



Questions/Policies for Consultation Day

How many homes?

Uttlesford is expected to provide a total of 14,100 homes between the period 2011 to 2033. Stansted has already committed to providing approximately 50 homes at Elms Farm and 150 homes at Walpole Farm and is not expected to have many more than this within the period of the new Local Plan.

Allocating housing numbers across the district is the responsibility of Uttlesford District Council and our Neighbourhood Plan has to be in conformity with the Uttlesford Local Plan. We could, however, decide to accept MORE development than in the Local Plan which could bring further benefits by providing much-needed infrastructure.

We need to know, however, how much housing has been allocated to villages such as Stansted before making any decision on this.

The potential sites for new housing in Stansted Mountfitchet have been identified in the map below:

We cannot see, however, the village being capable of further expansion without a detrimental impact on its heritage and character.



Business & Local Economy

Stansted is well located and not only serves local residents but also those working at the airport as well as tourists visiting the Castle and the Toy Museum. It also has a thriving business community with over 600 businesses located in the Parish.

Questions

Should the business and retail areas be expanded and if so, how and where?

What type of businesses should be prioritised?

How can we improve our offering to tourists and encourage them to spend more time in the village?

Do we need a Start-up Hub for new businesses and if so, where?

Is broadband fast enough where you live? (please state your postcode when replying)

Is your mobile phone signal sufficient? (please state provider)



Business & Local Economy Policies

Policy	VOTE HERE Green = agree Red =disagree
New developments of significant size should incorporate space for a local convenience store	Green - 23 Red - 1
A new development at 14 Cambridge Road should incorporate both retail/commercial and residential properties	Green – 11 Red - 7
Any new developments should be future-proofed to allow state-of-the-art communications networks with high quality cabling	Green – 23 Red -1
Any conversion from commercial to residential properties should only apply to first or higher floors	Green – 7 Red - 8



Housing & Design

Stansted Mountfitchet includes a wider range of housing, from medieval in Lower Street to Victorian cottages and modern estates such as at Forest Hall Park.

Questions

What type and size of new homes do we need most?

What type of affordable housing do local people need most? Do we need more shared ownership housing?

Should design of new housing be modern and innovative or traditional, or a mix of the two?

Would you like to see a higher proportion of more environmentally-friendly houses built?

Are you interested in self-build and if so, are you aware you can join a register on the UDC website?



Housing & Design Policies

VOTE HERE Green = agree Red =disagree	
Any housing should not undermine Stansted Mountfitchet’s character and conservation areas	Green – 28 Red - 0
Provide quality, mostly two-storey homes in keeping with the character of the village.	Green – 23 Red - 0
Provide more two and three bedroom houses rather than four and five bedroom executive homes	Green – 20 Red - 0
Build more bungalows to allow for Stansted’s ageing population	Green – 20 Red - 6
Encourage an increased proportion of Lifetime Homes to be built	Green – 18 Red - 0
Visitor parking should be provided on all new developments	Green – 26 Red - 0
Three-storey town houses should be limited and only situated in the centre of the development so that they do not overshadow the appearance of the site on the approaches.	Green – 20 Red - 5
New developments should incorporate tree-lined roads using indigenous species	Green – 33 Red - 0



Sports, Leisure & Community

A Neighbourhood Plan can help provide supporting infrastructure such as indoor and outdoor sports facilities, playing pitches, community halls which can include arts and leisure facilities. What facilities are most needed in Stansted Mountfitchet so that we can try to ensure that we cater for future needs?

Questions

Is the current Mountfitchet Romeera Leisure Centre suitable for the needs of the village?

What new sports and leisure facilities are needed in the town?

Does the village need a swimming pool and if so, why?

Are there any sports that you are unable to participate in locally?

Where should sports pitches be located – on the edge of the village, at schools or elsewhere?

Do we have enough community centres and are they suitable for all activities and for all ages?



Sports, Leisure & Community Policies

Policy	VOTE HERE Green = agree Red =disagree
Forest Hall Park should incorporate a shop and shared-use community centre offering a nursery school during the day and community activities in the evening.	Green – 26 Red -1
Any new development will be expected to provide green space for sports and amenity use at the levels recommended by Fields in Trust and Natural England as a minimum.	Green – 26 Red - 0
Exercise areas for older people should be included on new developments as well as children’s play areas.	Green – 20 Red - 1
Developments that improve current sports and leisure facilities in Stansted Mountfitchet are more likely to be supported.	Green – 19 Red - 0
There should be a greater provision of sports pitches for community use	Green – 24 Red - 0



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Education

Stansted Mountfitchet has two primary schools and a third, the Magna Carta school, expected to open in the near future. Whilst provision for Primary and junior school aged children is good, there may still be a need for more nursery places and there is currently no Sixth form education in the village. Although at one time there was adult education available, this facility was closed due to lack of support.

Questions

What additional schools or educational facilities are needed in the village?

Is Nursery provision adequate and if not, where is it most needed?

What factors should determine the location of any additional schools or educational facilities?

What are the most important characteristics of new schools or educational facilities?

Does Forest Hall School need a sixth form?



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Policy	VOTE HERE Green = agree Red =disagree
All children within the village should be able to attend their nearest Primary school.	Green – 23 Red - 0
Forest Hall School should be expanded to include a sixth form and its facilities improved to allow wider community use.	Green – 22 Red - 0
More adult educational activities should be available in the village for all ages.	Green – 18 Red - 2



Health

Chapter 8 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2012) acknowledges that the planning system can play an important role in facilitating social interaction and creating healthy, inclusive communities. Local planning authorities should create a shared vision with communities of the residential environment and facilities they wish to see. To support this, local planning authorities should aim to involve all sections of the community in the development of Local Plans and in planning decisions, and should facilitate Neighbourhood planning. Planning policies and decisions, in turn, should aim to achieve places which promote health and wellbeing.

Questions

What problems do you have in accessing health services in Stansted Mountfitchet?

Is local housing adequate for those with health problems or the less abled and if not how could it be made more suitable?

How can new developments be designed to improve people's health?

What consideration should be given to potential pollution and environmental hazards that could impact on health?



Health Policies

Policy	VOTE HERE Green = agree Red =disagree
The new Stansted Surgery should offer specialist services such as podiatry, physiotherapy etc.	Green – 26 Red - 0
Developers should make a statutory contribution towards local healthcare facilities	Green – 24 Red - 2
Any plans for development should involve pre- and post-application consultation between planners, developers, health groups and parish/community representatives to ensure healthcare needs are met	Green – 26 Red - 0



Transport

Our vision for Stansted Mountfitchet in terms of transport is to improve ease and safety for pedestrians (including those with restricted mobility) and cyclists. We would like to reduce, if possible, the use of cars but our overall aim is to facilitate the flow of traffic through the village.

Questions

Are our village footpaths adequate and can you cross busy roads safely?

Do you favour traffic calming measures? If so how and where?

How can Church Road railway bridge be made safer?

What might encourage more people to cycle and are new cycleways needed. If so where?

How can public transport be improved?

How can traffic flows on the Cambridge Road be improved whilst retaining short term parking?

How can more provision be made for parking, especially commuter parking?

Would you pay for residents parking if a scheme is feasible?



Transport Policies

Policy	VOTE HERE Green = agree Red = disagree
Parking should be restricted by “No Parking” signs on certain streets for one hour a day.	Green – 20 Red - 1
The wide pavement on the West side of Lower Street should be reduced to enable traffic to flow more freely	Green – 15 Red - 8
Should the fountain triangle at the junction of Chapel Hill and Cambridge Road should be removed and a roundabout established	Green – 8 Red - 23
Cycle racks for community use should be established in all new developments, in Lower Street and on Cambridge Road	Green – 19 Red - 6



Green Infrastructure

Green spaces are the 'green lungs' of our communities which contribute to improving people's physical and mental health by providing places for informal recreation - walking, cycling, sitting, socialising and children's play. Green spaces also create safe and attractive places where people want to live and businesses invest. Uttlesford has the least amount of accessible green space in Essex and its housing density policies mean that most new developments provide only the smallest gardens and little community green space.

Green infrastructure includes:

- Parks and gardens
- Green corridors
- Amenity green space
- Cemeteries
- Natural and semi-natural urban green spaces
- Outdoor sports facilities
- Allotments, community gardens and city farms
- Accessible countryside in urban fringe areas

In your view, do we have sufficient green space in Stansted Mountfitchet Parish?

What green spaces in Stansted Mountfitchet need protecting and if so where? (Please indicate on the map provided and provide further details)

Have any particular views of the landscape that you really value?

Do you have any memories of the landscape in and around Stansted and how it has changed?

Are our green spaces sufficiently accessible?

How can our existing green spaces be improved?

Are more Tree Preservation Orders needed?

Do we need more allotments?



Green Infrastructure Policies

Policy	VOTE HERE Green = agree Red =disagree
New developments should be designed around ‘green lungs’ of natural and amenity green space	Green – 28 Red - 0
New developments should provide green space as defined by Fields in Trust and Natural England’s green space standards and no less	Green – 26 Red - 0
Biodiversity should be encouraged through the improvement and protection of wildlife corridors	Green – 26 Red - 0
Connectivity between developments, green spaces and the surrounding countryside should be improved through well signposted footpaths	Green – 29 Red - 0
Provide sufficient allotment facilities local to new developments to meet the needs of the local community.	Green – 14 Red - 3