



## NOAK BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN SURVEY RESULTS JULY 2021

**Q1 Are there any local buildings of structures (e.g. bridges /telephone boxes etc.) that are important to you for architectural interest, historic, cultural or other reasons?**

**No 65%**

**Yes 35%**

**Of those stating yes, they liked:**

- the village signage,
- the Bridge St bridge,
- the conservation area as a whole,
- the eclectic mix of buildings and
- the dog park

**Q2 Are there any trees/ groups of trees, hedges or woodland that are important to you?**

**No 3%**

**Yes 85%**

**Of those stating yes, they liked:**

- the Nature Reserve,
- the Green,
- Coppice Lane trees,
- trees at Bramble Tye,
- the pathway area behind New Waverley Rd,
- farmland hedgerows and
- trees along Wash Rd,
- all TPO trees.

**Q3 Are there any views into or out of the parish, that are of particular value to you**

**No 50%**

**Yes 50%**

**Of those stating yes,**

- The views North into the fields as you leave the built up area
- Wash road fields to Barleylands / Views over Benson Farm
- The green at Fore Street and
- The ponds around Noak Bridge

**Q4 What community facilities do you particularly value in the plan area?**

- Open spaces / playing fields / Basketball court / playground
- local shop,
- GP surgery
- the ponds,
- dog agility area,
- pub
- nature reserve
- School
- Village Hall
- Pharmacy

**Q5 Are there any open spaces, or local green spaces that are of particular value to you in the Plan area?**

- the various ponds,
- Nature Reserve
- the fields behind Eastfield Road and on Wash Road
- the footpath access to South Green
- The Playing Field (near pub)
- Village Green
- Fore Street Green,
- Children's Play Area and surrounding grass and woods.
- Top Field

**Q6 Are there any open spaces or local green spaces that you consider could be improved or enhanced in some way?**

1	Better maintenance of nature reserve, tree management needs improvement
2	The children's play area always looks as if it needs more, there could be something for the older children as the pirate ship is for the young children
3	There are not any footpaths that go to the East of Noak Bridge, you can't get to the Pipp's Hill Road or towards Wickford easily. Whilst you can get to Barleylands across some very nice footpaths there are none that continue to the East.
4	The playground in the Play Park is muddy and missing equipment.
5	I think the nature reserve would benefit from picnic benches for residents to use
6	Could the eastern end of the Nature Reserve be expanded? Other areas are being well cared for - the Coppice Lane pond, Durban Lane pond etc... It's very appreciated.
7	More perennial plants and more trimming back of trees and bushes
8	The playing field opposite the pub could be improved
9	Nature reserve, additional funding, better children's play facilities, more sports facilities
10	Wooden Walkways completion in the Nature Reserve. Public Paths needed towards Barleyland and Upper Wash Road
11	Durban Lane duck pond is currently very messy
12	Hedgerows need pruning
13	None
14	It would be nice to maybe have some picnic tables near the basketball cage as I see lots of families and parents sitting on blankets and not all dog owners are particularly responsible!
15	Basketball nets are required for the sports cage.
16	Fore Street Open Space should be preserved from housing and designated as open space for the local community

**Q7 Please could you let us have your thoughts on the nature reserve, how is it used, its value to the community (including school children), any problems or issues and any other comments you wish to make?**

1	Enjoy nature reserve for dog walking, don't feel safe there when bad weather or dark. Lighting would be helpful, have seen groups of young adults? Drug taking. having anti-loitering deterrents
2	We use the nature reserve daily. Its a pleasant area to walk. I have no problems /issues.
3	The Nature Reserve is invaluable for dog walking and running routes. There are some areas where people have made their own footpaths to small areas where they have cleared and left litter.
4	The huge variety of wildlife make for an educational experience for all my children, aged 8-15 years. Multiple dog walkers would appreciate more dog bins.
5	It's a beautiful space and invaluable to the community, especially during lockdown but is full of litter near the bridge over the A127. The business of the A127 is bad pollution
6	I visit regularly for a wander, i only wish it was bigger!
7	It's a very valuable asset to the neighbourhood. We go everyday with our dogs (and sometimes without them because it's a good escape). People regularly meet there which I think is important social contact for those who are living alone. I've seen continuous improvements in it since I've lived here and encouragement of wildlife - stairs repaired, newbenches, bug boxes etc... With it's proximity to the Primary School I imagine it's a good place to go for Science and Geography projects etc... I think a lot of people are drawn to Noak Bridge because they want a more rural lifestyle, with it's proximity to the edge of Basildon, but the Nature Reserve is instrumental to maintaining a continuous large safe green space
8	I use it daily. Could do with a little tidying and more chairs by the ponds like there use to be.Maybe more flowering plants would be nice. Some information about the history of thereserve on the notice boards would be good. Path at the top by A127 redoing as it can get quite muddy.
9	It's nice and pleasant - a cafe would be lovely during peak times, a small visitor centre which could be run by community volunteers on a rota as could the cafe
10	A good resource which could benefit from more investment
11	Nature reserve could do with wardens patrolling the reserve
12	It screens out the A127, Recreational Walking/Exercise. Wildlife habitation for kids fun
13	Really enjoy the nature reserve; pavements and boardwalk are well kept and signage is good. Would like fencing between the nature reserve and main roads to increase safety
14	The entrance to the footpath at the end of Eastfield Road is deep mud and requires some sort of improvement to keep it dryer.
15	Nature reserve is a nice place to go for a walk although the area does need looking after as the ponds need cleaning.
16	Useful amenity
17	The nature reserve is fantastic, the amount of irresponsible dog owners is not. Dogs regularly allowed off of leads and fouling everywhere. We used to go there regularly for walks but now it's more like the Krypton Factor dodging the dog poo.
18	Some paths need improving as they get very muddy especially in winter months.
19	The NB Nature Reserve is widely used by the local community and beyond. It has several ponds, plenty of wildlife, a walking route and popular with dog walkers. It is maintained by the Local Authority who support the local volunteers of the Nature Reserve Society who hold regular sessions carrying out maintenance works. Supports healthy living and inclusion

**Q8 Are there any rights of way in the plan area which are in a poor state of repair or in need of improvement in some other way.**

1	A lot of the paths are in poor condition and trees blocking pathways
2	Footpath 201 (from the Noak Bridge Pub) is often flooded and overgrown. Going North on Footpath 201 past the oak tree there is a footpath that isn't well maintained and in summer can be overgrown, currently you need to wade through the crops which can be difficult.
3	All footpaths around the school flood and are very uneven and damaged creating a triphazard, especially in the winter due to poor lighting. The bridge over the A127 is inaccessible in winter due to ice meaning the only way to leave the village is via car or bus.
4	All of the roads have severe potholes in and into NB. The footpath round the back on the school is very damaged by tree roots
5	The path and footbridge crossing the river Crouch at the far west of the plan area (near fish farm) has been out of action for some time. It might be the section immediately outside the plan area that is the closed section actually.
6	The footpath at the back of New Waverley Road that leads to South Wash Road. Very overgrown at the moment and it can become very muddy.
7	Not that I'm aware of
8	Yes, general footpaths, surfacing is terrible and needs to be fully reinstated. ROW access over Barleylands could be better maintained and signposted
9	Muddy/Slippery paths in nature reserve in winter - should be improved and pedestrian across footbridge
10	Happy with current state of rights of way
11	All roads and paths are in a poor condition
12	Potholes bottom of Lower Street haven't been addressed. The roller coaster ride that is Coppice Lane is dreadful. Too many vans on blind corners obstructing views at junctions.
13	Yes Footpath 62 entrance in South Wash Road and Wash Road. Repairs have been reported to the County Cllr's. The route needs walking to properly identify necessary improvements

**Q9 Are there any additional links or extensions to the rights of way network for pedestrians, cyclists and other users that you would like to see?**

1	No
2	A footpath to the East of the Nature Reserve (Allowing access to Pipp's Hill Road and the Summerhill Area would be useful as there aren't really any footpaths to the east of the area. There's a very commonly used walk that goes from Footpath 201 East past the greyhound racing track, past the football fields that would be nice to have recognition as I don't see it on the Noak Bridge Plan.
3	Cycle path around the edge of the school needs to be blocked. It is a hazard to children who have to queue outside the school whilst waiting for the gates to open in the morning. Too many near misses by cyclists who refuse to walk their bikes through. The bridge over A127 is also hazardous due to speeding cyclists being unable to see pedestrians coming
4	I find the path through Whites Farm off Barleylands Road often blocked by a motorised gate with no provision for footpath users to get round (that I found). Also access and development of Willow park (?) (near Beverley Farm Kennels) might bring improvements.
5	Not sure but I'm sure better signposting would help
6	Public footpath Wash road north
	Being able to walk to the garden centre next to the nature reserve would be beneficial
14	It would be nice to see some extension to cycle paths into Noak Bridge maybe from behind the school down coppice lane into Bridge Street.
16	Do not believe the route is suitable for cyclists, the farmer ploughed up a pathway which needs to be inspected. Would like to see it regularly maintained for suitable access

**Q10 What is your experience of parking in the plan area? Are there areas where parking is an issue for the local community? What type of parking is needed (if any)?**

1	Yes parking is a big problem, cars often parked outside other peoples homes causing blockages and nuisance
2	No parking issues for us, however the streets are crowded with cars but unfortunately this is not something that can be fixed by the council without removing all parks, trees
3	Variable, there are a lot of areas where parking isn't a problem but in Crouch Street / Waverley Road there's a large build up of cars where there is only on street parking
4	Many properties have blocked the parking areas that were provided in their gardens. An incentive to open these back up, as well as repairs to roads behind the houses may help. A ban on work vehicles (vans) parking on bends may also improve vision and parking availability, although an area may need to be provided for these
5	All roads don't have enough parking spaces and cars are parked dangerously with Coppice Lane being a sort of exception
6	Crouch street has practically become a car park. It is awful to navigate, the road is sometimes blocked. At the end of the road at the cul de sac, sometimes a motorist parks in the middle like a roundabout! I would strongly recommend permit parking, because it is becoming dangerous.
7	Currently I'm not finding an issue parking, but I recognise there is not much opportunity to accommodate increased traffic.
9	All house have limited parking because they were built before people routinely had two or more cars per house
10	Parking is an issue in some streets where off road parking is limited. Better street markings and designated parking could help
11	Dedicated visitor parking and no blocking footpaths
12	One road in particular gets parking from adjacent street ; blocking driveways, this needs to be addressed either by permit or parking at certain hours. Parking also needs addressing by Noak Bridge school as its impossible to stop as teachers take up spaces
14	Happy with current state of parking most of the time although some street parking does block all or most of the pavement
15	Fences and hard parking house numerous old vehicles and is a complete eyesore.
16	The parking around noakbridge bridge is diabolical you cannot walk on the paths due to cars parking up on them,you cannot see at junctions due to parking on bends .
17	Parking is the biggest problem in Crouch, Lower St. Kenilworth mainly due to flats with no parking spaces which is made difficult by commercial vehicles parking on bends.
18	Parking has been steadily getting worse over last 20 years. More and more cars in Noak Bridge with poorly planned parking areas that aren't clearly marked, driving up lower Street into New Waverley or Crouch Street is a lottery after 6pm due to the amount of vehicles, families with 4 cars, vans blocking views parked on corners and at junctions
19	End of Crouch Street sometimes have parking issues due to insufficient spaces. Then the cars are left in the middle of the road blocking other cars. There are clearly too many flats/houses for the limited spaces available.
20	When Noak Bridge was built in the early eighties most houses had a front drive and garden with a five bar gate to park an additional car. Most homes have 2 or 3 cars so parking on the highway is the only other option. Residents are now prone to bring home work vans and tracks and park them on the highway which impacts residents parking. Because of the narrow roads most cars parked on the highway are half on the kerb. There are parking areas for flat blocks but as they are not allocated anyone and everyone use them for parking

### Q11 In your opinion is there sufficient off-street parking for vehicles?

Yes 25%

No 75%

Of those stating yes,

1	Needs to be expanded to accommodate multiple car families and numbers of trade vehicles has gone up which also causes issues
2	There are rear access spaces for the majority of homes but sadly people don't use them.
3	Most roads seem to have a enough off street parking but there is substantial build up incertain areas.
4	As above, Many properties have blocked the parking areas that were provided in their gardens. An incentive to open these back up, as well as repairs to roads behind the houses to access these may help. A ban on work vehicles (vans) parking on bends may also improve vision and parking availability, although an area may need to be provided for these
5	Not all houses have it and those who do have more cars than spaces
6	As per my response to the above question - it is dangerous
7	As Coppice lane gets busy, cars parked on the left can become an obstruction. Also Bramble Tye is difficulty to navigate single file due to parking but it does seem to always work out.
8	All residential roads are very crowded with parked cars
9	On the original council estate here were no garages ans a lot of off street parking has been repurposed plus people have more cars so there are parking issues
10	If there was, we wouldn't have cars parked on pavements
11	Park8ng by the school impossible as teachers take up all the spaces outside this shop & chemist; this needs parking of limit for 30 minutes
12	But nobody uses it they do not park in there drives or allocated car parks.
13	As number 10
14	There is no parking anymore, if we have guests they regularly find it hard to park
15	Too many cars in any one household and the parking of works vehicles on the roads and village which were not designed for the amount of vehicles that require parking