



Littlebury Parish Neighbourhood Plan: Community Survey Results Overview

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Methodology & Response Profile

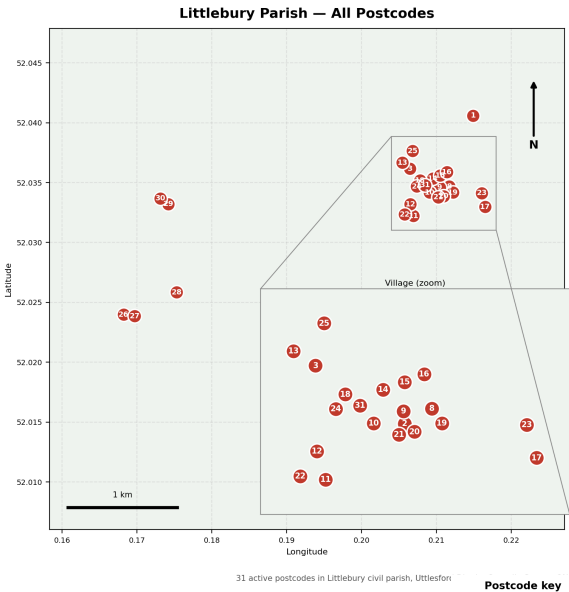
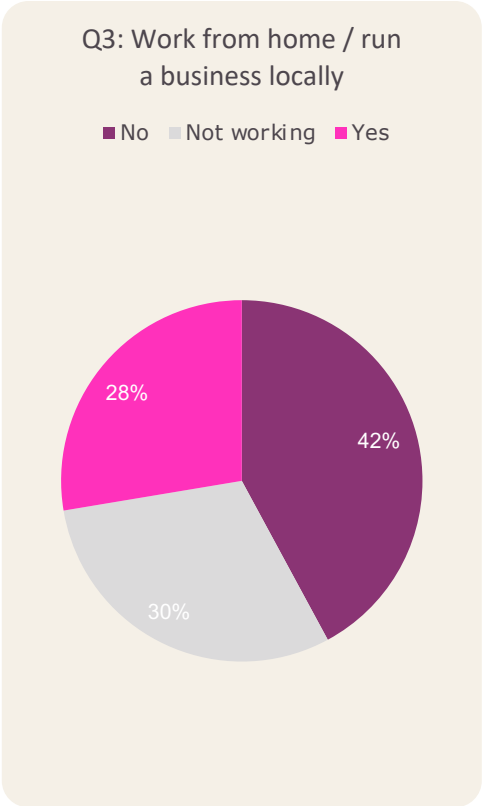
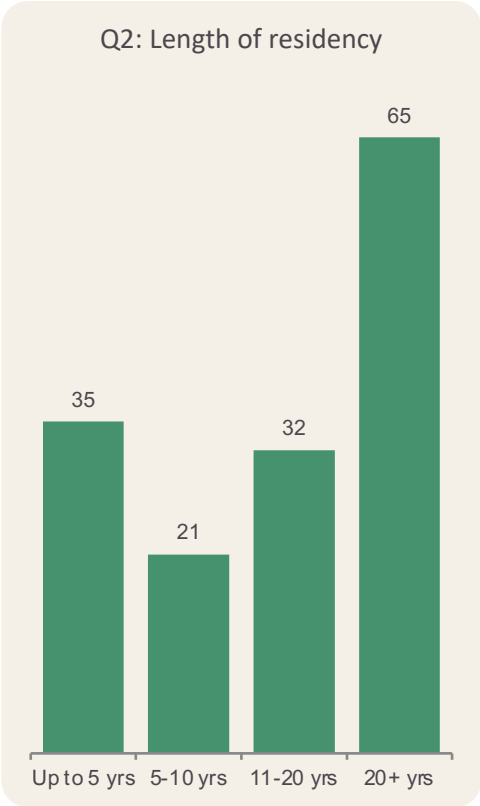
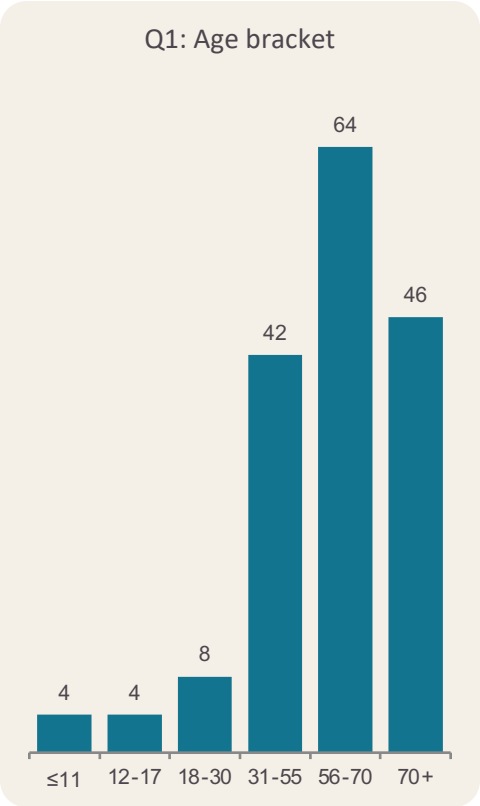
Littlebury Parish Neighbourhood Plan Community Survey was distributed both online & on paper, giving residents a choice. Fieldwork took place in July & August 2026. The survey included all of the Littlebury Parish, and full postcodes were collected. Results have been independently analysed by Bean Research (although it should be noted for transparency that their director is a parish resident).

50% response rate

168 of 336 on the electoral roll

168 total responses

107 online (64%) / 61 paper (36%)



Postcode key

1. CB10 1UF	17. CB11 4TP
2. CB11 4FD	18. CB11 4TQ
3. CB11 4GS	19. CB11 4TR
4. CB11 4JG	20. CB11 4TS
5. CB11 4JH	21. CB11 4TT
6. CB11 4JJ	22. CB11 4TU
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8. CB11 4TA	24. CB11 4TX
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11. CB11 4TF	27. CB11 4XE
12. CB11 4TG	28. CB11 4XF
13. CB11 4TH	29. CB11 4XG
14. CB11 4TJ	30. CB11 4XH
15. CB11 4TL	31. CB11 4XU
16. CB11 4TN	

In this summary, postcodes have been shortened to 4T_ (indicating Littlebury) and 4X_ indicating Catmere End & Littlebury Green (in the main).

This is to reduce risk of identifying comments (especially when age & length of residency is also shared). The map above shows these clusters.

Responses are broadly representative of the make-up of the parish.

What Residents Consider Attractive

POSITIVE FACTORS (Q5)

The top 5 factors considered to be what makes the parish attractive are mainly consistent by age & by postcode. These are seen to be:

- **Rural character and countryside** — unspoilt, peaceful landscape, open fields, wildlife, footpaths and nature reserves
- **Strong sense of community** — small, connected villages where residents look out for each other; active volunteer groups
- **Proximity and connectivity** — well placed between Walden, Cambridge, Stansted and London, with good transport links
- **Safety, peace and quiet** — repeatedly cited alongside low crime, minimal traffic and a settled, undisturbed feel.
- **Heritage and amenities** — listed buildings and historic churches, alongside practical local assets (schools, hospitals, shops, village hall, community hub)



"Rural – access to walks/footpaths/open fields. Historic character e.g. architecture. Easily commutable to Saffron Walden and Cambridge." 18-30, CB11 4T_

"Nice community, access to countryside, good access to Cambridge and Audley End station. I like living out of town away from the traffic." 12-17 & 31-55, CB11 4T_

"Proximity to Saffron Walden, well connected to A11/M11, near Audley End for trains." 31-55, CB11 4X_

"It is quiet. It has character. It feels unspoiled. It is green and rural without being isolated." 56-70, CB11 4T_

"Pleasant countryside/location, a lovely historic church, friendly community." Over 70, CB11 4T_

"Beautiful area. Many footpaths, woods, lots of wildlife, a friendly, helpful and caring community." Over 70, CB11 4X_

"Little village feel. Small connected community. Classical English village. Countryside. Nature." 31-55, CB11 4X_

"Calm village surrounded by farms. No noisy businesses on the highstreet. The charming church and church activities." 31-55, CB11 4T_

A small selection of quotes to illustrate the key themes:



What Residents Consider Detractive

DETRACTING FACTORS (Q6)

The top 5 factors considered to detract from Littlebury Parish as a place to live are also mainly consistent by age & by postcode. These are seen to be:

- **Traffic and road safety** —HGVs/lorries, pedestrian risk, particularly through Littlebury and Catmere End; potholes and poor road maintenance
- **Lack of local amenities** — no shop, uncertain pub status, and pressure on GPs, dentists and schools
- **Limited footpaths and active travel routes** — safe walking or cycling routes linking villages to Walden, trains & schools; Audley End Estate land access
- **Poor public transport and car dependency** — non-existent or infrequent bus services
- **Development and infrastructure pressure** — concern over over-development, poor-quality new housing, and strain on already limited infrastructure



A small selection of quotes to illustrate the key themes:

"Speeding traffic, construction traffic, HGV traffic through the villages." 31-55, CB11 4T_	"No mains gas supply, no shops, recent closure of the pub." 18-30, CB11 4T_
"Footpaths to town and no regular bus service to anywhere!" 12-17 & 31-55, CB11 4T_	"Lack of a regular bus service makes running a car a necessity." 56-70, CB11 4X_
"Constant uncertainty over excessive development, pressure on already stretched infrastructure." Over 70, CB11 4X_	"Fast traffic through the village." Over 70, CB11 4T_
"No gas; no mains drainage." Over 70, CB11 4X_	"Risk of housing development. Risk of over population." 31-55, CB11 4X_



What Residents Want in the Neighbourhood Plan

Q7: The most cited recommendations for the Neighbourhood Plan include:

- 1 Safe walking & cycling connectivity**
The single most repeated ask for path/cycleway from Littlebury to Saffron Walden (and to the station and schools) that doesn't rely on walking beside the B1383.
- 2 Infrastructure with & before growth**
Any new housing should be matched with capacity in GP surgeries, schools, roads and utilities (as an explicit policy requirement).
- 3 Local amenities & affordable housing**
A village shop, a sustainable future for local pubs as community spaces, and genuinely affordable/smaller homes for young families, downsizers and those with local ties.
- 4 Better public transport**
A regular, reliable bus service to reduce car dependency and isolation, particularly for younger & older residents.
- 5 Controlled, sustainable development**
Many specifically want small-scale development only (not large-scale - Newport / Gt Chesterford are often cited negatively), sustainable design and protection of the rural character.

WHAT DIFFERS BY AGE

31-55: More likely to focus on economic growth & sustainability, local businesses, renewable energy & public transport.

56-70: walking/cycling infrastructure, protecting the countryside, restricting development.

Over 70: More likely to mention limiting development, countryside/footpath access, reliable transport.

WHAT DIFFERS BY LOCATION

Littlebury (4T-): More likely to want local amenities & affordable housing (30% vs 19%) and footpath/cycle links into town (30% vs 21%)

LG & Catmere End(4X-): most want infrastructure to keep pace with growth & GP/school/road capacity (35% vs 22%)

"A safe cycle/foot path into Saffron Walden. For Catmere End to have a community space." 56-70, CB11 4X_

"Housing development strictly limited to infill sites. Greatly improved access to a GP." Over 70, CB11 4X_

"It will be good to see the pub up and running as a community space. Important to ensure good transport links." 56-70, CB11 4T_

"A more frequent bus service to and from Saffron Walden would be very helpful to many older residents." Over 70, CB11 4T_