

## Subject Related Written Feedback - Drop in Saturday 21 January 2017

**"I live in Great Barton because I want a village life."**

### Roads and Traffic

Traffic calming measures in Mill Road and maintenance of footpaths and adequate cycle paths to provide access to Bury. Consideration for residents in regards to greater volume of traffic in regard to housing development and waste hub traffic.

Please, please look at the poor signage and speeds (very excessive) coming into village from BSE. Specifically, junction of Fornham Rd. Improvement in signs and speed limits would improve safety. Thank you.

Cannot understand why many of the speed restriction signs are so close to the built up areas. Surely the signs could be moved say 100m away from houses (a classic example is the crossroads on Livermere Road).

Speed of traffic not keeping to 30.

\*FAO Suffolk Highways

East Barton Road to Rookery Cross Roads require correct upgrade due to extra demand of traffic from Vision 2030 homes. As it will be used as a "Barton Bypass" to Bury St Edmunds.

Improved parking on School Rd for school traffic.

Traffic Lights on X roads

Traffic Lights on X road - Agree

More Lighting on the A143 from Fornham Road to the village centre

Relief road A143 to Rougham via Mere Farm.

We need a Great Barton By pass.

With regard to the increase in houses and surrounding area shouldn't the Barton bypass be a top priority? Isn't it regarded as Town Planning? Looking into the future and stopping congestion.

New Developments are: 1. The Triangle - 40 houses  
2. North East - 1260 houses

1300 houses - say 2 cars per household. How can Great Barton survive without a by-pass?

A Bypass for Great Barton is now becoming critical as all the proposed new housing, not to mention the Hub in Fornham Road, will render Great Barton a "bottle-neck" even more than it is now.

Bypass for heavy goods vehicles on A143 please.

Bypass - traffic problem increasing affecting whole Great Barton area.

### Cycleways

We do need some safe cycle tracks - any new development should take into account the current nature of the village.

Cycleway along East Barton to meet cycleway past airfield.

More cycle paths - possibly connected to BSE.

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### Footpaths and Pedestrian Crossings

Zebra crossing is in the best place, making accessibility for school and elderly people from Oakhampton House and Montana. Another closer to Village Hall is okay but present crossing to remain please.

A path linking Cox Lane and Icepits woods would be an advantage, also a crossing by the garage to the Village Hall.

Pedestrian crossing to Village Hall

Footpath from Bunbury, up to Community Centre would be great for people who like to walk from that end of Great Barton.

More footpaths interlinking (such as those at Moreton Hall) so that it is possible to walk safely.

More footpaths and cycle paths needed.

We need footpaths in Livermere Road - at present have to leap on to verge which is very difficult if you have buggies or are unable to take the leap!

*It would be helpful to widen the footpath from School Road to the garage and beyond - it is dangerous at the moment due to heavy vehicles.*

*There is a very good cycle track leading from The Avenue/A143 junction down to the Roundabout/Compiegne Way but currently leading nowhere - converting the current footpath from The Avenue to Fornham Road/A143 junction to a cycle track would connect Great Barton to BSE with a cycle track.*

*From the point of view of health it would be helpful to widen and extend/connect footpaths*

- a) Fornham Road past Diomed Drive to Livermere Rd junction then Livermere Rd to The Park then on to Conyers Way*
- b) With a little thought a circular footpath could encircle the village.*

*I see the future as having vast increase in housing with associated vehicle movements - also with the "Hub" - Rubbish Dump. It is vital that people have decent areas to exercise - running/walking/cycling. If we can put down markers now that developers have to agree re footpaths and cycle tracks there may be some hope for the future.*

Would like a hard surface footpath connecting Bunbury Green with The Park.

Pavements on Livermere Road and The Avenue would greatly improve walking options.

Support for more linking footpaths/cycleways.

Public footpaths need developing

- a) to make present footpaths link so that they become circular walks avoiding road walking as much as possible.
- b) link the Great Barton footpaths with the footpaths of neighbouring parishes.

Open more footpaths in Great Barton.

On A143 the hedgerow from Anglesey Place cut through to The Park entrance needs urgent cutting back - this is a dangerous footpath - urgent action required pleeeeeease!!!

More control of footpaths on Icepits Wood ie the huge amount of stinging nettles that cause a lot of trouble when trying to walk safely in the woods.

More footpaths and lighting Thurston Road.

Encourage more footpath provision for keen walkers.

More footpath access remote from A143 heavy traffic to facilities, such as garage and pub. Danger!!!

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East Barton Rd - Icepits footpath. Irregular surface requires improvement

Linking up footpaths is a good idea but we need better crossings on the A143 and a path long Mill Road.

We think the care/presentation of these footpaths as a recreational facility is important and it would be nice to see additional links if possible to create a more comprehensive network for walkers from the village and cyclists.

I would like to see more links with existing footpaths to enable "round walks" rather than have to resort to walking on main roads.

More signs for dog fouling on the footpath and bridleways as they have all disappeared. And more footpaths and walks.

As a member of a walking group, compared with other parishes/villages in West Suffolk, Great Barton is very poorly served for recreational off-road footpaths. Those paths that exist at present are not that well maintained and do not link up. Crossing the A143 and Mill Road is a problem at times and will only get worse as traffic increases.

Footpaths say on Livermere Road would be helpful and a footpath circulating the village would be better than having to walk on the same area.

Please can we have gravel on all the muddy paths in the village?

More pathways. It is very difficult to walk or jog around the village.

Livermere Rd path - The Park to Fornham Rd on SE side  
- The Park to Mill Rd on North side.

### Text from one resident

*I have certain walks within the village and others into/out of Bury.*

#### Within

- 1. I reach Vicarage Farm and on to Brand Rd, Bunbury X Roads, Thurston Rd, Green lane to East Barton Rd or the church. Home by The Park/Bunbury Ave to Hall Park.  
NEED To pave access to Bunbury Ave from The Park, to make this an all-weather route and conserve the grass.*
- 2. I reach East Barton Rd by Bunbury Ave/The Park (see above) and onto Battlies Corner; cycleway way to Cherry Tree and Cattishall Xing; church and Church Rd to A143 and home.  
NEED To enforce speed laws along A143, which are consistently flouted; speeding traffic makes A143 virtually unusable. Replacing Cattishall Xing with a path via the old rail underpass will be okay.*

#### In/Out of Bury

- 1. My preferred route is via Cattishall Xing (see above); Thurston cycleway to Mount farm centre; then by Mount Rd and Eastgate St or by Symonds Rd/Shakers lane/A14 overbridge to Bury.  
NEED To replace Cattishall Xing, and make A143 an acceptable pedestrian route (see above and add: widening pavements within village). To provide a link path from A143 at the end of Fornham Rd, to the junction of Green Lane with the road to Cattishall.*
- 2. The shortest route is along The Avenue and A143 to Orttewell roundabout (VERY pedestrian-hostile), to Barton Road and Eastgate. The A143 makes this an unpleasant walk despite the wide and little used, footpath alongside the road.*

*There are numerous good footpaths which end up at places that are hostile to pedestrians, which therefore render them next to useless:-*

- 1. A link from junction of Clay Drift/Farm Drift at Carr Plantation, to Livermere Road. This would create, at a stroke, excellent pedestrian routes to the Fornhams, and by extension to northern Bury;*

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*and to Timworth/Ampton, Ingham, along good routes which are currently useless because of the lack of this link.*

- 2. A link path from Cotton's Ride to the link proposed in 1. Cotton's Ride is currently unusable because it ends the pedestrian on the road from the dangerous road from the A134 roundabout to the Fornham Rd/Livermere Rd junction.*
- 3. A walkable pedestrian route parallel to the Thurston/Barton Rd into Thurston. This would create a useable pedestrian route to Thurston from Green lane/the Allotments, and from the Bunbury Arms/Ice pits area.*

*There are essentially a lot of good footpaths in Great Barton which are rendered unusable because they end on roads that once were quiet lanes, maybe, but now are dangerous traffic arteries. There is a great need for doing what the Germans did 30-40 years ago to provide pedestrian provision.*

### Public transport

More buses - too infrequent.

No buses in or near Green Lane. Nearest stop is in The Street.

Better bus services - more frequent.

New Service - Info on community bus service. Pay a membership. Collect for drop @ hospital and town.

We need an improved bus service and good links to the railway stations (Bury and Thurston).

Link from Bunbury via Thurston Road to A14

Buses - Frequency

User Bus - frequency gone down.

Use car - want routes?

### Environment

Muntjac Deer - Pests. Cull?

I agree, ban throughout the year, 6 in my garden

More in village than dogs!!

I would support a cull of deer and pigeons as well.

Early mornings, owls, deer, sadly dead hedgehogs. Wildlife we could lose.

Open spaces in the village must be protected eg Hall Park

This becomes more important as more houses are built in the village eg The Triangle.

### Housing

Who is housing for? What type of housing? Traffic, litter, crime will increase. Affects wildlife. Air Quality will decrease.

Housing - who are they for? Local people or immigrants?

Any new housing should be mixed - bear in mind the ageing population of the village. Maybe there should be some smallish single-storey buildings for older people, thereby freeing up larger properties for young families.

We need more "smaller" homes - 2/3 bed (detached and semi-detached) plus more bungalows for the 65 years plus to move into and free up larger houses.

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More housing - bungalows - that current residents can move into releasing larger homes with un occupied rooms.

If the Government is wanting "elderly" folk to downsize from 3/4 detached houses we need to provide more bungalows for them to move into.

Totally agree with the other comments that the village will benefit over the next few years from having more houses/bungalows for older people (private) as the sub 64 age group moves into the over 65.

### Housing Character

Need a wide range of housing with emphasis on smaller properties but with reasonable space between each. (We are not yet an urban area!).

No need to compete with Moreton Hall. Retain character of village by avoiding closely spaced "bulk housing".

New Moreton Hall developments are too cramped - need minimum separation of houses.

Where there are very large gardens, permission should be given to build single storey for elderly residents who wish to remain in Great Barton who can then release their current too large home, which they can do if they could stay in the village.

We should keep our existing "typical character" of our village and not encourage development within large gardens. Should also protect green spaces eg Hall Park, Maple green, Conyers etc.

Everyone moving to the village did so because the ambience of it appealed. The character should therefore be maintained. This should prevent too much "infill" and any new development should reflect the house to garden ratio.

### Triangle

Local shop, cafe, Village Green with pond.

Post Office.

Local shop, new Post Office, green area/park.

A "proper" Post Office with appropriate parking facilities will be essential (the PO could also stock a limited range of day-to-day products).

Local drop in Advice Centre for newer or needy people.

Centre of triangle should be green space. Shop requires access to rest of Great Barton (ie to the south west)

Better convenience store eg Tesco Express etc.

This area (Triangle) is ideal for proposed development (subject to new access to existing roads). More parking space is required by school and provision for general store/PO.

Possible "shop" provision to cut down travel.

Pub, shop.

Play area for all ages on The Park/Hall Park/Conyers Way side of Village.

Local shop/Post office/Pub/Cafe etc

A local shop would be great but **not** Tesco, Sainsbury etc! Local

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Fully accept need for more housing - but infrastructure must be improved, and also there is a need for a good village shop/pharmacy so that we can support local framers and businesses. More public transport needed too. Plus cycle-paths etc etc.

### Community Facilities

Functioning Post Office.

Good idea for shop, cafe, leisure facilities and for a Multi-purpose building.

School parking expansion is essential and the idea of a traffic zone by the triangle is a good idea. Don't think there is a great need for other "community" facilities apart from a general store/PO.

I would like to see shops, more parking, tea shop on a bigger scale.  
Cycle paths safer for children.

School Requirements (future)

Bigger school due to Berkeley Homes. Their primary school will not be built before houses thus increasing pressure on class sizes, plus the travel in pupils from "out of area" plus now the two tier "additional" pupils. Parking off road space required!

Please be pro-active not reactive when too late as the space/land been taken by "others". Education is the one thing everyone needs.

Post Office in garage?

Drop off/collection area for school to avoid heavy congestion in School Road

Post Office co-locate with Village Hall

Re-locate Post Office to Village Hall (better parking!).

Current Post Office required.

Moving too close to road, no parking. It will also have to be enlarged due to the main sorting office not having capacity to cope with all the new homes/address in coming year. So will? Revert to a local sorting hub?

Move Post Office and give it the Post Office parking capacity.

Move Post Office

Car Park for school

### Berkeley Homes Development

Will we get this new roundabout at the junction with The Avenue which was part of the very first proposal?

Safe crossing points on the A143 might slow down the traffic approaching Great Barton Fornham Road end.

Will this introduce lower speed limits on A143 adjacent to the new properties? It needs to!! Introduce a roundabout at the junction of The Avenue.

Lack of road infrastructure - difficult now at peak times to get into Bury town for appointments.

WHY!! more houses? - No.

Bypass required urgently - Yes, Yes!

The increase of traffic from new builds into Bury and onto Moreton Hall estate would make the existing roads unsuitable for purpose. Needs more roads as part of planning.

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The worry is that people going to Stowmarket will use Green lane, Church Road and East Barton as a rat run to avoid the traffic going into Bury.

Ridiculous to plan for all this housing development when the road infrastructure is not going to be put in place.

This area has a railway but no station! It needs a station to serve both Great Barton and Moreton Hall and reduce road congestion.

Berkeley Development - A bypass required to ease traffic congestion avoiding the roundabout close to the Railway bridge leading to Moreton Hall.

### WSOH

Still totally opposed to the proposed setting of the Hub. There are so many reasonable and sensible arguments that have been made demonstrating that this is the WRONG site. Please think again - advise a site adjacent to A14 and well away from residential housing. Suffolk is a rural county - there must be a more suitable site. Where there is a will there's a way!!!

Fornham Road Traffic - The junction The Avenue/Fornham Rd is dangerous at the best of times. Speeding vehicles heading to A143 do not signal left (insufficient bold signage) and vehicles from The Avenue do not have sight of vehicles coming down Fornham Road. Imagine heavy good vehicles in this scenario! The bend Fornham Rd and Livermere Rd is very similar.

Traffic from Ixworth liable to approach Hub from Mill Road, Livermere Road and Barton Hill. Roads are not made for this volume.

The widened road which will come with the New Tip Complex needs a parallel footpath as far as Bury Drift. This would then access Great Barton at Livermere Rd (via a much needed link path) to prove a pedestrian route between Barton and the Barton Hill area of Fornham St. Martin.

The answer to the question regarding St Edmundsbury being both the applicant and decision making body is that it is wrong. Not sure what can be done about it but on issues such as this the final decision should be taken by an independent body. Otherwise "conflicts of interest" arise.

Entry to Hub on Fornham Road?  
A143 Congestion?