftop solar. Very small scale wind

If solar is needed then the above is less destructive to the landscape, green verges and the environment

12D Would you support large-scale battery energy storage systems in the Parish?

	Yes	No	Unsure	Blank
Number	12	42	10	7
Share	17%	59%	14%	10%
Share excluding blanks	19%	66%	16%	

13 Do you support working with Parish landowners to improve climate resilience by planting trees (e.g., native varieties, orchards) and hedgerows and creating wetlands?

	Yes	No	Unsure	Blank
Number	60	2	2	7
Share	85%	3%	3%	10%
Share excluding blanks	94%	3%	3%	

Comments

The more the better

Grants and incentives

BESS: depends where?

Perhaps an information session on hedge laying / mature trees and their value to wildlife. Maybe engage a specialist to hold a practical session?

Would be strategic to start with those landowners who already have track record on using sustainable methodology like Manstons

Local landowners seem to have no interest in climate resilience

See answer 7C

Yes, but unachievable

Hedgerows at present are either left unkempt or cut erratically or no care taken.

This is important

A plan could be drawn up to work with all landowners / householders to help and advise on the most appropriate planting.

Community orchards, trees in community spaces. Hedgerows supported. Education - school leadership

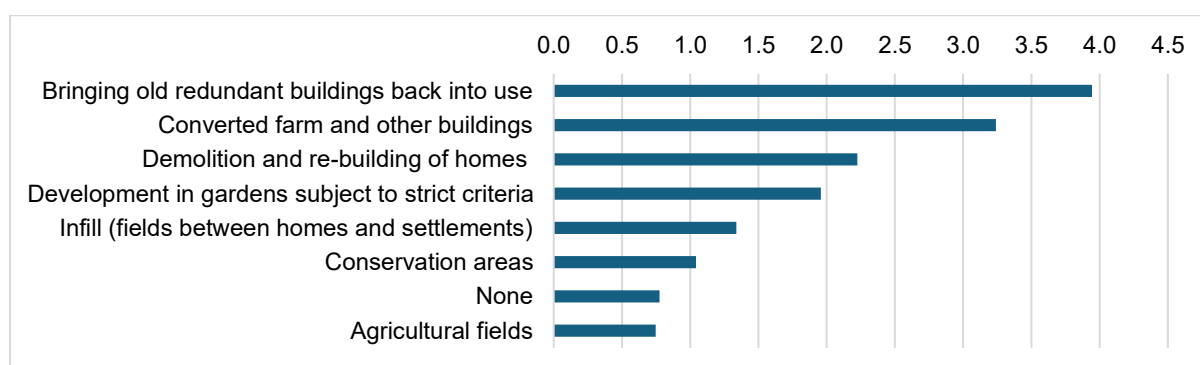
Housing and Commercial Development, Design Standards

14 Do you support further small estate-type residential developments in Hoath Parish beyond the Church Farm development of 17 houses (draft Local Plan 2040, policy R18)?

	Yes	No	Unsure	Blank
Number	10	47	10	4
Share	14%	66%	14%	6%
Share excluding blanks	15%	70%	15%	

15 Thinking about future residential development, where do you think future development could be located?

	5	4	3	2	1	Blank	Average
Converted farm and other buildings	28	13	8	4	6	12	3.2
Share	39%	18%	11%	6%	8%	17%	
Share excluding blanks	47%	22%	14%	7%	10%		
Bringing old redundant buildings back into use	47	7	4	1	3	9	3.9
Share	66%	10%	6%	1%	4%	13%	
Share excluding blanks	76%	11%	6%	2%	5%		
Development in gardens subject to strict criteria	8	6	16	7	13	21	2.0
Share	11%	8%	23%	10%	18%	30%	
Share excluding blanks	16%	12%	32%	14%	26%		
Agricultural fields	0	1	0	0	49	21	0.7
Share	0%	1%	0%	0%	69%	30%	
Share excluding blanks	0%	2%	0%	0%	98%		
Conservation areas	1	2	4	5	39	20	1.0
Share	1%	3%	6%	7%	55%	28%	
Share excluding blanks	2%	4%	8%	10%	76%		
Demolition and re-building of homes	8	8	20	8	10	17	2.2
Share	11%	11%	28%	11%	14%	24%	
Share excluding blanks	15%	15%	37%	15%	19%		
Infill (fields between homes and settlements)	4	2	6	9	31	19	1.3
Share	6%	3%	8%	13%	44%	27%	
Share excluding blanks	8%	4%	12%	17%	60%		
None	8	1	2	1	3	56	0.8
Share	11%	1%	3%	1%	4%	79%	
Share excluding blanks	53%	7%	13%	7%	20%		



Comments

No large-scale estates ever, especially with large / tall buildings next to existing houses as seen in nearby areas, eg Broad Oak, Individual houses in a few gaps in keeping not the current generic design of al nearby developments

The proposed [traveller] site extension in Chislet makes a mockery of conservation area protection

Countryside should be used to encourage wildlife, more should be invested in ensuring no buildings are empty

The field bought off Maypole Road behind Maypole Lane - for grazing and "travellers"

Re-building of homes if not outsized for site, new builds should have solar panels, new builds should have offroad parking for 2 cars, infrastructure considered first.

Starter homes to keep young residents in the village

Low cost housing

R18: depends where. Areas need to be identified

Infill - as long as it is proportionate to the surroundings

Better compliance with a local design statement (when we have one).

It is important that the existing green gaps are not built on

Wildlife and keeping them safe is more important than "new homes"

No shop - as increases traffic into the village

Are theses houses [Church Farm] affordable? More infrastructure - doctors / dentist / shop / buses

Drains around Maypole not suitable

[Respondent put 0 for Agricultural fields / conservation areas. I have put as 1 to capture opinion]

I also don't support the 17 houses development. Just stop building in the village. Landowners make a lot of money sells to build houses and it doesn't benefit the village - just their bank accounts

Any new build or extensions should only occur within the existing settlement boundaries and should be of a scale and design which gives consideration to surrounding properties.

Infrastructure first before thinking about new housing eg water, sewage

Developments must be in keeping with the ??? and not impact on the landscape, green spaces and environment.

Strict assessments and community voice should be valued.

16 Are there areas within Hoath Parish which you think could/should be considered for any of the following development? Please indicate with as much detail as possible.

Residential

No
No
No
airstrip buildings
Maypole airfield
No more concrete - not recommended
No
possibly infill, small areas
Maypole airfield
No
no!
no
No
No
Convert old buildings. Demolition of ???
No
Hoath Infill. Maypole Infill
None
field opposite church
May N??? Between school and Old Tree
No

No specific areas but infill / garden development is possible and potentially Church Farm redundant buildings
Not unless no impact on landscape features

Commercial

No
No
No
Not an area suitable for commercial
no
None
No
No
Maypole airfield
No
no!
no
No
No
No
Shop - for older people with no options to commute
No
None
No - heavy goods vehicles damaging roads and property already
N/A
No
None
Village hall could develop a community shop

Community Use

No
No
Community Orchard
No
old play area
Maypole airfield
Such as ... village hall does that?
Yes
The field at the top of Ford Hill (ex off road site).
School (after ??? and weekends) and associated grounds
no!
no
No
No
Buses to Canterbury / Herne Bay
No
The Gate - a community pub?
The paddock needs to be accessible and maintained and improved
None
No
Yes
As per green space answer
The school could extend to create a bigger hall space.

Green Space

No
No
Would love a children's play area
[ticked]
No
between settlements
Gaps between hamlets
Need more
Yes
All green gaps (page 9/8)
no!
no
No
No
Park for children of all ages
No
None
No
Yes
The field between Church Farm and Maypole next to School Lane could become a green space and community orchard / wildflower meadow.
Near the school

Other comments

No

I would rather there were not any

Strategic tree planting on green to create shaded place (keep spaces for football games but plant trees as goalposts), unmown / wildflower verges, community flower patches, wild strips on edge of fields

I am very happy with the amount of community / green space we have

Yes - as much as possible. Not in or around Hoath / Maypole

See above, Q15

17 Are there areas in the Parish where you think there should be NO type of development?

No Residential

Conservation areas and nature

Former off road site Maypole Road, Field in front of Beacon Wood Road, Sandybanks camping field Maypole Lane

In the conservation areas

Absolute no

Woods wetlands conservation areas

Hoath to Old Tree, Maypole to Old Tree

Between hamlets

No new builds. Keep it a village

Yes

Fields used for crops

Crowdown and Beacon Woods and adjacent fields

All green gaps

All

All

All

Yes

Main Hoath village or Maypole

Not on farmland

Between Old Tree and Hoath

whole village

in open areas

All areas

Farmland, woodland, Maypole airport

Field adjacent to 16 Wood View

Agricultural land

Hoath Farm, School Lane

Hoath Farm

All

Not on agricultural land

Not enough infrastructure - schools / roads etc

Open fields

Shelvingford and surrounding fields

No Commercial

[Anonymised]'s field Maypole Lane, Large barn on left of Maypole Lane, Airfield / horse fields opposite Maypole Road

In the conservation areas

Absolute no

Woods wetlands conservation areas

To maintain character of parish there should be no commercial

[ticked]

Nowhere in Parish

On any agricultural land

village & hamlets, infrastructure not ???, destroys quality of life

Between hamlets

Not appropriate

Yes

Yes

Fields used for crops

Nowhere - this is not appropriate in Hoath

All green gaps

All

All

All

Yes

Farm fields

Not on farmland

Surrounding agricultural land

No

On any agricultural land

whole village

in open areas

All areas

Farmland, woodland, Maypole airport

All areas - roads too small - damage already being done by farm machinery

Field adjacent to 16 Wood View

Agricultural land

Hoath Farm

All

Not anywhere in Hoath

This is a rural area with enough farming and commercial activity already

Redundant farm buildings

All of Hoath Parish unless small cottage industry or community enterprise.

No Community Use

Fields both side of School Lane and Old Tree Road, Fields from Old Tree towards Hollow Street

In the conservation areas

Already have enough

[ticked]

none

OK as it is?

No

Fields used for crops

All

All

All

N/A

Not on farmland

whole village

All areas

Field adjacent to 16 Wood View

Agricultural land

Hoath Farm

All

The existing community hall, school and Church enough

Other comments

There is no need. The area has enough building going on

No more development

Old airfield and horse fields opposite. Land opposite Thatch cottages Maypole Road, old off road site towards Beacon Wood, Camping / small holding Maypole Lane, [Anonymised]'s field

In conservation areas

The entire area has low water pressure and cannot sustain residential development, The entire area has a low electrical network and cannot support any further development

Fields used for crops and recreation

Development should never take place on agricultural land

Would be happy to see no more buildings / houses erected

Development should be considered where the owner of the site requested it

Don't support Church Farm. What we have is sufficient for a village of size of Hoath

Maypole Road is bombarded with heavy farm machinery every day at numerous times, causing damage to roads, verges and property

Hoath does not have room in school for more children

See above, Q15

No developments that impact green fields, views, hedgerows, woodland, ponds, springs and wetlands and open fields and long reaching views. No development outside of Hoath village where there are already houses

18 If there is future residential development in the Parish, what type of housing would you like to see?

	Yes	No	Unsure	Blank
Flats	2	36	6	27
Share	3%	51%	8%	38%
Share excluding blanks	5%	82%	14%	
Retirement housing	12	23	10	26
Share	17%	32%	14%	37%
Share excluding blanks	27%	51%	22%	
Bungalows	22	16	8	25
Share	31%	23%	11%	35%
Share excluding blanks	48%	35%	17%	
Terraced houses	17	22	5	27
Share	24%	31%	7%	38%
Share excluding blanks	39%	50%	11%	
Semi-detached houses	21	20	5	25
Share	30%	28%	7%	35%
Share excluding blanks	46%	43%	11%	
Detached houses	17	24	3	27
Share	24%	34%	4%	38%
Share excluding blanks	39%	55%	7%	
Extra care housing	5	26	11	29
Share	7%	37%	15%	41%
Share excluding blanks	12%	62%	26%	
Other	4	16	1	50
Share	6%	23%	1%	70%
Share excluding blanks	19%	76%	5%	
None	19	11	0	41
Share	27%	15%	0%	58%
Share excluding blanks	63%	37%	0%	

Comments

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19 Please indicate the residential and commercial design standards you would like to see included.

	Yes	No	Unsure	Blank
All new builds ... max standards for energy efficiency	47	2	1	21
New builds should have good internal daylighting	46	2	3	20
New builds should have soundproofing	42	2	5	22
New builds should have space for home working	20	7	22	22
Features in keeping ...	50	1	2	18
Pitched roofs	33	6	9	23
Dormer windows	12	8	26	25
Wooden weatherboarding	20	5	21	25
Clay/slate/natural materials	30	5	12	24
Wooden window frames	18	10	18	25
Local materials	33	4	12	22
Windows double/triple glazing	43	4	4	20
Insulation in walls, roofs and floors	46	3	2	20
Solar panels on roofs	41	4	9	17
Battery energy storage systems in the house	30	5	16	20
Permeable ground in all areas	47	2	1	21
Rainwater harvesting	49	2	3	17
Greywater recycling	34	3	14	20
Post and rail fencing	27	5	19	20
Gardens to maintain/strengthen biodiversity	45	2	3	21
New developments provide a minimum of 20% biodiversity net gain	34	3	11	23
Gardens to contain integrated composting facilities	32	4	15	20
Hedgerows to separate gardens from public space	48	2	4	17
Gardens to include a minimum of one fruit tree	36	3	12	20
Hedges planted with local varieties ...	50	2	1	18
Biodiversity in gardens to be enhanced	49	2	3	17
External lighting to preserve Parish dark skies	43	5	7	16
Integrated storage and refuse spaces	44	4	4	19
Integrated bicycle stands	15	8	25	23

Note: Green / Red show Top / Bottom 5 for each column

Comments

n/a

Maybe bike stands out of sight in back garden

No more housing, there is so much locally, the infrastructure does not support it i.e. roadways etc, It will soon be part of one big urban sprawl

Yes to post / fencing if you mean as opposed to solid fence panels, External lighting should be minimal

Yes

BESS at present fire risk too great, Post and rail fencing - could hedge better

How about ... no new builds? All of the above sounds just a nightmare

External lighting: ensure dark skies

N/A disagree with any residential builds in Hoath and Maypole

All development to be looked at on a case-by-case basis

A wish list!

Seems pointless section as we will have no say. Building regs etc. Some of the questions are non-sensical. I have commented on section I consider relevant

If water and sewage is sorted. Hedging and trees in fencing / biodiversity

Rural Economy and Facilities

20 To maintain the vibrancy of the Parish and provide local opportunities for employment, what areas of business development would you consider appropriate for the Parish?

	Yes	No	Unsure	Blank
Farming	56	1	2	12
<i>Share</i>	79%	1%	3%	17%
<i>Share excluding blanks</i>	95%	2%	3%	
Agri-environmental schemes	31	3	19	18
<i>Share</i>	44%	4%	27%	25%
<i>Share excluding blanks</i>	58%	6%	36%	
Equestrian businesses	45	4	7	15
<i>Share</i>	63%	6%	10%	21%
<i>Share excluding blanks</i>	80%	7%	13%	
Horticulture	53	1	4	13
<i>Share</i>	75%	1%	6%	18%
<i>Share excluding blanks</i>	91%	2%	7%	
Viticulture	36	3	13	19
<i>Share</i>	51%	4%	18%	27%
<i>Share excluding blanks</i>	69%	6%	25%	
Renewable energy	11	27	15	18
<i>Share</i>	15%	38%	21%	25%
<i>Share excluding blanks</i>	21%	51%	28%	
Holiday accommodation	18	18	17	18
<i>Share</i>	25%	25%	24%	25%
<i>Share excluding blanks</i>	34%	34%	32%	
Environmental tourism	17	20	15	19
<i>Share</i>	24%	28%	21%	27%
<i>Share excluding blanks</i>	33%	38%	29%	
Farm shop	47	3	7	14
<i>Share</i>	66%	4%	10%	20%
<i>Share excluding blanks</i>	82%	5%	12%	
Village shop	49	9	4	9
<i>Share</i>	69%	13%	6%	13%
<i>Share excluding blanks</i>	79%	15%	6%	

Comments

Pub

Yes

Village definitely needs Village Shop

Renewable for personal only

Any sort of tourism, Recreational facilities for nearby towns, walking, cycling, riding (cycling off road)

The village shop I remember was chatty but the prices were just too much

Two farm shops already

Pub

Pubs (Prince of Wales & The Gate). We should also support our two existing public houses (Prince of Wales & The Gate). As really important community / social venues and avoid their closure.

Buses

Already have farm shop. Village shop not sustainable

Started to complete this section but yet again much is of no relevance to Hoath and certainly outside the remit of a neighbourhood plan

Farming: heavy vehicles need to be managed properly. Farming is important to the village but the way it is managed in the parish is destroying its character by lack of care to road use.

Renewable energy - only if solar panels on roofs not farms

Village shop not financially viable on current use

Our road are not built for many of the above

Happy with farming for food production, however I am uncomfortable with industrial farming methods and would prefer farming practices in a more sustainable way

Where would a farm shop get its supplies

Sense of community

No to renewable energy as this would impact the landscape green spaces, open fields, and environment

21 Do you think there are other ways of enhancing the Parish economy? If so, how?

No

Fishing lake with public pedestrian access, Volunteer register (pop your name on a list, if things need doing around the community can be contacted)

Charge for maintaining roadside bushes and trees, Maypole Lane and School Lane are getting dangerous for pedestrians and traffic

Parish summer fayre, Entertainment Village Green

Public transport

Saturday markets

Farmers market in Hall / on green, Bring and buys, Boot fairs, Country shows (use carpark)

n/a

Agriscience hub

Unsure

Small scale homebased enterprises within existing premises (coffee refining, honey production etc) are acceptable

Don't waste money

Not under the parish council control

Community farming produce to be distributed locally.

Bus services

Education on environmental issues. Bats, mammals, birds

Village / community hall. Fundraising / crowdfunding. Community engagement hall hire events. Agriculture

22 Hoath Parish is characterised by highly productive farmland which has provided crops for decades. Do you think Best and Most Versatile agricultural land should be protected for agricultural use?

	Yes	No	Unsure	Blank
Number	64	0	0	7
Share	90%	0%	0%	10%
Share excluding blanks	100%	0%	0%	

Comments

The current state of world affairs needs the UK to be self-sufficient

We need food security for the future.

BUT could be dual use eg solar and grazing or solar and environmental wild space

There's too much spraying of ???

To preserve potential for food production and resilience

This is a rural area

Once it's gone it's gone!

Farmland is rapidly disappearing.

Britain needs to become more self-sufficient. We need to grow more food etc.

Agricultural land should be used for food production only

Covid and the state of the world (wars etc) proved that we need to grow more of our food

Climate change means the UK needs to produce more local food. There should also be a policy of persuading landowners to switch from farm crops for fuel (etc) to crops for food.

We need to protect our food security for future generations

There is no Grade 1 best and most versatile land in the parish

Food production is a national risk. We need to protect agricultural use for future generations. "Use it or lose it".

Need to produce all we possibly can from our land

The UK needs to be more self-sufficient regarding food security. Loss of land to development will be detrimental to our security.

Farming is what can make or break a community.

Where else is it supposed to come from?

There is shortage of food worldwide, the way they are taking our agriculture away for other things in a few years' time we will be in the same boat, what will our younger generation think when they can't afford to import all our food.

We could be far more self-sufficient as a country if we improved our farming systems

It is the best way of using land for climate resilience. i.e. grow crops which are suitable for the prevailing conditions of climate

Why do you think!!

If managed environmentally friendly

High productivity, flexibility in crop choices, vital role in food socially and environmentally sustainable.

Parish Services, Amenities, Health and Wellbeing

23 Generally, how satisfied are you with the local services and amenities in the Parish?

	V Satisfied	Satisfied	Neither	Dissatisfied	V Dissatisfied	Blank
Number	29	22	10	2	1	7
Share	41%	31%	14%	3%	1%	10%
Share excluding blanks	45%	34%	16%	3%	2%	

Comments

But this village needs a bus service!

Would love a village shop but may not be viable

A proper bus service is needed

But needs use Village Green, more for community etc, Public events, see 21

Views - satisfied, Green - satisfied, Hall - Very dissatisfied, Old Play Area - dissatisfied, Allotments - neither, School - neither

Playgroup should be in school so that hall use is community only. Bad for community at present plus risks for children (allergies etc)

Loss of a shop had a big impact

Bus service needs to be restored; village or farm shop would be valuable

No shop / no buses / no children activities / no community activities - fairs / markets / shops

A farmers market or similar on the village green

There are no shops and no bus service

For a village of approximately 500 people we are well served except for lack of buses

Paddock needs to be accessible for the community to enjoy. Needs maintaining.

Ex lack of bus service

NB and pre-school! Need bus

Don't ever try and fix what is not broken

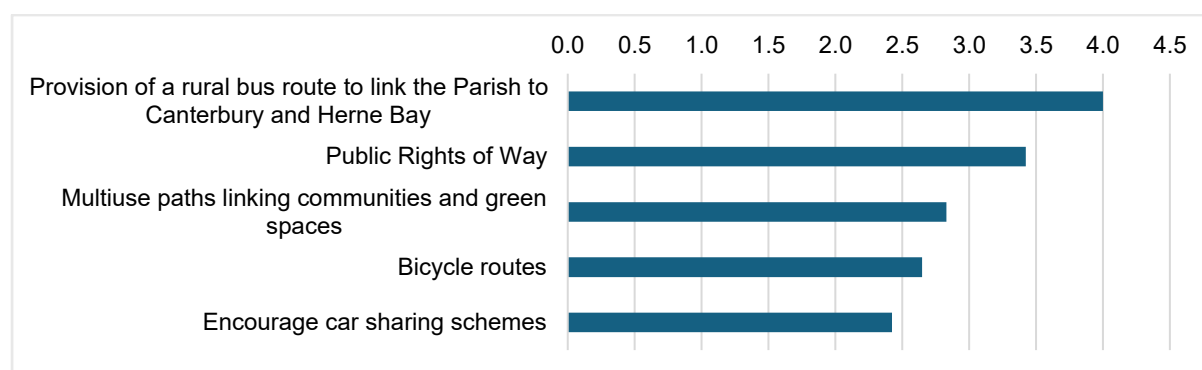
A village shop would be nice but not at the cost of more housing.

As before, community farming with outlet for selling and donating items

A village community shop would be useful.

24 Please rate the following statements from 1 (Not important) to 5 (Very important)

	5	4	3	2	1	Blank	Average
Provision of a rural bus route to link the Parish to Canterbury and Herne Bay	46	8	6	0	4	7	4.0
<i>Share</i>	65%	11%	8%	0%	6%	10%	
<i>Share excluding blanks</i>	72%	13%	9%	0%	6%		
Encourage car sharing schemes	13	8	16	9	9	16	2.4
<i>Share</i>	18%	11%	23%	13%	13%	23%	
<i>Share excluding blanks</i>	24%	15%	29%	16%	16%		
Bicycle routes	19	10	12	3	11	16	2.6
<i>Share</i>	27%	14%	17%	4%	15%	23%	
<i>Share excluding blanks</i>	35%	18%	22%	5%	20%		
Public Rights of Way	36	4	12	3	5	11	3.4
<i>Share</i>	51%	6%	17%	4%	7%	15%	
<i>Share excluding blanks</i>	60%	7%	20%	5%	8%		
Multiuse paths linking communities and green spaces	25	7	9	5	11	14	2.8
<i>Share</i>	35%	10%	13%	7%	15%	20%	
<i>Share excluding blanks</i>	44%	12%	16%	9%	19%		

**Comments**

Bike routes off of roads

Bicycle routes off road, multi use paths are too dangerous

Bot sure about multi-use paths

For bus route, Not in a position to comment about bus routes - have transport

PC / WIFI facilities at village hall

A small hopper bus would be useful ??? ??? A ??? double decker

25 Are there sufficient health and wellbeing facilities in the Parish? Please circle.

	Yes	No	Unsure	Blank
Number	19	17	27	8
Share	27%	24%	38%	11%
Share excluding blanks	30%	27%	43%	

Comments

Would love a children's play area

Bus service essential for non-drivers disabled elderly

Access for all

A recreation area for children to play ball games - football / tennis / basketball / netball

Events at the village hall are growing. More could be encouraged

There is none

??? We are a small village not a town

[comment to 24: Multi-use paths won't work because bikes, horses will churn ground up too much for walkers]

I don't know of any

Doctors surgery would be ideal

We have an underutilised network of footpaths - extending them to make circular routes would be helpful.

Need more GPs

Sturry surgery is the closest surgery but reliant on using a car. Could use a GP surgery as part of the school.

**26 Which of the following would you wish to see as an improvement to Parish facilities?
Please tick the ones you are likely to use.**

	Yes	No	Unsure	Blank
Education/learning centre (adults)	22	19	13	17
<i>Share</i>	31%	27%	18%	24%
<i>Share excluding blanks</i>	41%	35%	24%	
Hot desk hub for people working from home	11	30	11	19
<i>Share</i>	15%	42%	15%	27%
<i>Share excluding blanks</i>	21%	58%	21%	
Nursery/pre-school playgroups	24	16	8	23
<i>Share</i>	34%	23%	11%	32%
<i>Share excluding blanks</i>	50%	33%	17%	
Youth clubs	25	15	9	22
<i>Share</i>	35%	21%	13%	31%
<i>Share excluding blanks</i>	51%	31%	18%	
Adult daytime activities	37	14	6	14
<i>Share</i>	52%	20%	8%	20%
<i>Share excluding blanks</i>	65%	25%	11%	
Playground	28	15	6	22
<i>Share</i>	39%	21%	8%	31%
<i>Share excluding blanks</i>	57%	31%	12%	

Comments

Village use for village use only, not groups with whole of Canterbury catchment, Playgroup over to school
 Sports. Nursery school only in school
 Nursery / pre-school important but not to the detriment of the village having some daytime use of the hall
 Specific children's / teenager sports facilities
 This should include information / education / training on such issues as access to public services (council and central government), civic education and other issues eg climate action and biodiversity. Including online access.
 Maintain / extend online facilities (Facebook, Whatsapp) to share vital information and advise older residents on using these
 Adult activities would only be possible with better management of village hall
 All unnecessary if transport links improved
 Already adequate nursery. No demand for youth clubs. Play area equipment on village green
 Church
 Outside gym. Table top or boot sales
 Doctors. Shop. Bus
 As before, community farming with outlet for selling and donating items
 Education on the wildlife and horticultural aspects around the parish
 [Education centre] could be part of community hall

27 What facilities for informal recreation would enhance the quality of life for Parish residents? Please include suggestions.

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None

Outdoor gym

Keep fit equipment in public spaces

Walking football on green, 5-a-side football for kids

Walking club

Cycling and equestrian routes

More bridleways, cycle paths

Multi-sport pitch cricket, football, netball / tag

All good at this time

Walks

Football / basketball / netball / tennis

Possibility of organising visits / tours to nearby sites in both Kent and across the Channel (Pas de Calais, Flanders etc)

Walking routes for elderly people that may live alone, computer support.

IT courses for those who may need

Walking groups. Computer courses for the elderly

Coffee shop - for community

None

Children's play area / equipment

As above

Footpaths, cycleways or bridleway connecting to pubs and shops. Picnic areas / bbq in scenic spots

Boules pitch on village green

Field by hall is useful

Mum and toddler group

The field by the community hall is sufficient.

28 What improvements could be made to Parish amenities, e.g., open spaces, leisure sites, walking, equestrian and cycling routes, areas to promote healthy living?

Open longer hours

All of the above

Roads could be much improved

Children's play area on the green / more benches

Routes off the main road that do not deviate far from them

Keep fit equipment in public spaces

Off road walk / run / cycle route

Benches

Improve the play area next to school fields

As above

Protect / enhance walking and cycling and riding routes (but safely) not sure about combined, particularly cycle and electric cycle speeds

All good at this time

Slow the traffic

Address speeding traffic - roads can't be safely walked on now.

Speed limits around school for child protection

Maintenance of public walkways

20mph limit in village

Cycling routes / outdoor games

None

Cycling routes. Equestrian routes

Grass cut regularly

Use village green to its full potential

See above

Happy with present amenities and cycling routes

Village green is a mess.

Grass cut back further away from junctions so cars can see further up or down roads they are entering

Outside gym

Areas to promote healthy living

Improved walking facilities between areas for safety.

Footpaths should be made multi-use, they should also link up with each other

Signposting walks through newsletters

Signposting walks through parish newsletter

Comments (Where would you locate these?)

Public spaces

On green

Circular joining settlements and around hub

As required

Signs and cameras on Maypole Road

Hoath primary school

Centre of village - we need walkers and equestrians

Cycling routes / outdoor games

N/A

Village green, playground

Land adjacent to main routes / roadways

Roads, Paths, Traffic Infrastructure, Safety

29 Are there Parish areas affected by issues such as pollution, noise, road damage, restricted verges, drainage and/or flooding? If so, please identify the issues and areas.

Maypole Prince of Wales a "tourist" pub not locals, Parking (drink driving!)

Constant potholes and water leaks

Terrible road damage both hills either side of Ford and potholes. Ditto Hicks Forstal Road through the Canterbury / H / Brd. School Lane. Maypole Lane very bad. Overgrown hedge along side of Maypole Road and old off road site used to always be trimmed back. Also getting very high - cables above, Dangerous to walk along road to access, Bridle path - horses, cyclists / walkers, Cars can't see around bend, Especially as cars are generally speeding.

Litter thrown from cars, cars / motorbikes with deliberately noisy exhausts, speeding, damage to verges from large tractors, Centre of Hoath Village, Exhaust noise can be heard from A28 / A291 / A299, and many roads in between

School Lane road damage / safety, Hicks Forstal Road damage / safety / fly tipping, Ford Hill road damage / safety
Road damage - Ford Hill, Pollution / Fly tipping - Old Tree / Hicks Forstal / others

Through roads affected by increasing traffic flows, Speed limit of 30mph needed from Ford Road to Maypole Road
Restricted verges Maypole Lane & School Lane, Drainage, Potholes Ford Hill, Water Pressure, Electrical network resilience

Traffic increase, speeding traffic, Maypole especially and Maypole Lane

Maypole Lane, Hicks Forstal Road, Constant Heavy Traffic Including Large Tractors in Maypole

Noise due to large lorries for the biofuel. They drive at speed without due care.

Various potholes throughout the parish

Potholes on road erosion

Road verge damage. As above. Old Tree Road and Ford Hill

Maypole Road - too much heavy traffic . Road subsidence, Flooding Knaves Ash junction, Parking on road at Hicks Forstal causes road subsidence. Prosecution of those who litter, charge McDonalds and KCC for cleaning up

Maypole Road - too much traffic and heavy vehicles. Road at sides subsided and massive pot holes

Possibly Ford Hill ... but it wasn't built for traffic. Why is Ford Hill closed every year? Sort that pump out!

Yes. Too much traffic, speed excessive. All of Hoath / Chislet area

Bend on road from Old Tree to Gate Inn very dangerous as now a blind bend with all the conifers planted. Perhaps a mirror somewhere.

Road damage, School Lane, Maypole Road, Church Road, Ford Hill road edges

Maypole Road! It is dangerous, we have been abused by drivers

Flooding. Bend in Maypole Lane to School Lane. Kanes Ash / Hoath crossroads

Noise, road damage, speeding. Millbank / Ford area

Maypole road is now very noisy - heavily used by tractors, farm machinery, lorries and emergency vehicles.

Frequent litter on all road verges - suggest appointing voluntary litter pickers (including dog walkers).

Marley Lane - bad road damage

Road damage, Mainly Marley Lane but is on most surrounding roads

Road damage, Marley Lane

Verges poorly maintained. Introduce a 20mph speed limit

The School Lane road. The state of the road is dangerous and has only been patched, never relaid

Poor state of road surfaces, School Lane, Ford Hill

Our local roads are seeing significant increase in vehicles using them as "rat runs" and access to and from housing developments in surrounding areas. This vehicular use is adding to road damage, noise, danger to recreational users (walkers, equestrian). Boyden Gate Hill, Church Road, Hoath Road, Old Tree Road, Hicks Forstal

Verges overgrown. School Lane

Road damage. Verges and edge of road damage. Old Tree Road, Ford Hill

Cross roads at Knaves Ash. Crumbling verges Ford Hill. Potholes Maypole Lane

Inappropriate speed - Knaves Ash. In relation to concealed driveways. Flooding Knaves Ash crossroads. 40 mile an hour restrictions Knaves Ash / Rushbourne. Edge of road damage Ford Hill

Road damage caused by St Nicholas Court Farm large farm vehicles. All roads used to access their land. Particularly bad on Ford Hill and toad to Chislet Forstal.

Road damage - Ford Road

Road damage, speeding, verge damage. Heavy farm vehicles destroying roads and damage to property, speeding. Maypole

Continuous pot holes, not adequately repaired.

Road damage everywhere.

Most roads in village damaged by diversionary traffic volumes

Blocked drains on the road running downhill towards Old Rectory

Marley Lane and School Lane. Ford Hill. Roads in deplorable state.

Far too much and too fast traffic

30mph limit from Maypole to Rushbourne.

Farming practices can be very damaging and destructive and unregulated bonfires burning ??? Waste are problematic. Bonfires in Old Tree area and excessive noise on occasions.

Road damage and drainage. Road markings and signs. Old Tree at the junction leading on to Chislet

Verges, drainage. Road markings, speed limits. Boyden Gate, Shelvingford to Hoath. Hoath to Herne Bay Road. Ford Hill. Highstead.

30 Do you think road safety for pedestrians, equestrians, cyclists and drivers is a problem in the Parish?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	Blank
Number	40	18	4	1	3	5
Share	56%	25%	6%	1%	4%	7%
Share excluding blanks	61%	27%	6%	2%	5%	

Comments (What could/should be done to help improve road safety?)

Police road checks for drink driving more important than speeding!!

Reduce speed limits, More effective policing

Speed cameras, lower speed limits, 20 right through from Margate Road to Popes Lane, More monitoring of speed - police and read fines, speed calming as in Herne, Signs for horses all along from Hicks Forstal to Highstead on Maypole, Signs for children / old people.

Enforcement of speed limits

Reduce speed limits especially Hoath Road

Speed cameras on Maypole Road

Footpaths / Verges / Pavements

Speed limit of 30 throughout the parish envelope

Increased footpaths - off road

20mph limits including lanes like Hicks Forstal Road and Maypole Lane and Ford Hill

Cameras

Reduce speed limit to 20/30mph in hamlets

More traffic restrictions on Maypole Road

Speed monitoring fines

A small minority speed. Speed limits won't change it.

Speed signs, road humps, roundabout at Kaves Ash, Community warden reinstated

Better driver education, especially around horses and cyclists

Average speed limit cameras is the only answer to be enhanced by traffic calming

Speed watch should happen. Signs warning of horses on the road needed

Get KCC to extend 30 mph zones to all parish roads

20mph limit in residential areas

20 mph limit!

Reduce car speeds. 20mph limit. Plus traffic calming. Drivers taking children to school drive dangerously

Main Road (Prince of Wales pub) leading to Thanet Way road

20mph through village

Additional speed limits. Builders of large / medium developments should make improvements to surrounding roads and infrastructure.

Extension of 30mph zone. Speed bumps

Reduce speed limits in Hamlets

Speed on Maypole Lane

More signage of reduce speed

Particularly at school pick-up and drop off times and harvest time.

Walkway on verge of fields along Mill Road. Cars speeding along and some blind bends cause safety issues when walking along road

Double yellow lines needed in Woodview opposite village hall and on the blind bend

20mph

Pathway put in along some of the roads and double yellow lines put in around village hall area

Reduce speed to 20-30mph

Reduce speed limits

Speed

Stop building here

Slow traffic down

Mirrors on tight bends

As before (Q28)

Speed reducing measures traffic calming in and out of the parish.

Speed limits should be reduces and traffic calming measured should be implemented

Speed limit too high - need to slow traffic

Speed limits and cutting back the verges

Road signs, speed limits

Not a problem as such but greater signage might help to encourage people to slow down through the village and surrounding areas. Traffic can build

31 To what extent do you think traffic congestion is a problem in the Parish? Please tick your response.

	Very serious	Serious	Not very serious	No problem	Blank
Number	6	10	25	21	9
Share	8%	14%	35%	30%	13%
Share excluding blanks	10%	16%	40%	34%	

Comments (location / time)

Peak 7-9 and 15-19hrs

Parking inconsiderately around school drop-off and pick-up times and areas around village hall when nursery is in use.

Probably only at school time - Maypole Lane and School Lane

Parking on blind corner outside Prince of Wales pub is a severe traffic risk

Pub (Prince of Wales) attracts a lot of vehicles but I am glad to see it busy run through traffic

School times only, Digestate pit and large vehicular traffic.

School times could close some roads at pick-up / drop-off

Around school, they all think carpark is just for show

Only around school starting and ending times when car park on road and bends rather than use car park Hoath Road

Around the school at drop off and pick up times outside properties opposite the village hall.

At school times, although village car park has, in part, reduced this

Generally not a problem but sometimes when large lorries come down narrow roads (which some have weight restrictions) this can cause blockage if there are trailers etc - no enforcement of weight restrictions ever seem to be done.

Ford Hill

Sometimes congestion around Prince of Wales pub - can be dangerous to exit junctions.

Marley Lane (cars parked on pavements). Also cars parked on corner of Marley Lane near Old Village Sores - causing blind entry into Marley Lane.

At school time

Marley Lane. School at times.

School Lane - Church Road: school times

School drop-off and collection

School Road

School

Slight issue around school

When Ford Hill is closed, diversions create increased volumes of traffic on roads with no passing places.

School / playgroup causes increased traffic volumes and inappropriate parking.

Am and PM school times

If Ford Hill is closed the diversion roads are not suitable for 2 cars to pass

When Ford Hill is shut not suitable diversions. Roads not wide enough.

During school drop off and pick up.

Comments (Suggestions for improvement)

Maypole Lane / School Lane educate drivers to slow down around pedestrians horses dog walkers etc, school run particularly bad at times dangerous, Also on Maypole Road in morning 3.30 onwards pathways

Restrictions and enforcement

Police action to awful parking

Traffic calming measures painted on roads

Stop commercial vehicles parking after 6pm

People could use the carpark

Restrictions to prevent HGV using the road

Double yellow lines on corner of pub.

Double yellow lines for safety

A bigger car park

?Tell people to walk??

Use car parks are school drop off

Encourage people to use the car park better rather than the road.

32 To what extent do you think traffic speed is a problem in the Parish? Please tick your response.

	Very serious	Serious	Not very serious	No problem	Blank
Number	29	24	11	1	6
Share	41%	34%	15%	1%	8%
Share excluding blanks	45%	37%	17%	2%	

Comments (location / time)

Peak 7-9 and 15-19hrs
 See above
 Hoath Road, Hicks Forstal
 Traffic too fast on Maypole Road
 Speed limit of 30 throughout the parish envelope
 Maypole Road and Maypole Lane
 Maypole Lane school times AM / PM
 Again run-through traffic. It is now not safe to walk on the roads
 Maypole Road and Maypole Lane
 Old Tree Road is 60mph and totally unsuitable. Have been nearly hit 3 times. Especially dangerous at night.
 maypole Road
 Maypole Road
 All of Hoath, Maypole Road and Lane round school
 Speeding by a small minority Maypole Road
 Maypole Road is a race track.
 On road through Maypole
 Hoath Road, Ford Hill / Millbank
 Maypole Road, Speed watch!
 Ford Hill is especially dangerous. Widen road and impose 30mph limit
 Speed limits put in place. 20mph. Protect horses from being spooked on roads
 School run especially
 Drivers going too fast to and from school
 Main Road (Prince of Wales pub) leading to Thanet Way road
 Around the school area
 20mph for traffic
 Hoath Road
 Not congestion - just danger to pedestrians and cyclists
 Old Tree Road is 60 zone totally unsuitable for the road. Should be 30mph. Also Ford Hill same issue.
 Speed a problem
 All times on main Herne Bay / Canterbury Hoath Road. In village at school pick-up and drop off time.
 Heart in Hand Road / Ford Hill to Canterbury
 Maypole Road
 All roads. Mill road is 60mph
 At school times
 When the roads around are closed and Hoath becomes the only option
 Maypole Road Ford Hill Church Road - School drop off and pick up
 Hoath Road is a bit like a race track
 During "rush hour" speed of traffic in East Blean Woods, Maypole Road and Hoath Road.
 Hoath / Maypole Road.
 Traffic speed on all small roads around the parish
 Sometimes people drive too fast through the village. During school drops often people not paying attention.

Comments (Suggestions for improvement)

Stop the building in Herne Bay and Canterbury

See 30. Also Maypole Lane Old Tree Road School Lane Church Lane Markey Lane Hollow Street, Road down to Boyden Gate Road to Chislet from Highstead past pub and junction to North Stream 20mph, enforced with cameras and fines

Speed limit signs in rural areas

Road design and enforcement

Reduce speed limit

More signage, speed control

Ban school traffic from Maypole Lane or encourage with school support

Speed restrictions and pathways

Police enforced

Reduce to 20/30mph in hamlets

Restrictions and enforcements

Fine speeding drivers

Yellow lines (no parking, residents only!)

The police need to be in attendance from 7.30am to 9.00am and 4.30pm to 6.30pm

Speed bumps, camera?

The speed of vehicles is excessive - even in 30mph zone. Camera operated speed traps / speed bumps 20mph limit

Reduce car speeds. 20mph limit. Plus traffic calming. Drivers taking children to school drive dangerously

Regular police presence

Enforce speed limit

Speed bumps. More enforcement

Reduce speed limits

Signage reduce speed

Traffic calming measures

Regular speed checks

Diver education

Get robots to drive the cars instead of parents (sorry).

Reduce speed limits

Speed limits reduced. Pedestrian crossing points

Speed restrictions

Traffic calming and speed reduction measures

Introduce traffic calming measures such as has been implemented in Wingham and Preston

Traffic calming

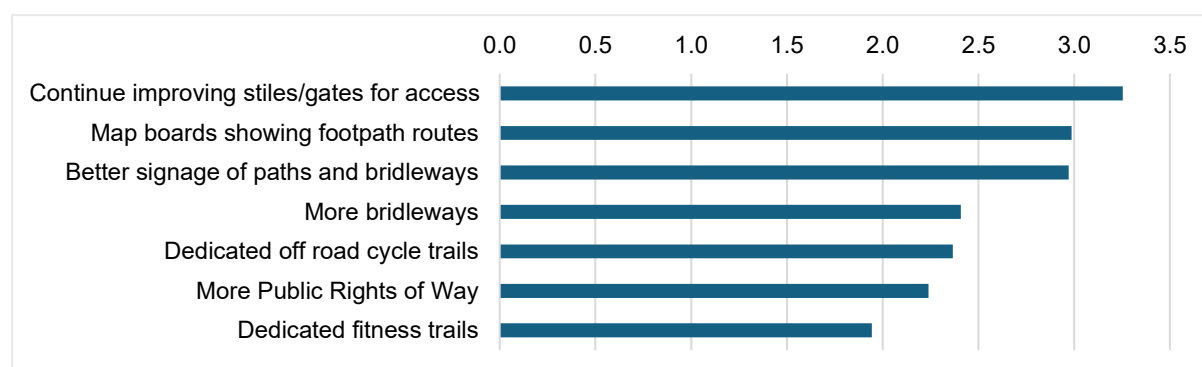
Speed limit too high

Better signing

Greater signage to slow down. Speed limit too high.

33 Please rate the following statements from 1 (Not important) to 5 (Very important).

	5	4	3	2	1	Blank	Average
Better signage of paths and bridleways	27	8	7	6	11	12	3.0
Share	38%	11%	10%	8%	15%	17%	
Share excluding blanks	46%	14%	12%	10%	19%		
Dedicated fitness trails	8	3	15	10	21	14	1.9
Share	11%	4%	21%	14%	30%	20%	
Share excluding blanks	14%	5%	26%	18%	37%		
Dedicated off road cycle trails	14	5	15	9	15	13	2.4
Share	20%	7%	21%	13%	21%	18%	
Share excluding blanks	24%	9%	26%	16%	26%		
Map boards showing footpath routes	21	14	8	10	7	11	3.0
Share	30%	20%	11%	14%	10%	15%	
Share excluding blanks	35%	23%	13%	17%	12%		
Continue improving stiles/gates for access	26	13	11	6	4	11	3.3
Share	37%	18%	15%	8%	6%	15%	
Share excluding blanks	43%	22%	18%	10%	7%		
More bridleways	14	10	10	9	13	15	2.4
Share	20%	14%	14%	13%	18%	21%	
Share excluding blanks	25%	18%	18%	16%	23%		
More Public Rights of Way	13	10	7	8	17	16	2.2
Share	18%	14%	10%	11%	24%	23%	
Share excluding blanks	24%	18%	13%	15%	31%		

**Comments (What other facilities would you like to see?)**

Where is the paddock?

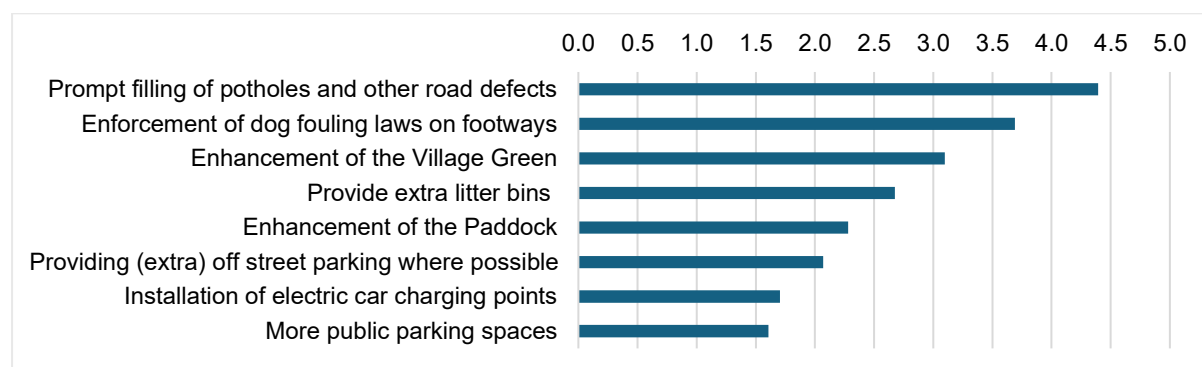
Better maintenance

Wheelchair accessible paths in East Blean Woods. City council to litter pick

Dog bins. Too much left on walkways.

34 Please rate the following statements from 1 (Not important) to 5 (Very important)

	5	4	3	2	1	Blank	Average
More public parking spaces	8	2	5	9	33	14	1.6
Share	11%	3%	7%	13%	46%	20%	
Share excluding blanks	14%	4%	9%	16%	58%		
Providing (extra) off street parking where possible	9	8	11	5	27	11	2.1
Share	13%	11%	15%	7%	38%	15%	
Share excluding blanks	15%	13%	18%	8%	45%		
Prompt filling of potholes and other road defects	57	6	1	0	0	7	4.4
Share	80%	8%	1%	0%	0%	10%	
Share excluding blanks	89%	9%	2%	0%	0%		
Enforcement of dog fouling laws on footways	38	10	6	6	2	9	3.7
Share	54%	14%	8%	8%	3%	13%	
Share excluding blanks	61%	16%	10%	10%	3%		
Provide extra litter bins	14	9	17	11	11	9	2.7
Share	20%	13%	24%	15%	15%	13%	
Share excluding blanks	23%	15%	27%	18%	18%		
Installation of electric car charging points	2	7	11	13	24	14	1.7
Share	3%	10%	15%	18%	34%	20%	
Share excluding blanks	4%	12%	19%	23%	42%		
Enhancement of the Village Green	20	15	13	7	7	9	3.1
Share	28%	21%	18%	10%	10%	13%	
Share excluding blanks	32%	24%	21%	11%	11%		
Enhancement of the Paddock	13	9	14	4	11	20	2.3
Share	18%	13%	20%	6%	15%	28%	
Share excluding blanks	25%	18%	27%	8%	22%		

**Comments (other)**

Prince of Wales
 Extra parking on Maypole Road
 LOL. Village Green is a dog toilet!!!
 Parking off road
 Trees and benches needed on village green.

35 To what extent do you agree with the statement: The streets and public spaces in the area offer a safe environment.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	Blank
Number	16	37	4	3	4	7
Share	23%	52%	6%	4%	6%	10%
Share excluding blanks	25%	58%	6%	5%	6%	

Comments

Except for speeding

Just the speeding traffic that's an issue

Safety of streets and public spaces could well deteriorate should the village be allowed to grow into a more urban environment

Streets can be dangerous when car speed or excessive sized lorries come through

Maypole Road not safe for pedestrians but feel "safe" in Hoath

Apart from traffic

Varies

Speed of delivery vans. Certain tractors and trailers at harvest time.

Speed of cars, vans, lorries, tractors (harvest time) on our small roads

36 What are your feelings/thoughts about safety, crime and policing?

	Yes	No	Unsure	Blank
Do you generally feel safe?	64	2	1	4
Share	90%	3%	1%	6%
Share excluding blanks	96%	3%	1%	
Would you like to see more police patrols?	30	22	12	7
Share	42%	31%	17%	10%
Share excluding blanks	47%	34%	19%	
Would you like to see street lighting in the Parish?	1	58	7	5
Share	1%	82%	10%	7%
Share excluding blanks	2%	88%	11%	
Do you feel that levels of crime are decreasing?	3	16	46	6
Share	4%	23%	65%	8%
Share excluding blanks	5%	25%	71%	
Would you feel safer with, and join, a Neighbourhood Watch?	25	10	27	9
Share	35%	14%	38%	13%
Share excluding blanks	40%	16%	44%	

Comments

I am unsure if we still have a community policeman as we have never had any contact with him. Perhaps he is business with traffic monitoring??

Issues with flats, village hall car park, drugs, Unsafe walking in Hicks Forstal Woods

More public patrols re speeding

No light pollution please. It's a village and beautiful skies. Don't ruin it.

Sad to see community officer go. Only street lighting in centre of village

Littering is a big problem which should be tackled

Street lighting around village hall and carpark needs resolving (maybe solar lights)

Road safety is my main concern

The village and various hamlets should be facilitated in setting up Neighbourhood Watches and local WhatsApp groups.

More speed traps

Lighting should be put up for carpark, shielding on them to protect the houses

37 Which features within the Parish need protection and/or improvement? If possible, please say why.

Development. Let's keep it reasonable

Village hall improvement

Church, village hall and paddock, Hoath school and grounds

None at this time

The carpark could benefit from non-invasive lighting - such as only lights up when anyone walks in that area

No more in-fill housing and building. Keep as Hamlets and retain its beauty

Blean Wood carpark should be free to locals

Road safety

Perhaps pub, village hall registered as community assets also village green

Police must be seen in the area

Maintaining what we have

Traffic calming measures

Protection of farming land, animal fields (where the live, so it's not destroyed)

Protection of farmland, road improvements

Protection of farmland and road improvements

Farmers fields!!!

None

Bus service. Retain rural nature of village

Paddock - gifted to community. Maintained / improved. Church - central feature of the parish. Building needs to be maintained. Village Hall - community space. Main asset for the parish community

Make proper use of village green

Verges roadways - too much damage from heavy farm vehicles

Field to remain for the purpose of growing crops

Foot paths

Green spaces and agricultural land. If I wanted to live in a built up area I would have bought a house in one

The historic connection with its rural past

Green spaces. ????. Trees and benches needed on village green

Historical (any house built in 15th/16th/17th/18th century). Church. Open fields / green spaces.

Final thoughts

38 Have we forgotten anything? Please use this space to tell us what you think we have missed or what you consider of great importance to our Parish.

No

The two pubs in our area and obviously the two schools, The Church The Hall Maybe a popup shop or travelling van or monthly small farmers market.

Preserving rural areas with no more building on greenfield sites

I think 2 or 3 small areas of development say 6 or 8 properties but not expensive large detached home, small areas such as small field left of footpath opposite church

Litter pickers

Impact and damage by heavy farm machinery

Needs lighting from village hall to car park - for safety

39 If we needed to concentrate on ONE issue, what would it be?

Building control i.e. only sensible planning

Opposition to the solar farm and new houses

Speeding traffic and traffic calming, lower speed limits to 20mph, fixing potholes and edges where dangerous

Wildlife

Improving the road network

Traffic speed and volume

Bus service followed by protect green / agricultural land

Public transport. We have young working age residents that cannot access work opportunities. Also school children have no ways to get to school without using taxis or family / friends. This is not inclusive, with many outside village activities unavailable.

Bad roads

Planning conservation applied correctly please

More daytime use of village hall

Protecting our environment for residents and wildlife

(1) Selecting area(s) for development. Take control but in a measured and acceptable way. (2) Maypole Road speed control

Traffic calming to prevent Hoath being used. Roads are too narrow and in poor condition for such speed

Planning and its impact on the countryside

Preserving green gaps and expanding conservation areas

No solar farms !!! AT ALL

No to solar!

NO TO SOLAR!

Protect farmers fields, Open the bus routes / shop, children play areas

To allow owners / residents to go about their legal business with the least amount of need to consult the parish

Protecting the status quo

The loss of prime agricultural land, green spaces and views. This is the heritage of Hoath and a valuable resource that risks being lost in the planned "solar farm".

Planning / conservation policies being applied correctly to planning applications

Keeping Hoath as a small rural village

Protect rural environment

Retaining village identity and preventing new development

Control housing development

Impact and damage by heavy farm machinery. Damage to roads, verges and property by farm machinery - excessively heavy

Stop houses being built on farmland!!

Items 31 & 30. Re Item 30 - could have lay-by extended up to village hall instead of grass verges

Preventing housing development in the village

Stopping housing development and stopping the solar farm

To stop agricultural land being developed on. i.e. housing / solar farm

Protecting our open spaces

No to solar installation!

Protecting the parish from inappropriate development of all kinds and enhancing all of the conservation areas

Roads and cutting back verges

Ditches, drainage, water and sewage

No new development (housing or commercial)

40 More thoughts ... ?

No thanks

It would be wonderful if Hoath could remain the same quiet rural agricultural area unspoilt by development!

Too many illegal fires and loss of mature trees and hedgerows

[Anonymised] Maypole Road - a man is constantly spraying on left hand side of bank which has poisoned public verge with pesticide. Have asked him to stop and have been ignored, Illegal dump on Farm on Heart in Hand Road. Constant fires in evening with black smoke from tyres burning, Highly guarded farm on Old Tree Road high security. Another illegal dump. When asking them about it I got threatened. Have talked to council and got ignored, I would like some sort of policing (fire watch) on this matter. The toxic smoke is atrocious, I also would like to see stricter rules on the removal of trees and hedgerows. Since coming here 7 years ago the loss of habitat has been ridiculous.

Land purchased off Maypole Road behind Maypole Lane and used for caravans / travellers

Excellent job done by PC for bringing this together. Thank you.

We may not have access to shops GPs dentists. What we do have is priceless peace, safety, and a way of life that is eroding far too quickly.

Protect hamlets and villages. Stop development creeping up and destroying a unique way of living. This in turn will protect not only the aesthetics of the area but also wildlife and habitats

This survey is very big - online might have encouraged some people and others might need help. 4 adults in our household, not enough survey to fill in, Teens have views too - an online portal would be useful for them.

[Name submitted. Not reproduced]

This seems to be a great start. I look forward to seeing the output

I think great work has been done setting up the Facebook page especially, and the website. We're a scattered community and this is a great communication tool. I also think the village hall is being used better now - with a great range of events for isolated people, families etc. I wish the school played a part in village life. It's right in the centre but seems quite separate. Unless something is done about the speeding in Maypole Road soon, we will lose the battle and just become somewhere as the rate run between Herne Bay and Sturry

(1) To engage the entire community including those unable to go to parish council meetings, the possibility of webcasting meetings should be explored including reports by our CCC and KCC councillors. (2) There should be regular meetings with adjoining parishes to coordinate policies (by the parish council). (3) Once the Neighbourhood Plan is approved a parish council sub-committee needs to monitor its implementation with participation of our CCC and KCC councillors. (4) Finally well done on all this hard work by our parish council!

The children of the parish of all ages do not have a gathering place or anything to do. The elderly people do not have public transport to go to the city. The Hoath village needs market or small shop to allow them to access basics

A very comprehensive questionnaire, covering all important aspects of our village. Well done to the parish council and those on the steering committee who have worked so hard on our behalf

Sorry can't be very specific about a lot of location we ??? items as we haven't lived in Kent very long

Protect our hamlets and villages from development. There are plenty of other places to build. Rural life is beautiful, unique and cannot be replaced

Hoath is a small rural village which is why most people choose to live here. Maintain that please.

Build houses on brownfield sites not on farmland. Farmland is for growing crops

The flats across the road from the church always stick of drugs. It's disgusting. I don't like how people who rise horse drawn buggies treat their horses, pulling fat men on really hot day while being whipped. They also have zero regard for other road users and pedestrians

We all need to work with each other to protect and enhance our parish, the landscape and environment, promote biodiversity to create a clear shared vision for the future.

We do need to work together to protect our parish and protect our landscape, green spaces and environment and ??? Significance / biodiversity for wildlife and health. Thank you for doing this work in the questionnaire.

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