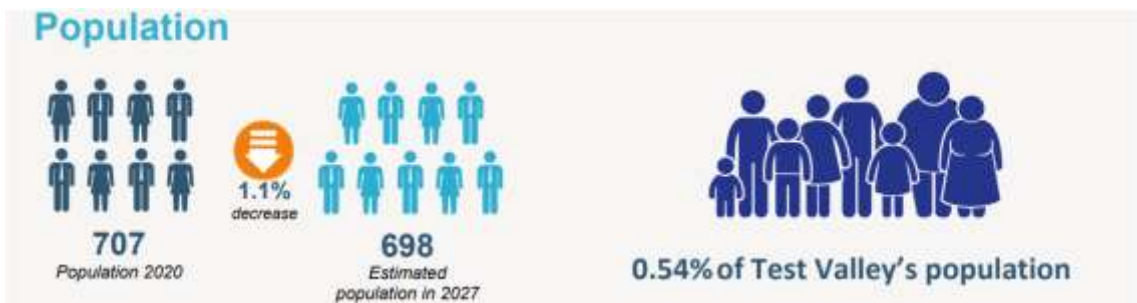


The Sherfield English NDP – Survey Results

December 2021 Survey



The purpose of the NDP – the Neighbourhood Development Plan – is to get a section specific to Sherfield English into the Borough’s Development Plan. The NDP follows on logically from the Parish Plan and the Village Design Statement, both of which are available on the village web site.



Data from the Small Area Population Forecasts (SAPF), provided by Hampshire County Council.
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/facts-figures/population/estimates-forecasts>



SUMMARY OF RESPONSES

100% of respondents were residents or business owners within the parish. 25% owned a business. 64 completed surveys and it is still open for online responses or paper copies can be found at the Post Office, Village Hall or St Leonards Church.

All policies were supported by at least 75% with most by over 90% of respondents

86% agreed that sites for **Affordable Housing** of 10 or fewer dwellings to meet local need should be allocated. 74% agreed that a small number of further housing sites should be allocated to meet other identified local need.

97% agreed that The Plan should include a policy on **Local Green Spaces**.

Over 90% agreed with the inclusion of a **Biodiversity Policy**.

Over 95% agreed that the parish should have a **Dark Night Skies Policy**.

More than 90% of respondents supported a **Footpaths Policy** with slightly more being interested in maintaining existing footpaths rather than creating new ones.

91% agreed with the inclusion of a **Rural Employment Policy**. 66% do not consider there is a problem, with covered growing areas such as polytunnels and glasshouses.

84% agree with a policy welcoming small scale tourism-related use. Most of those against this policy made comment about inappropriate siting of polytunnels.

Other comments included:

Concerns over the huge challenge to ensure younger generations can live in the village.

Development of a village centre with shops, affordable housing and social venues.

Sustainable development (from a climate change perspective), low impact construction methods, increasing woodland cover. Improved energy efficiency of properties

Historic building policy needed (*one is included*)

Consideration should also be given to waste water pollution of rivers and streams by any businesses seeking planning permission in the area.

Policy to reduce/remove overhead pylons

Greener and better transport links, reduced speed limits and better road safety.

Fibre to the Property Policy

Full results will be published on the village website.

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