



## Dear Gamlingay resident,

Your Parish Council and village volunteers are going to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for Gamlingay Parish. We will use the results of this survey to make a draft Plan that reflects the views of the community as a whole. The survey is anonymous.

### What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

A Neighbourhood Plan is a new way for local people to influence the planning and development of the area in which they live and work. It lasts for at least 15 years and should:

- Develop a shared vision for a village or town.
- Choose where new homes, shops, offices, and other development should be built. Influence how much and what type of housing should be built.
- Identify and protect important local green spaces or other treasured assets.

### Why it matters

Once approved, our Plan will have legal force in setting out what development is acceptable in our parish and for what reasons. Developers and local authority planners will have to take notice of it. Without a Neighbourhood Plan, we would have little control over any development that took place and would receive less in community funds from those developments.

### We can influence development, not stop it altogether

Our Neighbourhood Plan must comply with South Cambridgeshire District Council's Core Strategy/emerging Local Plan and the Government's wider policy of sustainable development. This means that it is inevitable that some new housing will have to be built in Gamlingay in the future. Having a Neighbourhood Plan in place will help us ensure that this housing is suitable for the Parish and meets the needs of our area. It will also help us to identify the facilities and services that need to be in place to meet the demands that any new housing will make upon our community.

### What are the next steps?

- **Please complete this survey by 12th November.**
- Paper copies will be delivered to every home in Gamlingay in October and extra copies will be available at the Eco Hub.
- You can come and ask questions at drop-in sessions at the Eco Hub between **10am and 12pm every Saturday in October** (1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> October).
- Between November and January the Gamlingay Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will review responses and begin to write a draft Neighbourhood Plan.
- In April/May 2017 we will present the draft Plan to the Parish Council and villagers for comment.

If you have questions about the survey or wider Neighbourhood Plan process, one of the Neighbourhood Plan team would be pleased to talk to you. Please call the Parish Council Office at the Eco Hub on 01767 650310 or contact us on the Neighbourhood Plan website:

[www.gamlingay-future.uk](http://www.gamlingay-future.uk)

Thank you for your support.

Gamlingay Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

## Survey questions

Please make sure that you complete parts A, B, C and D. If you have time please also complete parts E-I. Thank you.

### A. About you

We'd like to hear from as many residents as possible. Additional members of your household can download a printable copy from the Neighbourhood Plan website [www.gamlingay-future.uk](http://www.gamlingay-future.uk). Alternatively, they can request a copy from the Parish Council Office at the Eco Hub on 01767 650310.

Please provide us with the following information about yourself. This will help us to know if we have heard from all parts of the village, all age groups, and new and established villagers. All information will be held securely and in accordance with the Data Protection Act.

1. Your postcode.....

2. Your age (please circle)

Under 16	17-24	25-40	41-64	65+
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3. How long have you lived in Gamlingay (please circle)?

Less than 5 years	5-15 years	More than 15 years
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4. If you work, do you work in Gamlingay (please circle)?

Yes	No	Not applicable
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5. If you work outside Gamlingay, where do you work?.....

6. If you are not in employment, are you (please tick):

Disabled		Prefer not to say	
Looking after your children		Retired	
Not working		Other	

7. Please tell us the number of people in your household by age group

Under 18	18-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61-70	71+

### Optional information

If you would like to provide any additional information to help us keep you informed about the Neighbourhood Plan as it progresses, please do so below.

8. House name or number:.....

9. Your name.....

10. Your telephone number.....

11. Your email address.....

## B. A shared vision for Gamlingay

South Cambridgeshire District Council's Core Strategy of the Local Development Framework means that further development will be coming to Gamlingay. Our village has been selected as a 'Minor Rural Centre'. The Neighbourhood Plan gives us the opportunity to manage that development in line with the needs, priorities and aspirations of the people who live here.

The following questions will help us to understand your priorities and aspirations for Gamlingay over the next 15 years.

### 1. What do you most value about living in Gamlingay?

List up to three in order of importance, 1 being the most important. Please keep your answers short and to the point.

- 1. ....
- 2. ....
- 3. ....

### 2. What do you most dislike about living in Gamlingay?

List up to three in order of importance, 1 being the most important. Please keep answers short and to the point.

- 1. ....
- 2. ....
- 3. ....

***The next two questions are about the VILLAGE and then the wider PARISH (Gamlingay Cinqes, Little Heath, Great Heath and Mill Hill).***

### 3. Thinking about the village, how would you like Gamlingay to be described in 15 years time? Please tick up to 5 boxes.

Accessible		Rural	
Affordable		Safe	
Attractive		Traditional	
Friendly		Tranquil	
Prosperous		Vibrant	

### 4. Thinking about the wider parish, how would you like Gamlingay to be described in 15 years time? Please tick up to 5 boxes.

Accessible		Rural	
Affordable		Safe	
Attractive		Traditional	
Friendly		Tranquil	
Prosperous		Vibrant	

**Sustainable development is a core principle of Neighbourhood Planning. The Government has defined sustainable development as: supporting strong, vibrant communities; building a strong economy; and protecting and enhancing our natural, built and historic environment. Our Plan will have to show how it has applied these principles.**

**5. What do you think are the biggest benefits development could bring Gamlingay Parish? Please tick up to 5 boxes. If you think something is missing, please write your suggestion below.**

A community with a balance of age and incomes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parking	<input type="checkbox"/>
Broadband speeds	<input type="checkbox"/>	Protection of the countryside and local assets	<input type="checkbox"/>
Energy production	<input type="checkbox"/>	Safe cycle routes and bridleways	<input type="checkbox"/>
Facilities and services for young people	<input type="checkbox"/>	Safe pedestrian routes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Investment in infrastructure (e.g. roads and pavements)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Schools and childcare	<input type="checkbox"/>
Land for recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shops and services	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local jobs and businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transport links	<input type="checkbox"/>
Medical and care facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Variety of housing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mobile phone coverage	<input type="checkbox"/>	Village identity and sense of community	<input type="checkbox"/>

**What's missing?.....**

**6. What worries you about further development in Gamlingay? In other words, what outcomes might be unsustainable? Please tick up to 5 boxes. If you think something is missing, please write your suggestion below.**

A weaker sense of community	<input type="checkbox"/>	Overloaded sewerage and drainage system	<input type="checkbox"/>
Expansion targeted only at people on high incomes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stretched local amenities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased crime and anti-social behaviour	<input type="checkbox"/>	Oversubscribed medical and care facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased traffic	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reduction in the amount of green space	<input type="checkbox"/>
Insufficient sports and leisure facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Speeding traffic is increased	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lack of adequate parking in Gamlingay village	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unsafe cycle routes and horse riding	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lack of school/childcare places or school/childcare overcrowding	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unsafe pedestrian routes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Loss of countryside and/or green space between existing settlements	<input type="checkbox"/>	Undermining of local business	<input type="checkbox"/>

**What's missing?.....**

**7. What single change would most improve your quality of life as a resident of Gamlingay?**

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### C. Gamlingay as a rural community

Gamlingay Parish contains five distinct settlements. These are Gamlingay village, Gamlingay Cinqes, Great Heath (homes on The Heath, near the junction between Everton Road and Drove Road), Little Heath and Mill Hill. We think this is part of the essential character of the Parish and we would like to know if you agree.

#### 1. How important do you think it is that these individual settlements remain physically separate from the others to maintain their identity?

	Essential	Important	Unimportant	No opinion / don't know
Gamlingay village				
Gamlingay Cinqes				
Great Heath				
Little Heath				
Mill Hill				

### D. Housing/Development

In 2011 there were more than 700 dwellings in the village of Gamlingay. There is planning permission for 90 more homes at the Green End Industrial Estate. A housing shortage nationally and locally means over the next 15 years we will have to build more homes.

#### 1. What size home do you live in now in Gamlingay? Please tick one.

1 bedroom		4 bedrooms	
2 bedrooms		5 bedrooms	
3 bedrooms		Other	

#### 2. What type of home do you live in now? Please tick all that apply.

Bungalow		New or modern building	
Detached house		Residential care	
Flat		Semi-detached house	
Mobile home		Supported living facilities (privately run sheltered housing)	
Listed or old building with 'character'		Terraced house	

#### 3. Do you live in owned or rented accommodation?

Owned		Rented	
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#### 4. If you own your own home, why did you buy it in Gamlingay:

It was a suitable starter home		We could afford it with shared ownership	
I was employed nearby		I moved from a village with limited facilities	
It is a good commuter village		I have family here	

Other:.....

**5. If you rent is it:**

Private rental		Housing Association	
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**6. Thinking about your next move, what size home would you want to move to if you were to stay in Gamlingay? Please tick one.**

1 bedroom		4 bedrooms	
2 bedrooms		5 bedrooms	
3 bedrooms		Other	

**7. Thinking of your next move, what type of home would you want to move to? Please tick all that apply.**

Bungalow		New or modern building	
Detached house		Residential care	
Flat		Semi-detached house	
Mobile home		Supported living facilities (privately run sheltered housing)	
Listed or old building with 'character'		Terraced house	

**8. Could you adapt your current home to meet your future needs?**

Yes		No	
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**9. If you had the choice, would you like new homes built in Gamlingay to be (please tick all that apply):**

A home you could build yourself (these are called 'self-build')	
Eco-friendly (homes built to the best environmental standards)	
Designed to fit in with the architecture and character of the village	
Homes for Life (housing adaptable to changing needs e.g. adding a stair lift)	
Home zones where people and vehicles can interact safely	

Other:.....

**10. What size development(s) do you think are suitable for future housing in Gamlingay? (1 = not suitable, 5 = very suitable)**

	1	2	3	4	5
One large development (e.g. more than 25 dwellings)					
A few medium sized developments (e.g. 10 to 25 dwellings)					
Several small developments (e.g. less than 10 dwellings)					
Individual plots					
A mixture of small/medium developments					

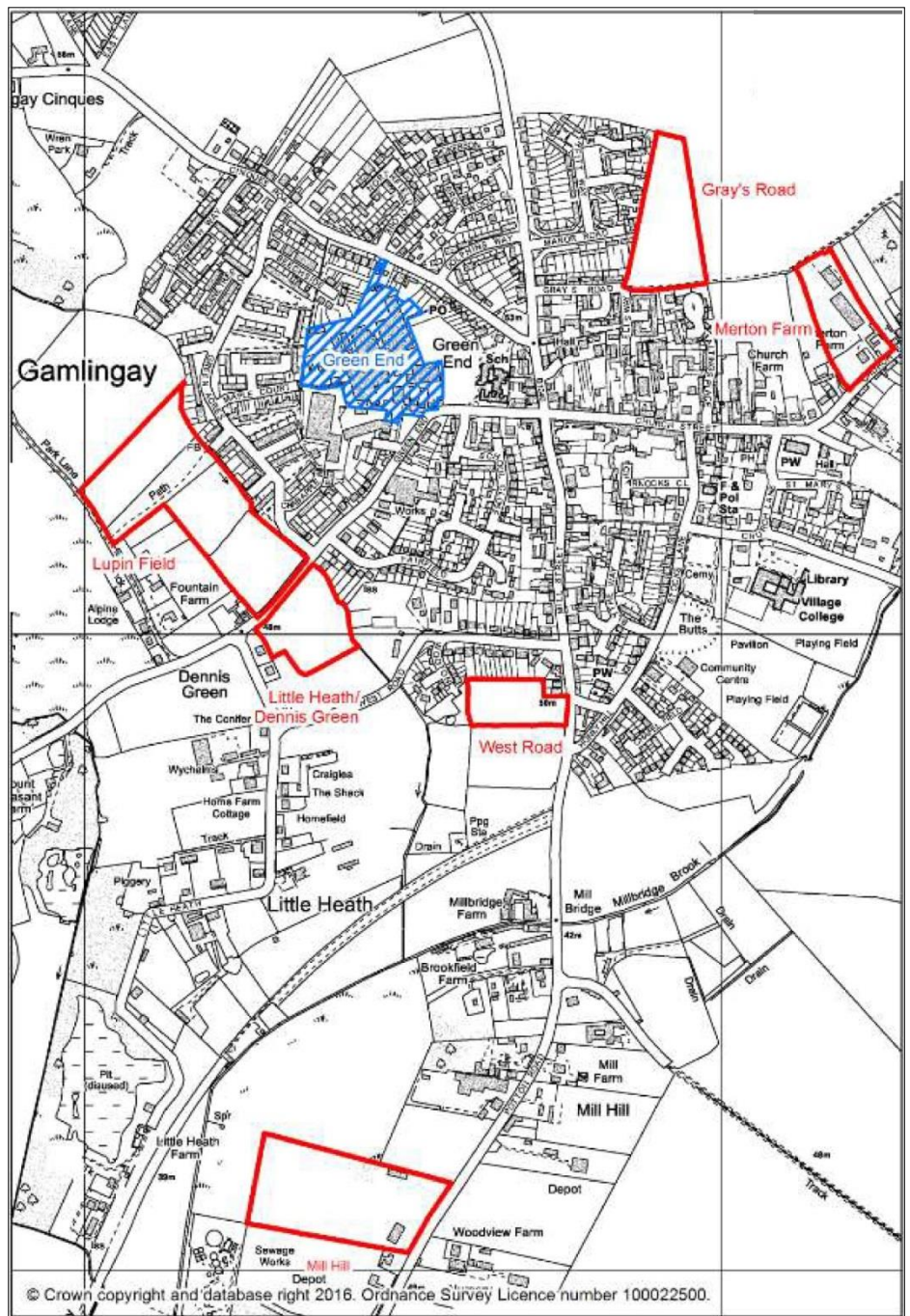
***Housing density relates to the number of homes built on a plot of land. The higher the density the more homes are built closer together.***

**11. What level of housing density is appropriate for future development in Gamlingay? Please tick one.**

High (e.g. Poppy Fields, the new development off Station Road)	
Medium (e.g. Green Acres)	
Low (e.g. Stubbs Oak on Cinques Road)	
Similar to surrounding area	

*The following map shows proposed housing development sites (in red) that have been shown to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee or are going through the planning process.*

Please note that some of these sites have already been considered and rejected by the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) for South Cambridgeshire. They are being included here for completeness. Green End is marked in blue and already has planning permission for 90 homes.



**12. Please look at the map above. Please tick two sites that you think would be suitable locations for housing?**

Merton Farm, Church Street		Little Heath, Dennis Green	
Gray's Road		West Road	
Lupin Field		Mill Hill	

**13. Do you have any comments about this or other sites?**

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### **E. Infrastructure and community facilities**

'Infrastructure' means the basic physical structures and facilities we use on a day-to-day basis, for example: buildings, roads, public utilities, communications etc. In this section we would like to know what you think.

**1. Please tell us what you think about the infrastructure where you live. Please tell us if it is good, acceptable or poor.**

	Good	Acceptable	Poor
Broadband			
Electricity			
Gas			
Mobile reception			
Parks and play areas			
Pavements			
Roads			
Sewerage/drainage			
Water supply			

### **Energy**

Gamlingay already has a wind turbine. In future, we may wish to generate more energy from renewable sources for the benefit of the community. Examples include: biomass (e.g. wood chip powered boilers), geothermal energy (using heat from the earth e.g. at the Eco Hub) and solar power (there are two kinds: passive solar used to heat water and photovoltaics used to generate electricity).

**2. Should the Neighbourhood Plan support land being made available for energy production from renewable resources? Please tick any you would support.**

Biomass		Wind	
Geothermal		None of the above	
Solar		Other:	



## Community facilities

### 3. Which of the following village amenities do you use or visit?

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
Baptist Church				
Bowls Club				
Butts Play area				
Cemetery at St Mary's Field (new cemetery)				
Cemetery south-west of St Mary's Church				
Co-op				
Eco Hub				
Gamlingay Cinqes Common				
Gamlingay First School				
Gamlingay Village College				
Gamlingay Pharmacy				
Gamlingay and Sugley Wood				
Library				
Old Methodist Chapel				
Millbridge Brook Meadows				
Multi Use Games Area				
Playing Field at Gamlingay Community Centre				
Post Office				
Preschool/nursery				
Skate board Park				
St Mary's Church				
Tennis courts				
The Cock Inn				
The Wheatsheaf				
Waresley and Gransden Woods				
Women's Institute (WI) Hall				

### 4. Is there a village amenity you frequently use that we have missed? If so please let us know what it is:

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### 5. Does any of your household participate in any of the following activities in Gamlingay?

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
Cycling				
Dog walking				
Horse riding				
Jogging				
Walking/rambling				

## F. Local environment

1. How do you feel about the following environmental issues in Gamlingay? Please rate their importance.

	Essential	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
Keeping and adding to green spaces in the village				
Protecting the open countryside				
Protecting local wildlife and habitats				
Providing footpaths, cycleways and bridleways in the village (e.g. to Woodview Farm Shop)				
Providing footpaths, cycleways and bridleways outside the village (e.g. to Potton)				
Encouraging good housing design				
Reducing our carbon footprint				

***The next questions are about new development - new dwellings or new industrial buildings - and what developers should provide.***

2. What type of energy should developers be required to use?

Conventional heating and lighting		Renewable energy (such as wind turbines or solar panels) for electricity and heating	
Heating shared with other homes in the same development		The most efficient heating and lighting available at the time	

Other:.....

3. Should new developments be required to generate 25% of their own energy?

Yes	No	Don't know
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In 2007 the Government introduced Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs) to rate how energy efficient buildings are (A=good, G=bad). It covers key items such as loft insulation, domestic boiler, hot water tank, radiators, windows for double glazing and so on. New homes are usually rated A to C.

4. How well should new homes and industrial buildings be insulated?

EPC rated A	
EPC rated B	
EPC rated C	

## 5. What space should developers make for walking and cycling?

Pavements with no provision for cycling	
Pavements or footpaths and cycle lanes on the road	
Segregated walking and cycling routes between housing, shops and bus stops or car parking areas	
Shared walking and cycling routes between housing, shops and bus stops or car parking areas	

## 6. How should developers make space for cars?

Provide space within the premises of a dwelling	
Provide space on the road in front of a dwelling	
Make parking 'courts' to make the most green spaces and encourage a community feel	
Provide underground car parking	

Other:.....

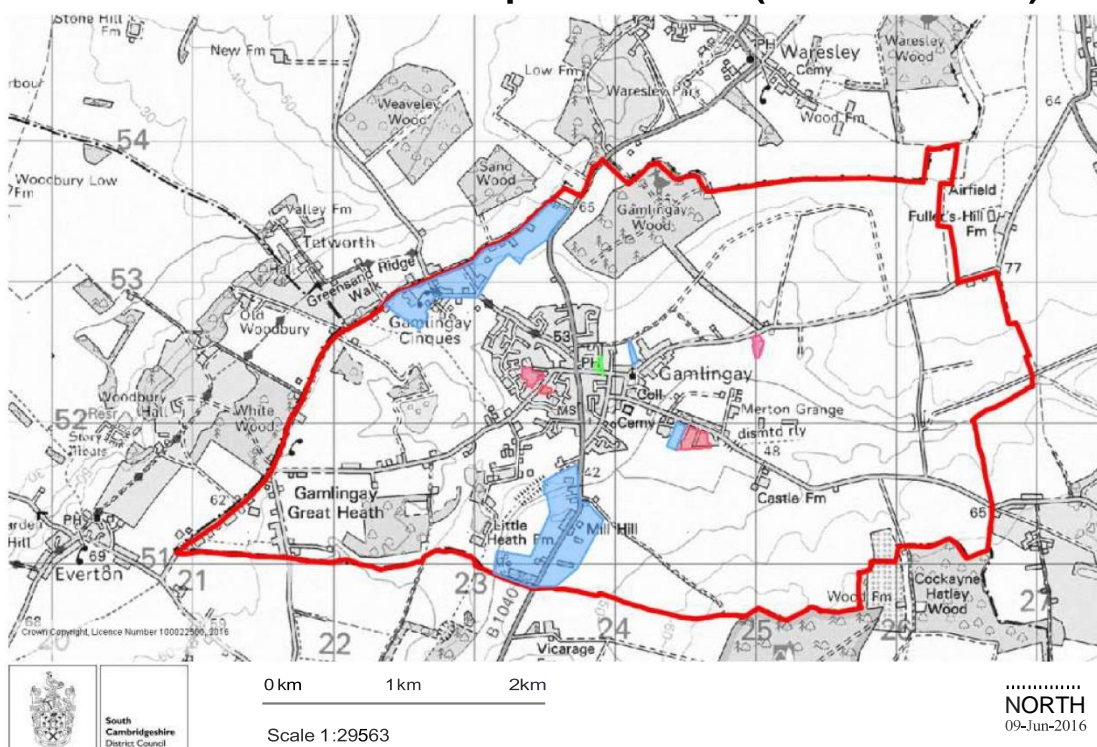
## G. Business and local economy

Businesses form a vital part of the fabric of our community. By providing goods and services and employing people, our businesses ensure that the Parish can thrive and prosper.

Businesses need premises whether as retail units to sell their goods and services, offices to base their staff or light industrial units to manufacture or service plant and equipment. The Neighbourhood Plan could identify space – rural enterprise zones – for new and growing businesses in our community.

Consultation with business in Gamlingay has led to four areas being identified where new businesses could possibly be located. These are marked in blue on the map below.

### Proposed Rural Business Development Areas (shown in blue)



**1. Please say whether you would support business development in the following areas?**

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Don't know
Drove Road				
Mill Hill				
Station Road (next to KMG)				
Church Street (near Gamlingay Pharmacy)				

**2. What type of business use would you support on each site?**

	Heavy industrial	Light industrial	Offices
Drove Road			
Mill Hill			
Station Road (next to KMG)			
Church Street (near Gamlingay Pharmacy)			

**3. Do you want to add any comments to your answers above?**

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**4. Extensive consultation has already taken place with businesses in Gamlingay. If you run your own business in the Parish and haven't yet taken part but would like to, please give your contact details here:**

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**H. Transport and access**

**1. How many cars (or vehicles) are there in your household? Please tick one.**

None		3 cars	
1 car		4 cars	
2 cars		More than 4 cars	

**2. As a resident of Gamlingay, what form of transport do you use most? Please tick one.**

Bicycle		Mobility vehicle or wheelchair	
Bus		Motorbike	
Car		Walking	

**3. What other forms of transport would you like to use more? Please tick all that apply.**

Bicycle		Motorbike	
Bus		Train	
Car		Walking	
Mobility vehicle or wheelchair			

**4. What is it about Gamlingay that prevents you doing so?**

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**5. How often do you catch a bus to anywhere from Gamlingay?**

Daily		Occasionally	
A few times a week		Hardly ever	
A few times a month		Never	

**6. If you have mobility issues, what would make it easier for you to get around Gamlingay?**

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**Footpaths and bridleways**

**7. The Neighbourhood Plan should support the creation of better footpaths to make it safer and easier to get around the village and the wider parish on foot. Please give your opinion.**

Strongly agree		Strongly disagree	
Agree		No opinion/don't know	
Disagree			

**8. The Neighbourhood Plan should support the creation of better bridleways to make it safer and easier to get around the village and the wider parish by horse or bicycle. Please give your opinion.**

Strongly agree		Strongly disagree	
Agree		No opinion/don't know	
Disagree			

**9. There is a car parking problem in Gamlingay Parish. Please give your opinion.**

Strongly agree		Strongly disagree	
Agree		No opinion/don't know	
Disagree			

**10. If you consider parking to be a problem, please tell us where and describe the parking problem:**

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**Trains**

*There are plans to reopen the East West rail link between Oxford and Cambridge. The Central Section may go via Bedford and Sandy, passing through or near Gamlingay. This*

*may involve development along the railway line that would greatly affect Gamlingay but would provide a direct local rail link to Cambridge and Oxford.*

**11. Would you support the reopening of a station in or near Gamlingay?**

Yes	No	No opinion/don't know
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**I. Any other comments?**

Please provide any additional comments, ideas or observations you have. Is there something that we have forgotten? Please keep your comments short and to the point.

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*Thank you for completing this survey. Please encourage other residents to do the same. The more responses we get the better we will be able to make our Neighbourhood Plan deliver the sort of future that Gamlingay residents want and need.*

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**Please return your completed questionnaire to:**

- **The Eco Hub or**
- **The Post Office or**
- **The Co-op or**
- **Woodview Farm Shop.**