

# Sawtry Village Neighbourhood Plan 2022 to 2036



## Consultation Statement

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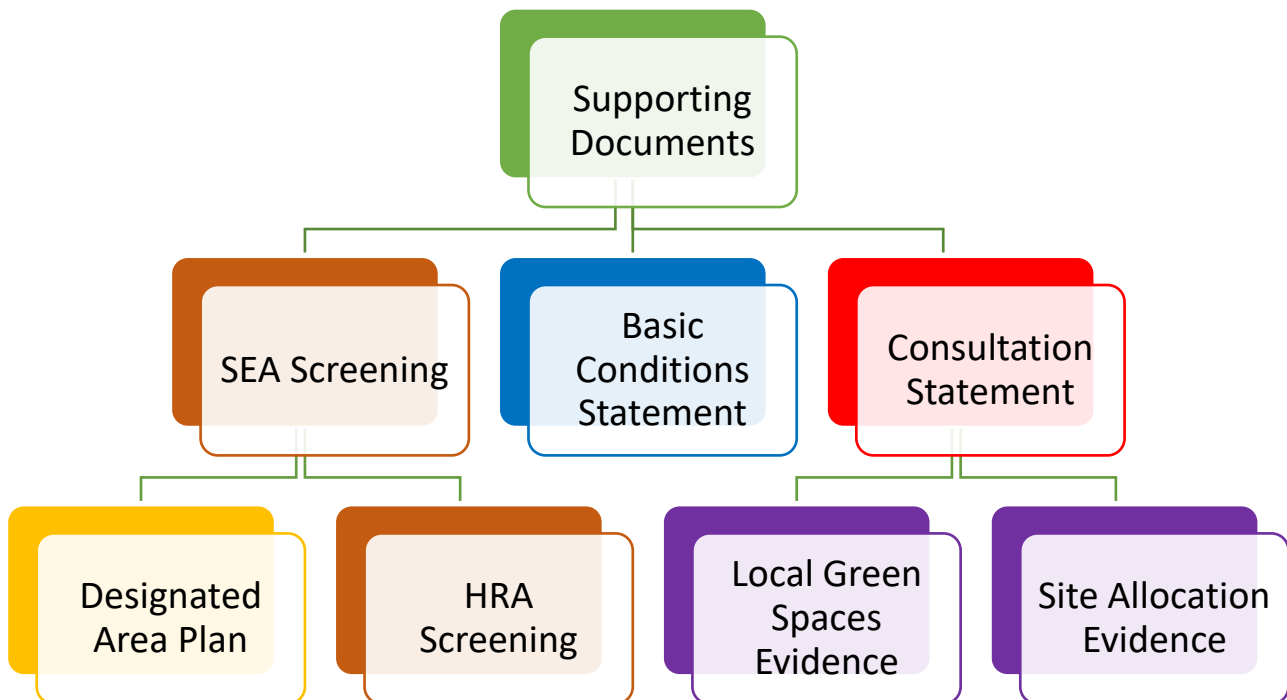
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## Introduction

1. This Statement has been prepared to accompany the Sawtry Village Neighbourhood Development Plan (“the Neighbourhood Plan”) under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (“the Regulations”). The relevant local planning authority is Huntingdonshire District Council.
2. The policies described in the Neighbourhood Plan relate to the development and use of land in the designated Neighbourhood Area only. The document sets out the period of the Neighbourhood Plan which is from 2022 to 2036.
3. This Consultation Statement (hereafter ‘the report’) complies with Regulation 15(1)(b) of the Regulations. The report includes the following information as required by Regulation 15(2)(a)-(d):
  - a) details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan;
  - b) an explanation of how they were consulted;
  - c) a summary of the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and
  - d) a description of how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan.

## Consultation with the Local Community

4. In 2017, Sawtry Parish Council explored the possibility of developing a Neighbourhood Development Plan, but the scheme did not progress. However, in the autumn of 2019, the Parish Council appointed a lead councillor who formed a small team of volunteers, the Neighbourhood Planning Group (NPG), essentially comprising professional individuals. Since the formation of the NPG and the designation of Sawtry as a neighbourhood area, various elements of consultation have been undertaken regarding the future planning of the parish.
5. For consultation the Parish Council provide updates and material on the Parish Council [website](#)<sup>1</sup> and via the Parish [magazine](#)<sup>2</sup> ‘Sawtry Eye’ produced by CARESCO.

## Consultation on Designation

6. A formal [application](#)<sup>3</sup> was made by Sawtry Parish Council in October 2019 as a ‘relevant body’ under Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) for the designation of a neighbourhood area in order to develop a neighbourhood plan. The area of the Neighbourhood Plan is based upon the parish boundary, which was seen as appropriate as this area is recognised as the distinct community of Sawtry. The request was that the Parish be recognised as a Neighbourhood Area for the purpose of producing a neighbourhood plan, in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012.
7. Huntingdonshire District Council publicised this application to produce a Neighbourhood Plan as was required by the legislation in force at that time. Huntingdonshire District Council [designated](#)<sup>4</sup> the Parish of Sawtry as a neighbourhood area on 23 October 2019. This approval was in accordance with regulations 5 and 5A of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.sawtry-pc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-planning.html>

<sup>2</sup><http://www.caresco.org.uk/?page=sawtryeye&m=sawtryeye>

<sup>3</sup><https://huntingdonshire.gov.uk/media/4040/sawtry-designation.pdf>

<sup>4</sup><https://huntingdonshire.gov.uk/planning/neighbourhood-planning/>

## Early Consultation

8. The NPG decided to commence planning the extensive stage of community consultation. With the assistance of the HDC Planning staff, a detailed paper questionnaire ('the Initial Survey') was prepared. The intention was to hold public meetings and face-to-face interviews with residents, businesses and community groups in order to elicit their views and opinions on the future development of Sawtry in the period to 2036. Before this plan could be implemented, Covid-19 infections and the subsequent lockdown restrictions imposed a complete block on any form of personal contact. An alternative approach to the community consultation then became essential.
9. The Covid-19 restrictions, which were introduced in March 2020, blocked the normal methods of public meetings and face-to-face discussions as a means of gathering views and opinions. In their place, the NPG adopted a strategy which employed the following approaches:
  - Leaflet and paper questionnaire drops to each of the 2,600 households in the Parish.
  - Online questionnaires for residents, community groups and businesses.
  - Notices and articles in the Sawtry Eye magazine distributed to every household.
  - Communication via email, both individually and grouped.
  - Announcements on the Parish Council website.
  - Telephone interviews.
  - Social media groups, such as those hosted by Facebook and Nextdoor.
  - From September 2021, after Covid restrictions had been relaxed, public presentations and displays.
10. Completed paper questionnaires were collected at specified addresses and using 'drop boxes' situated at several frequently visited locations such as retail outlets and the academies. Security precautions were in place to maintain the privacy of personal data gathered and stored both online and on paper as required by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).
11. The questionnaires for residents, community groups and businesses are shown in Appendix 1; equivalent online versions of each were accessible through publicised internet links. For the Residents' version, some 3,000 paper copies were printed; of these, 2600 were distributed, one to each household in Sawtry.
12. The paper and online responses to 197 residents' questionnaires were combined and analysed under two headings: problems/challenges and ideas for improvements. The results are summarised in the Consultation Statement by two reports:
  - a. Problems/challenges: the most common complaints related to the poor state of roads and footpaths, inconsiderate parking, and excessive speeding by vehicles. Some of the issues could be addressed as policies in the neighbourhood plan and some would need to be set aside as non-planning objectives.
  - b. Suggestions for improvements: this report yielded fruitful material towards the formulation of both a vision for Sawtry and objectives for the Neighbourhood Plan
13. The analysis in Appendix 1 provides more detail on the overall findings. Several of the problems and ideas do not readily lend themselves as policies for the Neighbourhood Plan. There was very little appetite for more housing in Sawtry, apart from a mention of more specific types (such as affordable, low cost, social, bungalows, and homes for the elderly).
14. A remarkable initiative by the Principal of Sawtry Junior Academy yielded 164 responses which are also analysed in Appendix 1. Her students, aged 7 to 11 years, wrote their suggestions to the Parish Council with an accompanying picture. The volume of this effort shows that the young people of Sawtry have very constructive ideas on how the village can be improved in the years ahead.
15. It proved difficult to distribute paper questionnaires to the businesses; an approach was made to the leader of the Sawtry Small Business Partnership. Community groups comprise charities, academies, churches, sports/social clubs, and interest groups. Fifteen replies have been returned to date, some with plans to relocate or enlarge premises; most simply described their activities and their current difficulties. Many

Sawtry groups have been inactive during the Covid restrictions so obtaining responses was difficult. Responses to a further 16 questionnaires were received from businesses and community groups. Many were followed up on an individual basis to obtain more detailed information.

16. Early in September 2021, a display was mounted in the Leisure Centre as part of the Sawtry Sport for All event which attracted visitors from far and wide. The display explained the role and importance of Neighbourhood Planning and appeared to be well received. Later in the month, a presentation open to the public was given in the CARESCO [headquarters](#)<sup>5</sup>. On both occasions, the opportunity to collect further opinions ('preferences') was taken by means of the 'Quick Questionnaire' and its explanatory notes which are shown in Appendix 1. The analysis of the 193 replies reveals the popular desire for leisure, medical and health facilities, and for concern over the environment.
17. At the start of 2022, green areas across the village were surveyed to obtain possible candidates for designation as Local Green Spaces (LGS). This work is summarised in the chart in the Local Green Space Evidence document, and the articles in Sawtry Eye are included in Appendix 1. As part of the continuing community consultation, articles were distributed to every household in Sawtry to elicit preferences on the selection of LGS. The details of this substantial project are described in the supporting Local Green Space Evidence document.
18. An opportunity for local residents to suggest buildings or structures that might be suitable to be considered as non-designated heritage assets was included in the Sawtry Eye magazine in August 2022 under the Neighbourhood Plan banner. This is a project being led by the Cambridgeshire Local Heritage List Project and although the Neighbourhood Plan is not likely to propose non-designated heritage assets; it was considered to be a useful conduit through which to pass suggestions from local residents to the overall County wide project.

## Consultation on Pre-Submission Draft (Regulation 14)

19. Consultation with statutory and other consultees will take place over the statutory 6-week period as required by the [Neighbourhood Planning \(General\) Regulations 2012](#)<sup>6</sup>. Statutory consultation will be undertaken utilising information available including any consultee details that need to be obtained from Huntingdonshire District Council. Consultation will also be undertaken with local residents and businesses, together with neighbouring Parish Councils as required by the Regulations.
20. The Parish Council will use the Parish Council [website](#)<sup>7</sup> to host the consultation material and to provide updates for the local community. It will also continue to use social media to disseminate information. The Sawtry Eye magazine that is distributed to every household will be the main form of consultation.
21. The Sawtry Eye magazine circulation is actually wider than just Sawtry and also goes to households in the neighbouring settlements of Glatton, Conington, Upton, the Giddings, Holme and Winwick. This will allow residents of nearby settlements that utilise the services and facilities in Sawtry to comment on the Neighbourhood Plan.
22. This stage will comply with Regulation 14 of the Regulations, which is set out below:  
*"Before submitting a plan proposal to the local planning authority, a qualifying body must—*  
*(a) publicise, in a manner that is likely to bring it to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the neighbourhood area—*  
*(i) details of the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan;*  
*(ii) details of where and when the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan may be inspected;*  
*(iii) details of how to make representations; and*

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<sup>5</sup><http://www.caresco.org.uk/?page=contact>

<sup>6</sup><https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/637/contents/made>

<sup>7</sup><https://www.sawtry-pc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-planning.html>



*(iv) the date by which those representations must be received, being not less than 6 weeks from the date on which the draft proposal is first publicised;*

*(b) consult any consultation body referred to in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 whose interests the qualifying body considers may be affected by the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan; and*

*(c) send a copy of the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan to the local planning authority.”*

23. In addition to local publicity, Huntingdonshire District Council normally also publicise the consultation for Neighbourhood Plans on their [website](#)<sup>8</sup>.
24. The Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents will be made available via the neighbourhood plan pages of the Parish Council website. In addition, hard copies of the Neighbourhood Plan will be made available at a few key community locations.
25. Representations will be able to be made electronically or by hard copy through using comment post boxes as in previous early consultation.

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<sup>8</sup><https://huntingdonshire.gov.uk/planning/neighbourhood-planning/>

## Appendix 1 - Early Consultation Material

### Residents' Questionnaire

#### SAWTRY'S NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

We need your help to improve Sawtry in the years ahead. Our Neighbourhood Plan will state the wishes of our community (residents, businesses, and other groups) for developments up to 2036.

The Plan can cover many aspects such as housing, transport, employment, recreation, education, health, business, our environment,... and will carry legal weight in planning applications.

You can help by answering this questionnaire:

All answers are voluntary; you may respond as one household, or by submitting individual forms for each adult and each under-18 year old.



Do you think there are currently problems or challenges to manage in Sawtry?
(Continue overleaf if necessary)

Do you have any comments or suggestions for improvements in Sawtry?
(Continue overleaf if necessary)

Would you like to be kept informed of progress in the Neighbourhood Plan?	(Y/N)
Would you like to join the Neighbourhood Planning Group and contribute to the Plan?	(Y/N)

Please provide one or more of the following contact details:

Name	
Address	
Organisation (If applicable)	
Telephone	
Email address	

#### Privacy Notice: how we shall use your data

If you are willing to supply 'personal data' such as your name, address, telephone number, or email address, so that we can contact you, the information will be used as follows:

- We shall store the data securely and not disclose it to other parties
- We shall only retain the data until the Neighbourhood Plan has been finalised
- You may request us to delete or amend your personal data at any time

Please return this questionnaire to one of the following locations by 29<sup>th</sup> May:

CARESCO (Shop or Office), Co-op Glatton Road, John Green, Newsagent, Green End Road, Sawtry Junior Academy, Sawtry Village Academy

Or deliver it to the Parish Council Office, 37 Green End Road, or to 1 Tinkers Lane.

(This questionnaire can be accessed online using the link: <https://forms.gle/1orWEjYYFLF6P2ZV7>)

For help or more copies of this form contact [john.potter@sawtry-pc.gov.uk](mailto:john.potter@sawtry-pc.gov.uk)



# SAWTRY EYE

*Distributed to Conington, the Giddings, Glatton, Holme, Upton, Winwick, & Sawtry*

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## SAWTRY'S NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Many thanks to all Sawtry residents who have completed their questionnaires. We shall shortly be analysing the results to find the most common views.

For now, we invite community groups (academies, charities, churches, sports clubs,...) and local businesses to complete their versions of questionnaires. This can be achieved online using the links below (or accessing them on Facebook):

**Community Groups:** The link is:  
<https://forms.gle/8NH8531wiDJiS4vh7>

**Businesses:** The link is:  
<https://forms.gle/6u3utahm7S5kmWL46>

**Residents:** For residents who still wish to complete their questionnaire online, the link is:  
<https://forms.gle/1orWEiYYFLF6P2ZV7>

Paper copies and Word docx versions of these questionnaires can be obtained by emailing:  
[john.potter@sawtry-pc.gov.uk](mailto:john.potter@sawtry-pc.gov.uk)



## SAWTRY'S NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Community organisations (such as charities, social groups and sports clubs) are invited to contribute to our Neighbourhood Plan. Answers to this questionnaire are entirely voluntary, but would help to form a picture of our collective activities. More importantly, any ambitions to develop in Sawtry may be strengthened in future planning applications.

Please answer as many items as you feel appropriate:



Name of organisation	
Address or location	
Telephone	
Email address	
Your name and role	
Organisation's main activities	
Approximate number of members (or regular users)	
Sources of finance: Subscriptions <input type="checkbox"/> Donations <input type="checkbox"/> Public funding <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
Are your premises: Owned <input type="checkbox"/> Rented/leased <input type="checkbox"/>	
Please summarise any plans to relocate or develop your premises in the foreseeable future	
(Continue overleaf in these sections if necessary)	
What challenges are you facing now or may encounter in the future (perhaps through Covid 19)	
Please suggest ways in which your organisation might be strengthened in future	
Other comments or suggestions	
Do you have subsidiary groups which could contribute a separate questionnaire? (Y/N)	

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Business Groups' Questionnaire

**SAWTRY'S NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Sawtry businesses are invited to contribute to our Neighbourhood Plan. Answers to this questionnaire are entirely voluntary, but would help to form a picture of our commercial activities. More importantly, any ambitions to develop in Sawtry may be strengthened in future planning applications by policies in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Please answer as many items as you feel appropriate.



Business name	
Address	Head/main office <input type="checkbox"/> Subsidiary <input type="checkbox"/>
Telephone	
Email address	
Your name and role	
Status:	Sole trader <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Company/plc <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>
Approximate number of employees:	Percentage resident in Sawtry:
Main products or services	
Are your premises:	Owned <input type="checkbox"/> Rented/leased <input type="checkbox"/>
Please summarise any plans to relocate or develop your premises in the foreseeable future	
(Continue overleaf in these sections if necessary)	
What challenges are you facing now or may encounter in the future (perhaps through Covid)	
Please suggest ways in which your business might be helped or strengthened in future	
Other comments or suggestions	

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Responses to Residents' Questionnaire: Problems/Challenges and Ideas for Improvement

Please describe any problems or challenges in Sawtry:	Please suggest any improvements you would make in Sawtry.
Rapid expansion of housing and population is not being matched by support infrastructure	Liaise with new Police and Crime Commissioner to stake claim for improved police presence in Sawtry
Parking along Middlefield Road; risk of accidents to schoolchildren	Stop parking near school. Yellow lines
Too many new houses; no other facilities being built. Will soon need new doctors. Once green fields are concreted over they are lost	Roads and pathways need repairing. More flood prevention
Too many parked cars opposite junctions and on corners. Potholes everywhere. Too many new houses	Stop building housing estates. Quiet zone Free WiFi available in parks
Flooding Potholes Lack of community hub	New community centre/hub. Community orchard, more allotment spots
Roads are very poor	Improve the roads and increase playing space for adults and children sports wise
The growth of the village has outstripped its infrastructure. Roads, drainage, and communications provision are all now showing the strain. Larger development projects to the north and south are attracting the majority of investment	Extensive repairs and improvements to roads, drains, and other infrastructure to cope with growth. Expansion of community facilities, perhaps adjacent to the "club". Management of parking facilities. Organisation (signage, publicity, signposting, some path work) of walking routes to link up various recreational sites.
Traffic management	Road markings crossings and speed enforcement
Lack of seating by bus stops in centre of village	Improve bus stop shelters, wildflower planting on some green spaces between houses, improved cycle racks and encourage cycling or walking to local facilities rather than driving.
Parking problems at school	More parking areas with charging points
Lack of parking facilities.	Electric vehicle charging points
Too much house building – too quick	Five year break in house building. Resurface all paths and roads. Reduce speed limits. Regular police patrols
Until we get the new school we don't have enough school places to cover the entire village; Highways and Anglian Waters don't look after the roads and drainage; Lack of a proper community hub.	A community hub. Strategy on flooding and natural disaster response. Community orchard. More formal gardens
Free roaming cats 24 7 who are allowed to defecate wherever they go and in particular on back garden lawns where children might be expected to play and also on flower beds. Why do so many cat owners refuse to accept that they should bear responsibility for the nuisance their animals create. Dog owners are held responsible for the antisocial behaviour of their animals and are obliged to keep them on a lead when away from their base home i have listened to cat owners who say you cannot put a cat on a lead. What bunkem! They	Re car parking: there are a number of areas of grass that are little used but which could provide car parking spaces; for example in Ermine Way there is a large area of grass where the road bends round to join Beaumaris Road  It must surely be possible to create an organised parking area there without removing any of the trees. I suspect there are similar areas elsewhere in the village

<p>are smaller than dogs and should no more have a right to roam and defecate on private property than a dog</p> <p>Car parking. Most houses were not designed to accommodate more than one car but these days a home with teenagers may have 3 or 4 vehicles to park and their presence on the street can be a great inconvenience to delivery vehicles and emergency workers.</p> <p>Illegally noisy motor cars. Unnecessarily loud motor cars roaring round the village at anti-social hours.</p> <p>The police have actually advertised for video footage of such disturbances so the car owners can be identified and taken to task.</p>	
<p>Not enough blue badge parking in: surgery, chemist, post office, co-op, etc.</p> <p>Very little disability awareness or support for disabled customers at the Sawtry Co-op shop.</p>	<p>Bigger, better stocked chemist.</p> <p>A second small local supermarket to give an alternative to the Co-op and remove their monopoly.</p> <p>A mail box in Tinkers Lane.</p> <p>Improved/more one-way signage in Tinkers Lane.</p>
<p>Over development of Sawtry without the required infrastructure and support.</p> <p>The District Council planning do not listen to local residents and housing applications are always passed or granted on appeal. The S106 money is not used in Sawtry.</p> <p>Roads and pavements around Sawtry are not maintained and have been destroyed by heavy construction traffic going through the village to the housing developments. This will continue for many years to come if Glatton Road development goes ahead. Traffic along Fen Lane and a congested High Street will be a dangerous situation with the chemist, doctors and Co-op parking.</p> <p>Our schools and doctors are getting over crowded.</p> <p>Sawtry has recently had problems with flooding and although new developments have flood risk assessments and have had attenuation ponds put in as part of the plans, there needs to be a robust and enforced maintenance plan to keep these fit for purpose.</p> <p>The village is changing from a lovely community to one of anti social behaviour which is destroying the fabric of the village.</p>	<p>Let the village have a voice with Sawtry Neighbourhood Plan and try to rectify the problems I have highlighted.</p>
<p>State of roads and pavements: resurfacing.</p> <p>Parking around school, Green's, Rumbles</p>	<p>Tarmac area around Working Men's Club.</p> <p>Sunday bus services. Speedwatch</p>
<p>Lack of youth facilities.</p> <p>Dog mess</p>	<p>Youth club and skate park</p> <p>More dog bins and CCTV</p>
<p>Parking is a problem, particular around the schools at pick up times. there is not enough space for parents to park;. the village is expanding and there is not enough space in the schools, at the doctors etc. Facilities need to be updated as the village expands</p>	<p>Improved road surfacing - pot holes filled, roads re-surfaced.</p> <p>Facilities developed as the village expands</p>
<p>Speeding is a problem in the village. The village has not invested or kept up with other local</p>	<p>Greater provision of speeding solutions such as electronic speed monitoring signs, give</p>

<p>villages in addressing this problem. Along with low level antisocial behaviour; there needs to be a greater provision of activities and resources for children and young people. There are not enough dog waste bins; Every green space in the village should have one. Poor parking in and around the schools is a problem and I would support road closures. Poor parking is also problematic on residential streets. Pot holes are also an ongoing issue. There are extremely deep ones around the village and they are left unresolved for a long period.</p>	<p>way to oncoming traffic etc Dog waste bins at every green area in the village. Renewal of signs reminding people. Parks for children. There shouldn't be any new housing built without provision of a park and recreational areas. If you visit other local areas (Alconbury Weald, Papworth EverArd) where there are lots of new developments they have provided lots of park equipment and exercise equipment within the designs. These villages now have multiple options for children and young people to play on and use</p>
<p>Not enough for teenagers to do. The roads are in a diabolical state especially Green End Road, needs completely resurfacing. Lights/zebra crossing needed by junior school.</p>	<p>More facilities, eg cafes, a functioning gym and pool. More parking at the Co-op. Where's this skate park that's been promised for the past 15 years.</p>
<p>Lack of environmental features on any new build or anticipation for the need for off road parking beyond one space. We need to plan ahead for climate change, and do as much as we can as a community including flood water management, anticipating a change to electric cars, and so on.</p>	<p>All new buildings must have solar panels/significant insulation/rain water harvesting/electric car charging point/ as a minimum plus sufficient off-road parking. Would be nice to see the parish council initiate local campaigns to gain village status, eg Fairtrade community or Dementia Friendly.</p>
<p>Speeding is a problem in the village. The village has not invested or kept up with other local villages in addressing this problem. Along with low level antisocial behaviour; there needs to be a greater provision of activities and resources for children and young people. There are not enough dog waste bins; Every green space in the village should have one. Poor parking in and around the schools is a problem and I would support road closures. Poor parking is also problematic on residential streets. Pot holes are also an ongoing issue. There are extremely deep ones around the village and they are left unresolved for a long period.</p>	<p>Greater provision of speeding solutions such as electronic speed monitoring signs, give way to oncoming traffic etc Dog waste bins at every green area in the village. Renewal of signs reminding people. Parks for children. There shouldn't be any new housing built without provision of a park and recreational areas. If you visit other local areas (Alconbury Weald, Papworth Everard) where there are lots of new developments they have provided lots of park equipment and exercise equipment within the designs. These villages now have multiple options for children and young people to play on and use.</p>
<p>Lack of provision for young people- from about the age of 10 years up, there is very little for our young people to do. I believe decades of under investment in our young people, coupled with government cuts to youth provision, are a factor in the current antisocial behaviour posts we are seeing on Facebook at the moment</p>	<p>I would like to see less pot holes, or a more comprehensive approach to the current 'patch up' approach, which sees the repairs last 12 months at best. Definitely more investment in our young people. The parish council currently fund a youth club, once a week- this is not enough! A culture of putting young people in the centre of decisions, collaboration with them and helping them to feel a valued part of their community is vital to us all, and especially for the young people themselves!</p>
<p>1) Dog mess, around the whole of the village, footpaths and green spaces. 2) The road surfaces are awful in a lot of places</p>	<p>Roads resurfaced, more dog waste bins/actions for people not picking up</p>
<p>Roads in terrible state - pot holes and worn away surface of roads. Parking around schools and by Co-op a safety hazard. Drains not cleared at all have complained on past but nothing done. Overgrown hedges on public footpaths having to go in road. Parking of cars on corners or pavements. Surgery now not big enough for village can never get an</p>	<p>Parking around schools or monitoring, of parents parking. Surgery capacity needs to improve</p>



appointment- where is the extra building from the first lot of housing we were told this was going on the new estate.	
Parking and flooding	Use green areas such as those on Beaumaris and Ermine Way to be converted as extra parking.
Roads, not suitable for cars or bikes. Antisocial behaviour. Risk of localised flooding - drain survey needed	Traffic calming measures, addressing potholes, drain survey, clearer road markings, more cycle friendly
Maintenance of the footpaths and byways. On pavement parking blocking the pavement for wheelchair users	Provision of poo bags at dog bins as in Godmanchester. Better shopping facilities.
We are new to the village and have not yet encountered any issues.	Repair of roads where potholes are an issue
Maintaining a small rural village when efforts are being made to make it a commuter village. Drugs are a huge problem. The village was a quiet peaceful village but the new estates have ruined it. They are badly built, designed, overcrowded. The people moving in are expecting town life in a rural village. There are not the jobs to support expansion.	Halt further development. Any development should ultimately improve people's quality of life, both the people they are building for and the people living in the area. One thing covid should teach us is a home must have space, houses cannot be squashed in like slums.
Too many residents for doctors' surgery. Will the schools cope with the influx of so many young children? When will the skate park ever be built? Too many estates being built & will the local roads cope with the extra traffic? If we do have to have more estates & the builders offer to build extra amenities, then they should be made to build these before any properties are built. More shops required but where? More things for older children to do/go & then perhaps this would stop the problems we now seem to be having.	
Speeding down Gidding Road due to new houses. Roads need resurfacing	Speed bumps along Gidding Road. Double yellow lines by Rumbles
Nottingham knockers, teenagers in the play parks	A toddler only park would be fantastic as the teenagers really intimidate the younger children
Parking is a problem around following areas particularly- Co-op, Surgery, between Butchers & Maltings Poor road surfaces due to high volume of traffic on main two roads and building traffic Uneven pavement surface waiting for accident especially with elderly people Car racers late in evening in and around edge of village Not witnessed but a lot of talk about drugs problem in village- no police presence Change of leisure facility operator reported that access for public will be less? Health clinic and Amenity facilities not built on housing estate up Gidding road Blocked drainage grates on two main roads in village = flooding problems	Improve parking at Co-op and Surgery areas. Put parking restrictions in and near junctions Ensure leisure facility has good access for public Build additional health clinic to take pressure off surgery Joint venture for cycleway between Alconbury-Sawtry-Glatton and Stilton to encourage both commuter and safe cycling linking to other cycle routes Increase Police presence Ensure developers are paying or contributing to resurfacing roads-pavement Ensure eastern side of A1 does not become large warehouse area. Encourage enlargement of current business park footprint and small business units for local employment
State of the roads with multiple potholes. Parking in many areas especially near schools,	More provision for teenagers.

<p>drs surgery (when face to face consultation is normality) and fire station.</p>	
<p>The Stagecoach bus timetable has changed and therefore students need to wait for 1 hour after school to use their student pass to get a bus home. This is unsafe.</p>	<p>Change the bus timetable back</p>
<p>All of the main roads for the village are in a poor state of repair. Mainly the High St, Fen Lane and Green End Rd. The worst being Fen Lane/Moyne Rd roundabout. There are sunken iron works, pot holes and in general uneven surfaces.</p>	<p>Resurface the roads properly instead of patching, which don't last very long.</p>
<p>My Husband and I are new to the area, we have had no issues thus far but reading about frequent anti-social behaviour within the village on the various village social media pages does concern us.</p>	<p>With regards to dealing with anti-social behaviour perhaps a PCSO presence would be a positive move. There also seems to be an issue with dog fouling.</p>
<p>Excessively large housing development sites are being built on what used to be green fields and meadows, displacing and destroying wildlife and plants. These developments have also led to an increase in heavy truck traffic through the village damaging roads and causing vibration damage to houses.</p>	<p>Forbid any future housing or industrial developments that are outside the existing boundary of the village.</p>
<p>I am very pleased with the management of the village environment, except in one area: parking. Parking on roads, at certain times and in certain areas and parking in cul-de-sacs where there isn't enough room within the house limits</p>	<p>Parking outside the school on Middlefield Road. At certain times it is very difficult to turn right into Middlefield Road from the High Street. Cars can be parked very close to the High Street and as M Road weaves to the left it is very difficult to see past the parked cars to see if there is any oncoming traffic. Could parents be encouraged to park beyond the school by entering from Rockingham Road? As for parking outside residences. 3 or 4 bedroom houses are more than likely to have 3/4 cars, depending on children's ages, some have a lot more. Could new developments and developers be encouraged by the council to provide adequate parking, off road?</p>
<p>Lack of car parking at village shops. Lots of cars parked along High Street. Too many new houses making the village too large. Lack of capacity at GP surgery.</p>	<p>Better car parking at shops but not sure there is any space! A bakery would be nice :)</p>
<p>*No Fibre Connected internet as effective as Virgin (wfh) *Pot Holes in lots of places and blind spot on your left by bus stop at cross road at John Green's *Litter in small park *Would rather not see any more housing developments added; moved from a town to a village and would like to see it kept this way</p>	<p>*Another small supermarket would be very helpful *Improved Gym Facilities; my husband and I left the Sawtry gym when one of the instructors left as the facilities were not the best and she was the last reason to stay as her classes offered variety and were engaging rather than just circuits. If the facilities and quality of classes were improved we would love to rejoin and have our daughter swim there as well. *Small softplay; either attached to the gym or stand alone with coffee like Leo Funzone (would be great for connecting to other mums in the village and entertainment on a rainy day without leaving the village) *Refill shop; would be great to be able to go</p>

	<p>more frequently and not have to travel to Oundle/St Neots</p> <p>*Thai Takeaway; Rumbles are offering some great Turkish food now which is a healthier alternative to burger/pizza and that's great! We would love to see another option like this such as a Thai takeaway</p>
<p>Vehicle parking at inappropriate places along Fen Lane and Green End Road interrupts traffic flow around the village at all times through the day and creates potential pedestrian and vehicle dangers. This is more notable on the Green End Road stretch between Beaumaris Road and Gidding Road with the same difficulties (and dangers) on Fen Lane. Vehicles 'stagger' parked on both sides of each road create a 'slalom' obstacle course for all vehicles using these thoroughfares, exacerbated at start/end school timings and with the proliferation of heavy goods/large vehicles through the village.</p> <p>Additional issues are witnessed on Middlefield Road, The Briars and Westfield Road during school term times when parents dropping off/picking up attempt to park their vehicles as close to the school as possible. I have had (and witnessed) many near misses with other vehicles attempting to negotiate this obstacle course.</p>	<p>Introduction of a one way traffic system in the loop around Green End Road, Fen Lane and Beaumaris Road with double yellow lines down one side of each road.</p> <p>Introduction of 20 m.p.h. speed restrictions on Green End Road, Fen Lane and Beaumaris Road.</p> <p>Introduction of a school parking area (possibly behind the Old School building) and a policed ban on parking/drop off/pick up outside of the Middlefield school on Middlefield Road, Westfield Road and The Briars during peak times i.e. School start and finish times, including lunch time.</p>
<p>Illegal parking - road repairs - health services - school provision</p>	<p>All main roads in the village double yellow lines - a rolling programme of preventative road repairs by the CCC</p>
<p>Too many houses being built spoiling what once was a small quiet village</p>	<p>Sort the paths &amp; roads out</p>
<p>Speeding cars and parking</p>	<p>Get the skate park built and play equipment for little ones up St Judith's</p>
<p>Need to increase communal facilities</p>	<p>New CARESCO/community centre</p>
<p>Poor roads</p>	<p>Comprehensive pothole repairs</p>
<p>Drugs and parking</p>	<p>More double yellow lines and police presence to curb the drugs</p>
<p>Village has outgrown amenities - supermarket needed with better parking. School needs to be expanded as class sizes are too large in some years. Quite a lot of trouble recently with children doing damage on the Rowell Way estate.</p> <p>Speeding through the village up Gidding Road is definitely getting worse.</p>	<p>Chicane on Gidding Road and others in the area to stop speeding. Cameras maybe required to be put in to combat anti-social behaviour</p>
<p>Doctors not big enough. Co-op not big enough.</p>	
<p>Need better play/sports facilities for kids, similar to those at Alconbury Weald. Vehicles driving too fast through village. Parking outside Rumbles.</p>	<p>Improved sports facilities, e.g. sports court as at Alconbury Weald and/or 4g football pitch. Enhance traffic calming particularly on main runs, e.g. Green End Road and Fen Lane.</p>
<p>The severe lack of open green space suitable for the playing of ball games available to the casual user or organised sports teams is a shambles.</p>	<p>In other parts of the world there are initiatives to bring many of the traditional 'Indoor' sports and activities 'outside'. The provision of which takes the form of undercover gazebo or raised structure that can be utilised for any number</p>

<p>Since the closure of the Football field on Gidding road and the fencing off of the school fields kids have been forced to illegally use the Greenfields site across the A1. Of course I realise that the closing off of the school grounds has been carried out for a good reason, that being the security of such sites. Nevertheless, the option for our youth -- who are encouraged to go out doors and play ball games; is to use St. Judiths field. Which, IMHO can only be described as a boggy-dog-toilet at best.</p> <p>This has a knock-on affect and most recently we have seen an increase in antisocial behaviour, including low level vandalism. COVID-19 notwithstanding there are number of challenges being faced by Sawtry'ites.</p> <p>As we know, the mental well-being of our children and young adults has taken a downward spiral since lockdown 1.0. And as we face an uncertain future it is only to clear that the sports provision in the village is woefully inadequate.</p>	<p>of activities where a solid floor is needed.</p> <p>This allows Personal Trainers, Yoga, Pilates, Aerobics, Kickboxing, Martial Arts and other activities that do not rely on equipment to be able to conduct 'open' air classes. This essentially means that during Pandemics (and other restrictive events) we can ensure that a bookable space can be used for this purpose. This in turn will improve the general mental health of the people who are dependent on exercise for the improvement of Anxiety and other conditions. Especially important in the times we find ourselves in. -- and in preparation for further outbreaks and variants of COVID we need to put in place the right kind of facilities to enable the safe use of space; in the event of continued restrictions over the months and years as we move forward.</p> <p>Of course such facilities can be used during 'normal' conditions in order to provide undercover, dry venues for the use of such classes (as mentioned above).</p> <p>It would also be my recommendation to speak to the SVA to see if unfettered access can be given to fledgling sports groups such as Rugby Tots and others to use the sports fields -- in the absence of any other possible alternative.</p> <p>With all of the planned development coming to Sawtry -- Sport or the provision of sports facilities, IMHO needs to be provided otherwise we may find ourselves with escalating social unrest within our community.</p>
<p>Speed of cars especially Westfield Road, Gidding Road. Doctors surgery seems to be overwhelmed. Hard to get an appointment now Pot holes and poor road surface Dog mess</p>	
<p>Dog poos in parks and pavements. vandalism</p>	<p>Cctv, police presence</p>
<p>Too much traffic &amp; speeding</p>	<p>The main roads in Sawtry need stricter traffic management, the speed humps simply do not work to slow traffic down. Speed awareness signs need to be installed.</p>
<p>Parking issues at junior/infants school during drop off and pick up times cars especially those parked near the junction of Middlefield Rd and Green End rd makes other traffic unable to see approaching vehicles and pushes them into the wrong side of the road and blind. Other streets near to the school are subject to careless and thoughtless parking. How long before a delivery or other vehicle hits someone?</p>	<p>Consideration could be given to an additional one way extension through the village to avoid - for instance - pinch points such as near the Fire Station, to smooth traffic through the area. A speed limit would also help. Following comments on Facebook over concern that groups of children - for instance - have been throwing eggs and bullying - and bearing in mind the summer holidays coming up (with an increase of children not at school) would a neighbourhood watch system help</p>

	with this. This would also help in cases of vandalism, dodgy vehicles driving about, drug taking etc etc
Health services - more doctors and NHS dentist	More doctor appointments available either with more doctors or longer opening hours. Another dentist surgery that takes on NHS patients
Sawtry is a wonderful community in which to live. This is mainly because its facilities have been developed by the residents. It would seem to us that over the last few decades HDC and CCC have targeted development within the village without adding anything to the supporting infrastructure. Perhaps it is time to ensure that these councils step up to the mark. Other particular problems revolve around highway maintenance and on street parking (High Street being a case in point) as well as a possible rise (statistically feasible) in antisocial behaviour and drug use as evidenced by the recent incidence at the Community Centre.	A local PCSO scheme, centred on Sawtry may help with antisocial behaviour. No doubt we would be told that funding issues would make this unlikely. Perhaps this could be partly funded by the developers contributions made to local councils. There is a large unused plot behind Sawtry Club. Perhaps the Parish Council would undertake a joint venture, along with local clubs, to facilitate a new, additional community hub and parking.
Parking along st.Judith's Lane. Cars park for the hairdressers both sides of the road so turning into the lane you are met with parked cars, can be dangerous	Double yellows on some roads, more parks/ facilities for kids and adults
Road conditions, road markings, footpath condition, parking issues, trees broken and dead taken away but not replaced at the Mulberries development	At the Gidding Road end of the village, it would be great if children could have somewhere to kick a ball about where the ball does not roll into the road and it would be good to have some exercise equipment for Youth. Can we consider equipment for Youth modelled on the Hemmingwell Estate in Wellingborough where they have bars and callisthenics equipment? (featured on BBC Look East 11th May 2021 – Cam Palmer's Plan). At the Mulberries development, there is space in front of the allotments and there is also space where the doctor surgery was planned. At the Judith Gardens development there is a LEAP planned which could be used for Youth to have equipment. Trees to be replaced at the Mulberries development.
Doctors surgery needs expanding	Parking in Middlefield Rd at school times as it's so unsafe
Use of cannabis around the village	Occasional presence of police. Bigger car park at the Co-op
With the increase in housing development Sawtry is in need of more infrastructure investment; particularly primary schools & Drs surgeries. Roads & footpaths all need maintenance & repair throughout the village and we need more public green space for recreation	I would look at perhaps developing the Greenfields football field area into a full sports facility & community hub, modelled on the successful community building/field in Stilton to provide recreation & a social community facility
The Village has grown out of proportion for the facilities it provides. Parking for our local Co-op is very limited. The increase in traffic is considerable at peak times on Green End Road and Fen Lane. Water lays	Regular clearing of dykes, ditches and road drains. We are very lucky to have St Judith's field but this becomes waterlogged during wet weather and has only one path running through it. A

<p>in the gutters when it rains making it very difficult for parents walking children to school and avoiding getting soaked. Recent flooding and historical flooding continue to be a problem. Dykes and ditches are very overgrown. Surface water cascades down to College Court via the College field and overflows into the road. After the smallest amount of rainfall surface water makes its way down from Fen Lane and runs along Blind Lane to Louthe Way where it has no-where to go.</p>	<p>decent park, or an improvement to St Judith's, would be an asset this side of the A1 and provide a place that everyone could walk to, and one that all ages could enjoy. Most parks in the UK are designed to have paths running through so that they can be used whatever the weather. Taking small children to a park to learn to ride a bike, push a scooter or push a pram is a memorable time for families. Not forgetting a place to meet for the older children (and older residents during the day). Not everyone can walk to our wonderful woods and excellent footpaths surrounding the Village. Greenfields provides an excellent venue for cricket, football and fishing. A huge asset for Sawtry. Many years ago Sawtry Village College as it was called then provided an excellent number of evening classes. There was such a variety of courses for everyone of all ages. I studied navigation for two years and would never have had the opportunity had this course been held elsewhere As there is such an increase in the population of Sawtry, could it be possible for Sawtry to provide evening classes once again? We came to live in the Village 50 years ago and we still thank the day that we made that decision. Good luck with your plan.</p>
<p>Paths roads lack of food shopping and clothes shops</p>	<p>A supermarket clothes shop better roads and paths</p>
	<p>Repair the roads, but keep as a village and not over build</p>
<p>Parking on green end road near Rumbles Activities for teenagers</p>	<p>Double yellow lines between School Hall and Greystones</p>
<p>Roads are in poor condition around the village and badly in need of repair in many places. There is a noticeable issue with parking in the village as well, and increase in traffic, since the build of the new estates along Gidding Road - it is concerning that this, and any potential future builds may place an impossible burden on the infrastructure in the village, including healthcare provision, schools and shops - there is already a strain on shops like the Co-op. With the increase in population, there is also a question of whether the amenities that are offered are of a suitable nature for the village - for instance, the library has been minimised, there is little current offering from the leisure centre (although we are lucky to have it at all), and there is very little other offerings for young people. We realise that this is a village and there are a number of facilities that we are lucky enough to have access to, but with the speed at which the village is increasing in size, the supporting infrastructure does need to keep up in its own pace of growth.</p>	<p>Depending on funding, it would be useful to improve the state of both roadways and pavements within the village to make it safer for traffic and pedestrians - especially with the increase in residents using the footways for hobbies such as jogging. If further land could be found for car parking for use by Co-op customers it would also ease congestion at that end of the village. With regards to leisure facilities, is there the potential to utilise any unused buildings on the industrial estate for fitness clubs etc?</p>

<p>Water drainage along the green, Tinkers lane and Fen lane</p>	<p>Improve water drainage. Cut back overgrown hedges and trees along walkways and signage</p>
<p>Need more shops and facilities, Co-op gets very busy,</p>	<p>Zebra Crossing needed on Green End Road by Premier Shop, as it's very tricky to cross there</p>
<p>The roads infrastructure through the entire village is entirely in need for repair/replacement. The feel of driving through the village is horrid with pot holes and patched road surfaces. They cannot cope with the amount of traffic and wear now and yet more homes are planned for the near future. Also with the new homes, there will be a need to expand the Doctors (struggling) and Schools. The parking around places such as Co-op also needs consideration as it can't cope with the volume of visitors now - when more homes are in the village, how will it cope? This could also be true of the Chip Shop location (on a bend by a Fire Station - not very well thought out!).</p>	<p>All roads resurfaced and prepared for the future. Traffic calming on Gidding Road - there are some who now think that stretch of road is Drag Circuit... CCTV on all Roads into / out of the village. The access from the A1 makes the village vulnerable to opportunists and CCTV would help deterrence.</p>
<p>No 3G pitch or decent club house</p>	<p>3G pitch and clubhouse</p>
<p>No crossing for Greenfields on a 60mph road that kids are expected to cross to get to Greenfield!!!</p>	<p>3G pitch and clubhouse within Sawtry on school grounds?</p>
<p>We are desperate for a 3G pitch, only Sawtry does not have one.</p>	<p>3G pitch in Sawtry</p>
<p>Lack of facilities</p>	<p>3G pitch needed instead or as well as Astro</p>
<p>The state of our roads is disgraceful and with all the new builds the traffic is getting worse and pot holes are increasing in number and size. Patch repairs are a waste of time and money as they start disintegrating immediately and the pit hole is back within days/weeks.</p> <p>Due to heavy rainfall, a number of roads are regularly flooding. Whilst ditches and some drains have been cleared, this has not addressed all the problems. This is an issue that needs further investigation.</p> <p>Parking along Middlefield Road by the school at pick up &amp; drop off times needs to be made illegal. This is an accident waiting to happen and is inconsiderate to homeowners nearby and other road users. Plenty of free parking is available at the old school hall and is only a few minutes walk to the school.</p> <p>Due to the growing size of the village and the surrounding area our doctors' surgery is struggling and it can be hard to gain an appt the same day unless you start calling as soon as they are open, which not all people can do. As there is no room to expand at the current site, further doctors' facilities are required elsewhere in the village.</p>	<p>Ensure any new builds come with extra facilities such as another doctors, dentist, play areas etc</p> <p>The council needs more robust systems to maintain our roads, ditches, green areas. These need to be proactive not reactive.</p>
<p>Huge influx of population in the new building estates - impact on services</p>	<p>Improve drainage on Church Street and the green: prevent flooding</p>

<p>The main problem is flooding. That then knocks on to the state of the road surfaces.</p>	<p>A concerted effort needs to be made to join up the various water authorities that deal with drainage and ditches in Sawtry. I'm sure they know far more than me about how to deal with the issues surrounding drainage and how to prevent flooding.</p>
<p>Poor condition of the roads, people parking on the pavement, limited things for children/teenagers to do.</p>	<p>Proper medical centre that can cope with the increasing size of the village and the surrounding area that it supports (the one in the Deepings is a good model) that includes a dentist surgery. The skate park that has been being discussed for ages. Less cutting of the grass and kerbs as it's better for the environment</p>
<p>Safer cycleways for children</p>	<p>Could the road from Scallywags farm be made 1 way or traffic restrictions on weekend to allow safer cycling activity and walks fir everyone? Also, perhaps more planters, particularly near the infants school on green end road, opp old school hall, more could easily be put there for the children to plant up. There is space either side of the existing square planter. Better oaths, many are breaking up badly, although I can see one down st Judith's lane is now receiving som3 attention. Perhaps have a swat response community team to help local schools or communities if they need to get things tidied up or mini projects.</p>
<p>An increasing lack of engagement/ownership between individuals and the village. Increased technology and increased number of commuters in the village may be leading to some with less interest/time to care about where they live and engagement of them is particularly important.</p> <p>Social media being used within the village negatively (e.g. to start a complaint about someone without knowing all the facts). Social media has been used positively e.g. to find a missing person/animal and it's about promoting the positive and discouraging the negative, potentially damaging side of social media.</p> <p>Littering within the village by both commuters and villagers, particularly teenagers (according to my children who have seen it happening).</p> <p>Lack of well placed dog bins/lack of care in regards to clearing dog mess within the village.</p> <p>Lack of facilities/services (e.g. doctors, vets, shops, children's parks) that will be needed for growing community size.</p> <p>Lack of engagement in selection of sports/activities available to both adults and children in the village (not helped by Covid I'm sure). As a family we used the leisure centre regularly and would be keen to use it again if it is possible, but it could no doubt be used more</p>	<p>I'm aware there used to be a youth group, but not sure what has happened since lock down. It would be good to ensure children are engaged through youth activities, with older children helping to run it. Maybe getting the children to elect two leaders/committee (older children) to help run events over the year (e.g. weekly meeting/chill time and 1 bigger event a month?) Get them taking ownership &amp; raising issues they see and planning how to stop problems before they become issues.</p> <p>More engagement of all ages in the neighbourhood plan, any suggested improvements and activities in the village. This is the first time I've seen engagement regarding the neighbourhood plan for the village and I've been in the village for almost 12 years. Use social media positively - have a couple of people willing to engage/signpost people to relevant areas using Facebook, or email.</p> <p>Encourage/facilitate activities with primary and secondary age children and older years in the village e.g. where children wrote to those in care homes during lockdown. Make sure this is available to all children in the village, not just those in schools in the village, as not everyone will attend school in the village. Get children supporting activities in their communities - whether just talking to an</p>



<p>effectively/more activities could be run within the village. For instance, my 7 yr old son has said he would be keen to play tennis and would like to attend a nature club where he could learn about and know how to look after native animals and plants. Equally my daughter would be keen to have the chance to learn how to trampoline and to have an arts/crafts club for children.</p>	<p>adult/drawing a picture/doing an hour's housework/helping with a group such as Riding for Disabled (RDA) or equivalent - something that matters to them and helps another individual.</p> <p>Have a couple of well known sites for people to interact with issues e.g. Facebook (1 set page for issues and improvements), Sawtry webpage and CARESCO. Not too many sites people don't know who to contact. Make people aware of who they should contact/make suggestions to. It's still not known by many I'm sure.</p> <p>Look at previous population surveys/what the village population is now. Ask people to complete five minute surveys on their thoughts for, set facilities needed e.g. doctors/vets surgeries and for activities wanted in the village that are feasible e.g. swimming, tennis, skateboard park, nature club etc. For example, my son has said he would be keen to have a nature club (mostly for children, but there could be an adult, or mixed age group). A few adults would teach children about different plants, animals, how to recognise them and care for them (if injured) - this might require a vet or specialist to visit and talk e.g. someone from hedgehog hospital.</p>
<p>I can see continual development of brand new houses as a problem. We are losing green spaces and the current infrastructure cannot cope (roads, GP surgery, schools, shops etc).</p> <p>I would not want to see anymore housing estates in our lovely village.</p>	<p>The roads need repairing - there are several large holes popping up on major routes and side roads. I do log these with the local authority through the proper channels.</p> <p>On St Judith's Field I would like to see a Dog Warden to let dog owners know to clean up after themselves and also that dogs should be on leads in this area.</p>
<p>Speed of cars</p>	<p>More traffic calming in certain areas</p>
<p>Doctors appointments hard to get</p>	<p>Less social housing</p>
	<p>A public amenity pond like the fishing lake, would be lovely. Eg the drainage pond at the bottom of Rowell way??</p>
<p>Flooding is the main issue - the authorities need to be joined up to address the issues (Anglian Water, Environment Agency, Council etc etc.) Pot holes and road quality for cars and cyclists. Many pavements are uneven and potentially dangerous for pedestrians. Litter in the woodland areas, especially in Aversley Woods, is terrible.</p>	<p>Flooding - the experts have more knowledge about how to address this than me, it just needs doing quickly before more homes are flooded this winter. This will also help with some of the pot holes and damage to the roads.</p>
<p>Heavy traffic on main roads</p>	<p>Lower speed limits around school. Community speed checks. Traffic signals to access school.</p>
<p>Potholes - the roads are getting worse</p>	<p>Roads - potholes are everywhere.</p>

Increase in road traffic from proposed Larkhill estate on Glatton Road will create havoc and danger for residents and businesses	Tinkers Lane to have 20 mph limit: frequent pedestrian use, many vehicle movements and blind bend
Parking and Speeding. Parking outside Junior school, Rumbles, Boots/High St. Speeding all through village, particularly on Rowell Way and Gidding Road. Somewhere for children to play football where the ball does not roll into the road.	On Gidding Rd the red 30mph sign needs to be moved to the village boundary. Speedwatch. Bus services Sundays. Pothole repair. White lines on roads. Re-surface social club car park. Road crossing on Gidding Road. Use green space on Rowell Way that was allocated for a doctors' surgery for a fenced area for football play or other ball sports.
Problems with speeding on Gidding Road	Move the 30mph sign to the village boundary on Gidding Road, have a flashing notification of speed travelled
No Defibrillator near the new developments end of the village	Can we have a Defibrillator at the other end of the village please, e.g. outside the Club?
Parking round the schools and academy during term time, parking in the narrow roads where people could park on own premises = access restricted for fire service and delivery vehicles. Doctors surgery is not large enough to cope with expanding village.	Restrict parking. People park on own premises. Larger doctors' surgery.
All nurseries in village currently full! Parking on blind corners, no tea room/cafe to meet and hangout (especially as a new mum), no very young child playground and not much for older children (eg st Judith's). Dog muck st Judith	Build/ encourage new nursery. Encourage cafe to open for people in morning/daytime. Playgrounds on St Judith's field. Double yellow line opposite Rumble/fire station, mirrors to help navigate round bend and for people exiting Rumbles.
Lack of large supermarket, doctors' and chemists	Skate park, activity park, interactive media centre, community orchard, tree planting
Speeding	Arrange speed monitoring
Uneven pavements	I am a 73 year-old who uses two sticks and a buggy. I have really struggled with the slopes on the pathways.
Lack of police presence makes Sawtry an easy target for crime. Lack of youth services/projects; no skate park. Need for road calming	Work opportunities in local businesses for young people. More frequent bus services. Electronic signs to counter speeding No more expansion of luxury homes
Need to regain the sense of community which the village had when smaller.	Survey waste ground for possible uses: aim for extension of Greenfield, mini-supermarket, possible care home
Inadequate schooling and facilities for enlarged village	Greater variety of shops to replace those lost: hardware, baker, butcher, knitting wool and dress shop
Lack of things for teenagers to do. Pressure on surgery and schools with new housing. Old trees and hedges being cut down	Plant trees/copses in and around village. Bandstand on the Green for musicians. Internet cafe and skateboard park for teenagers
Congestion and irresponsible parking around Infants and Junior schools. Condition of roads. Infrastructure needs to grow with village	Large supermarket. Skate park. Facilities for young people and children in the village
Not enough places to socialise. No playgrounds or activity places for teenagers	Convert part of St Judith's field into play area (climbing frame, tennis courts, skate park, football goals). Open coffee shop with sitting-out area

Need for more local employment	New industrial units, including 'start-up' units, for new businesses
Health and Safety. Road traffic management	One-way traffic flow around Green End Road, Fen Lane and Beaumaris Road

### RESIDENTS' QUESTIONNAIRE : RESPONSE ANALYSIS (19 JUNE 2021)

This table shows the percentage response rate for each suggestion for improvement; specific ideas are in brackets.

1	13.9%	Sports and leisure facilities for young and old	
2	10.2%	Supermarket; more shops	
3	10.2%	More trees, green spaces, hedgerows	
4	9.6%	Maintenance of roads and footpaths	
5	9.1%	Community centre and public amenities	
6	9.1%	More parking areas (Club, Greystones?)	
7	8.6%	Enlarged surgery or medical centre	
8	8.6%	Improved traffic management (one-way system?)	
9	6.4%	Flood prevention and drainage measures	
10	6.4%	More dog bins (dog warden?)	
11	6.4%	More police presence	
12	5.9%	Speeding controls (speed watch, humps, chicane, lower speed limits)	
13	5.9%	More double yellow lines	
14	4.8%	Skate park please	
15	4.3%	Housing (affordable, low cost, elderly, social, bungalow)	
16	3.7%	Improvements to bus schedule (and shelters)	
17	3.2%	NHS dental facility	
18	2.7%	Youngsters' activities (tennis courts)	
19	2.1%	Larger pharmacy	
20	2.7%	More CCTV	
21	2.1%	Pedestrian crossings	
22	1.6%	Infrastructure improvements (solar panels, electric car charging points)	
23	0.5%	Youth employment and work experience Industrial units	

Residents appear to find topics for complaint easier than suggestions for improvement. Perhaps we can build on the above when creating Plan Objectives.

Sawtry Junior Academy: Ideas for Improvement

<b>SAWTRY JUNIOR ACADEMY REPLIES</b>	Thanks to Nona Bowkis who led this analysis
Percentage summary of 164 entries	Ideas for village improvements:
Outdoor play and activity areas (37%)	More parks, more equipment in parks, adventure playground with tree houses, tree top walks, zip wires, slides, swimming pool, water parks, skate park, outdoor pool, fishing lake, football pitch, paintball course, more sports clubs, cricket pitch, ride on dolphins, climbing wall, sandpit, tennis courts, volleyball, basketball, American football pitch, fountain, forest bike trail, wipe away graffiti walls, calm garden for when you are stressed out or sad, maze, foam pit, monkey bars, ropes, obstacles, cycle track, pirate ship, summer camp.
Shops (12.3%)	Fast food, cake shop, health food shop, refill shop, music shop, pedal powered mobile food shop, ice cream shop, Primark, girls clothes shop, fidget shop, shop for essential clothes, Greggs, car dealership, pet shop, toy shop (on three floors), Tesco, sweet shop, puppet shop, sports shop.
Indoor recreation zones (12.3%)	Swimming pool with slides, trampoline park, climbing wall, equestrian centre, zoo, football stands, aquarium, movie theatre, animation studio, library, somewhere for children to go when it rains.
Eco friendly environment (11.4%)	Orchard, mini zoo, more flowers, plants, wildlife, insects, bees, Eco DIY centre, solar panels, bird watching hides, wild grass areas, bug house, woodland walk, Sawtry National Park, tree planting group, electric charging station, environmental club with a chairperson to take charge, bee hives (to raise money for the council), wardens to look after trees and plant more, wild grass, solar panels.
General (9.3%)	Doggy areas, golf resort, fix paths so safer for scooters and bikes, less traffic, epic restaurant, outdoor cinema, art club, drive in cinema, care home for elderly, houses to be built with bigger gaps between them, rainforest café, nice houses for the poor, hospital, more grass cutting, hotel (with theme park), bank, robot home help.
Public refreshments, community centre (6.6%)	Community café, restaurant, ice cream shop, MacDonalds, replace Tilleys, pizza cafe, dog friendly café, adult hangout to gossip and express feelings.
Picnic area, benches for families (6.6%)	Park benches with a shed for gardening tools, areas for parents to sit and watch their children so they don't miss something, cool seating area to eat sandwiches, relaxing picnic garden with bushes and nature.
Litter and recycling (4.4%)	More bins, litter picking competitions, recycling centre, litter picking club (and refill shop).

Quick Questionnaire



Sawtry Neighbourhood Plan  
**Quick Questionnaire**



Please show which of the FIVE developments would be the most important to you:

Mark as  or as preferences 1, 2, 3,....

- Leisure facilities:** Indoor and outdoor swimming pools, improved football pitch, tennis courts. Hockey pitch. Rugby club. Picnic area. Cafe.
- Shops and Retail:** More and varied shops, supermarket, MOTO service station.
- Our Environment:** Green spaces, trees, orchard, landscape. Protection of open spaces. Waste management and recycling. Litter collection.
- Public Amenities:** Community centre, library.
- Medical and Health:** Enlarged surgery, larger pharmacy, mental health provision.
- Roads and Transport:** More off-road parking with charging points for electric cars, extended cycle ways and footpaths, increased bus services.
- Housing and other buildings:** Affordable housing. Needs of the elderly and disabled. Homes for small households. Self-build homes.
- Safety Concerns:** Increased police presence, CCTV cameras, new pedestrian crossings. Dog fouling and need for more bins. Vandalism and anti-social behaviour.
- Education and Employment:** Youth apprenticeships and employment. Training schemes.
- Business Development:** New industrial park. Start-up units for new ventures.
- Climate Change Precautions:** greater use of renewable energy. Solar panels. Home insulation.

Please tell us about yourself:

Your Age:    under 18       18-30       31-50   
                   51-65       66-75       over 75   
 Employed       Retired       Disabled

Quick Questionnaire: Analysis of Responses 18 November 2021

	Total replies:	193	Percentages	Rank
<b>Preferences</b>	Leisure facilities	136	70.5%	1
	Shops and retail	86	44.6%	6=
	Environment	105	54.4%	3
	Public amenities	96	49.7%	4
	Medical and health	113	58.5%	2
	Roads and transport	86	44.6%	6=
	Housing and other buildings	11	5.7%	11
	Safety concerns	67	34.7%	8
	Education and employment	91	47.2%	5
	Business development	21	10.9%	10
	Climate change precautions	60	31.1%	9
<b>Age Ranges*</b>	Under 18	16	8.3%	
	18 to 30	11	5.7%	
	31 to 50	78	40.4%	
	51 to 65	40	20.7%	
	66 to 75	29	15.0%	
	over 75	12	6.2%	
<b>Work Status*</b>	Employed	117	71.3%	
	Retired	39	23.8%	
	Disabled	8	4.9%	
* Not all respondents replied to these fields				



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No. 154 - Oct - Nov 21

## SAWTRY'S NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

We were fortunate to hold our first public display since 'lockdown' at the Academy Leisure Centre within Sawtry Sport 4 All in September. The Management team at the Leisure Centre kindly offered us the use of their lounge on their busy opening day.

We enjoyed meeting visitors, both adults and children, who arrived in a steady stream throughout the afternoon. The majority completed our Quick Questionnaire giving us the largest survey response to date.

The feedback from this exercise really echoed the views which our residents provided in June. The five most important developments sought in the years ahead are:

1. Leisure facilities (such as swimming pools, improved pitches for soccer, rugby and hockey, tennis courts, and picnic areas).
2. Medical and health: enlarged surgery and pharmacy, dental and mental health provision.
3. Our environment: more green spaces and trees, protection of open spaces, waste management, and litter collection.
4. Shops and retail: more and varied retail outlets within Sawtry, a new supermarket, and a new service station at the southern end of the village.
5. Public amenities: an enlarged community centre comprising social groups, charitable functions, library,...

Other important areas of concern are: education and employment, footpaths and cycleways, more off-road parking, climate change precautions, and safety issues.

Our neighbourhood plan is likely to comprise many of these proposals as policies for implementation in the years from now until 2036; however, as a basis for any future planning applications, it will be important to identify possible areas of land – those parts of the village – where developments could be situated.

**Comments on this update are welcome either by email to [john.potter@sawtry-pc.gov.uk](mailto:john.potter@sawtry-pc.gov.uk) or by letter to Sawtry Parish Council at 37 Green End Road.**



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## SAWTRY'S NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Draft policies have emerged from this year's consultation. If you approve those policies in a local election, they will carry legal weight in planning applications up to 2036.

Would you endorse the following proposals:

- Extending sporting and leisure facilities; for example, at the Greenfield site.
- Enlarging the current medical, health and mental services.
- Increasing the range of community services and facilities; for example, supporting CARESCO's new building project.
- Protecting green spaces and developing woodland areas, such as the Queen's Green Canopy to mark the Jubilee in 2022.
- To provide off-street parking areas equipped with electric vehicle charging points.
- To encourage the development both of shops within the village and a supermarket on the edge of Sawtry.
- To extend footpaths and cycle ways to allow healthy travelling in the parish.
- To support climate change precautions, such as the greater use of renewable energy, low carbon modes of transport, and economies in home heating.
- To encourage the development of business parks, with associated employment and apprenticeships; for example, on the east side of the A1M.
- To plan for additional school places to meet the demands of a growing population.

Some popular schemes may not be admissible as policies in the Neighbourhood Plan, but could be included in the non-statutory section for future action. These might include:

- Repairing road surfaces and pavements.
- Managing the flow and speed of traffic through the village.
- Improving the safety of pedestrians with more crossing points and CCTV.
- Providing specific local flood prevention measures.
- Dealing with litter in the Parish area.

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# SAWTRY'S NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

## LOCAL GREEN SPACES



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### What are Local Green Spaces?

As the name implies, any area such as a park, public woodland, playing field or village green may qualify. Once designated, the area is protected from further building development. In Sawtry, St Judith's Field is one example which already exists; however, the area can be of any size, large or small, even down to patches of grass within housing estates. The inclusion of these areas aims to promote the health and well-being of the community.

### What are the conditions for designating Local Green Spaces?

The requirements for designation are quite straightforward: the proposed area must be close to the community it serves and have a long term value; it should possess some special or significant feature, such as an attractive appearance, recreational value, historical interest, or richness in wildlife. However, extensive tracts of land, such as farmland outside the village boundary, would not qualify.

### Do you wish to designate an area as a Local Green Space?

There are scores of areas in Sawtry which could be so designated and thus protected from future building development. A potential area would need to be justified in terms of its importance, photographed, and then accurately mapped into our Neighbourhood Plan.

Our Neighbourhood Planning Group can perform the technical work...  
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## LOCAL GREEN SPACES

Local Green Spaces will form an important part of our Neighbourhood Plan because they will be protected from future building development.

Sawtry has some 80 'spaces' varying from small grass patches to large playing fields. Of these, we expect to propose some 20 for designation as Local Green Spaces.

Some suggestions have already been made, and we would welcome your comments and further ideas.

### Suggestions for Local Green Spaces. Do you recognise these areas?



The locations of those six areas are listed below with some other proposals:

1. The Green on the corner of High Street and Gidding Road.
2. The patch accessible from Bramble End and Monks Way.
3. The playing field at Rowell Way.
4. The area on Gidding Road at the extreme west end of the Linden Homes estate.
5. The wooded area at the junction of Green End Road and Bill Hall Way.
6. The area to the north of Greenfield proposed as a new sports field.
7. The grass area to the east of Deerpark opposite Glebe Road.
8. The area at the west end of All Saints Way and accessible from St David's Way.
9. The area accessible from Deerpark, Farm Close and Westermann Close.
10. The central area of Haynes Close.
11. The corner of Fen Lane and Newton Road.
12. St Judith's field.
13. The area east of Rowell Way and Hodsons Court.
14. The east end of Tort Hill leading towards the A1M.
15. The hillock accessible from Saxon Close, Gloucester Road and Wheatsheaves.
16. The corner of Fen Lane and Tinkers Lane.

### There are conditions for designating Local Green Spaces:

A proposed area must be close to the community it serves and have a long term value; it should possess some special or significant feature, such as an attractive appearance, recreational value, historical interest, or richness in wildlife.

In addition, the owner of the proposed area must give permission; the final decision will be made by the external examiner who assesses our Neighbourhood Plan.

### Please offer your comments or suggestions:

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## SAWTRY'S NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN LOCAL GREEN SPACES

Many thanks to the residents who suggested areas for designation as Local Green Spaces and who commented on the provisional selection. Following the advice of our planning consultant, we intend to propose the seventeen areas listed below for consideration by the external examiner of our Neighbourhood Plan. Once an area has been designated as a Local Green Space, it will be protected from future building development and will be retained for our enjoyment.



1	The Green itself including the area on the corner of Fen Lane and Tinkers Lane
2	The green area off Bramble End and Monks Way
3	Rowell Way Playing Field
4	Gidding Road west of the Linden Homes estate and includes the attenuation pond
5	Wooded area and footpaths north of the roundabout at Green End Road and Bill Hall Way
6	Large unmaintained area south of Woollard Walk and west of Elm Way
7	Three areas combined: Shawley Road junction with Coppins Close; Deerpark opposite Coppins Close; Deerpark opposite Glebe Road
8	Area between Farm Close and Westerman Close containing the ancient oak tree
9	Brookside walk: west of Glatton Road and south of the planned new estate
10	The wildlife area in the middle of Haynes Close and surrounding green spaces
11	The recreation area on the corner of Fen Lane and Newton Road
12	Jubilee Walk west of Chestnut Close and the adjacent grass area
13	Green area between All Saints Way and St David's including the adjacent area
14	The Maltings: two-thirds of the way down and containing the tall evergreen tree
15	West of Gloucester Road below the long drain and includes both sides of the drain
16	Wooded hillocks and adjacent green spaces accessed by footpaths from Saxon Close, Gloucester Road and Wheatsheaves
17	St Judith's Field and the small area reached from Holborn View and Alwyn Close; the dog walking area above the Parish Council allotments is included

### Would you like more details?

In due course, photographs and maps will be available to provide a clearer picture of the areas listed above.

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Non-Designated Heritage Assets



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## SAWTRY'S NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN LISTED AND NON-LISTED 'ASSETS'

You probably know that Sawtry has 17 listed grade 2 and 2\* buildings ('assets') which are shown in the right hand column.

A listed building has special architectural or historic interest and is considered to be of national importance. Its name is added to the National Heritage List for England and is protected for current and future generations to enjoy. Any proposed work which affects its character requires listed building consent.

Apart from these formally listed buildings, there are many other local 'assets' (buildings, structures, archaeological sites, parks, gardens and public works of art) of importance to the character of our parish. These are termed 'non-designated heritage assets' and the recently created Cambridgeshire Local Heritage List Project (<https://local-heritage-list.org.uk/cambridgeshire>) has been formed to identify suitable candidates for local listing. Another useful website is the Cambridgeshire Historic Environment Record (CHER). Searches indicate that Sawtry has over 60 non-designated heritage assets which could be considered for inclusion in the Heritage List Project.

We have been invited to contribute as part of our work on the Neighbourhood Plan.

You could assist this listing task and may already have ideas for buildings and other assets which could be included.

**Please offer your suggestions for non-designated heritage assets:**

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### Grade 2\*

Manor House  
Farmhouse,  
St Judith's Lane



### Grade 2:

- Barn about 20 Yards East of Manor House Farmhouse
- Boundary Post, Old Great North Road
- Thatched Cottage, Chapel End
- Church of All Saints, Church Causeway
- The Francis Pottery, Church Street
- Grange Farm Cottage, Woodwalton Lane
- Green End House, Scotney Way
- Greystones, The Green
- Lowcote House, Woodwalton Lane
- The Manor, Tinkers Lane
- The Manor House, High Street
- Mells, Cottage, Tinkers Lane
- Row of Five Headstones in Churchyard of former Parish Church of St Andrew
- St Bosworths House, St Judith's Lane
- Village Lockup, The Green
- White Cottage, Green End Road