

EB010 – Ulting Focus Group

HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT – Ulting

Key Issues	Details	Evidence	Options		Comments	Actions
			Policy	Site proposal or allocation		
What do you think is the most appropriate housing development in the village?	Small development Round Ernest Does? ECC salt heap? No real village development boundary – not much scope for development				Access to roads Ulting is a dispersed hamlet Nowhere suitable for development	
What needs does the village have for the future?	Many people are commuters who will move away as they retire Some stay		No housing estates – not typical development in Ulting		Housing estates not wanted – eg. Roughlands site	
Issues around this?					Road not suitable for increased traffic – through traffic is a problem already	
What are your preferences with regard to future development in the village?	Restricted development Conversion of existing buildings		Not adverse but very restricted numbers		Dispersed, disparate community Inappropriate for much development	

What sort of development is required - housing / business / other?					Services are non-existent Unsustainable location?	
Any other comments / issues that you would like to raise.	Opposition to Oval Park housing development	Wrong place for housing Not sustainable			Only new builds in Ulting: The Owls, Fairwinds bungalow, conversion of Grove Farm, Elms Barn, Ulting Hall flat	

TRANSPORT – Ulting

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Transport – does anyone use the bus?	No					
Does anyone use the free Tesco bus?	No					
Use of Dengie Dart?	No					

Use of community transport scheme?	No					
How do young people get about?	Lifts from parents Taxis Bicycle Walk					
Access to A12					Witham slip road is still dangerous Road closures – more notice needed to warn people	

SERVICES – Ulting

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What are the issues around accessing services – health care, schools, shops, library?	Shop/PO at Woodham Walter closed recently Agricultural supplies – Does Upsons Farm Shop/Co-op/Tesco Express (Danbury)/Tesco				Move here knowing that you will have to drive to access services	Internet – can have everything delivered Problem if you can't drive

	(Witham and Maldon) PO – Hatfield Peverel Doctors Small community bus – not likely to be used Heybridge/Plume Schools – Taxi					
Do you have any issues regarding broadband?	Yes – lots					Contact Essex Superfast Broadband again
Do you have any issues regarding mobile phone coverage?	Yes – coverage poor but don't want a mast	O2 Vodafone T-Mobile			Teenagers have more of a problem with mobiles/broadband speeds	Generally speaking against progress
Do you look at the newsletter?	Yes	Excellent newsletter				Have funding for another year
Are you happy with the content?	Yes					
Is there anything you would like to see included?	Footpaths good – Maps? Historical information interesting					

	Aerial photographs of properties in village Paragraphs from clubs/churches in each issue					
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NATURAL ENVIRONMENT – Ulting

Key Issues	Details	Evidence	Options		Comments	Actions
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Is it important to you?	Yes – very important		Chelmer & Blackwater Conservation Area			
Should it be taken into consideration when new development is proposed?	Definitely – amenity for wider community	Particularly canal				
What are the most important pieces of green space in the village?	Lock Cottage campsite Ulting churchyard Riverside/canal Flood meadows Fishing lakes				Campsite - Is planning permission required?	
Importance of footpaths?	Very important for local people and				Lots of cyclists – towpath/Blackwater	Green way to travel – the more people

	wider population Essex Farm rides Association – certain farm tracks/bridleways				Rail Trail	cycling the safer it is Recreational/Leisure
Importance of river?	Very important – draws a lot of people from outside village					Cyclists and children Road racers Good thing for wider community – healthy thing to do – discourage traffic on small roads
Does development have any impact on the river?	Yes it would impact on the views					

LEISURE & RECREATION – Ulting

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Do you play golf?	No					
Do you go to the gym?	No					
Do you use the footpaths in the village?	Yes					
Do you use the Blackwater Rail Trail to	N/A					

access Maldon?						
What activities would you like in the village?	Exercise class					
Other	Village Event next year Litter is a problem – Try litter pick again?		Public Green Space?			