



This document presents survey results.

This document presents the Salfords & Sidlow residents' responses to QUESTIONNAIRE 1. The responses will be used to guide the formation of a Neighbourhood Plan.

The wordcloud below visualises the most frequently used words in resident written responses.



Key Insights

Resident responses have provided a clear indication of the issues to address in the neighbourhood plan.

Resident Feedback

This section visualises the range of responses.

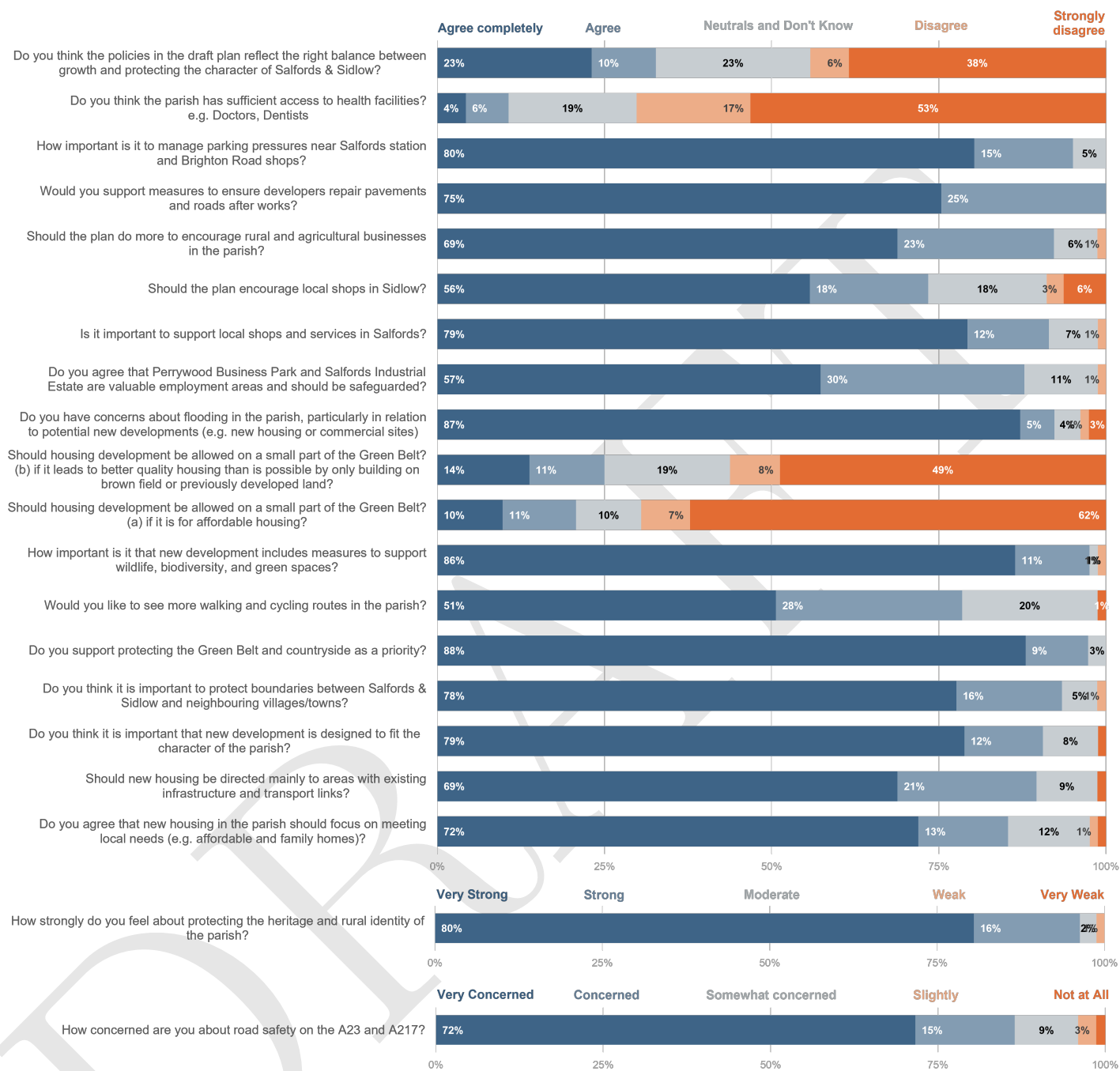


Figure 2: Analysis of resident feedback to QUESTIONNAIRE_1

Resident Written Feedback

The following section provides a summary of the written feedback collected in the questionnaire.

Green Belt / Open Spaces

- Protection of Green Belt and Countryside: Strong opposition to building on Green Belt or agricultural land, emphasizing the need to preserve wildlife and maintain Salfords’ village identity.

- **Unsustainable Development Concerns:** Large-scale housing developments seen as unsustainable, increasing flood risk, and straining local infrastructure like schools and medical facilities.
- **Preference for Alternative Sites:** Advocates for using brownfield sites and repurposing unoccupied commercial buildings instead of encroaching on green spaces.
- **Community Impact:** Fear that overdevelopment will harm the village character, offer little benefit to locals, and lead to loss of countryside and recreational areas.

Type of housing

- **Need for Affordable Housing:** Strong emphasis on increasing affordable homes to meet local demand.
- **Variety of Housing Types:** Support for a mix including starter homes, family homes, bungalows, retirement/sheltered housing, and larger homes.
- **Balanced Community Mix:** Desire for developments to cater to all demographics — from single people to families — while keeping in character with the area.
- **Quality and Local Issues:** Focus on ensuring quality housing and addressing existing local development issues, such as those at Westvale.

Community and wellbeing

- **Pressure on Services:** Schools, hospitals, and GP services are at or beyond capacity, requiring careful consideration in future development.
- **Community Facilities Needed:** Strong need for local amenities such as village halls, community centers, pubs, shops, and churches, particularly in Sidlow.
- **Recreation and Safety:** Importance of play spaces, recreational areas, and green spaces, with emphasis on child safety and accessible community areas.
- **Transport and Parking Challenges:** Concerns over parking difficulties and the need for better access and transport links to support residents and facilities.

Roads / Transport

- **Overloaded Roads:** The A23, A217, and local roads like Lodge Lane and Lonesome Lane are heavily congested, particularly during rush hours.
- **Traffic Safety Concerns:** Speeding, hazardous cycling behaviour, and poorly maintained pavements & hedges contribute to safety risks for pedestrians and drivers.
- **Impact of Development:** New housing and other developments are increasing traffic pressures, worsening congestion and air & noise pollution.
- **Infrastructure Priorities:** Criticism of underused cycle paths and calls for better maintenance of roads, pavements, and local traffic management rather than costly, low-impact projects.

Infrastructure

- Utilities Capacity: Concerns about whether sewage, water, and electricity services can cope with increased demand from new developments.
- Flood Risk Management: Need to maintain rivers and drainage systems to prevent flooding.
- Infrastructure Planning: Emphasis on ensuring transport and other infrastructure is upgraded before housing is built.
- Protection of Rural Areas: Desire to preserve Sidlow’s rural character amid growing urbanisation in Salfords.

General

- Local Capacity and Development Concerns: Opposition to hosting migrants in hotels, expansion of Gatwick (second runway), and increased commercial/traffic developments.
- Preserve Community Identity: Desire to keep the parish manageable and maintain local control without merging with other areas.

Parish Council feedback

- Support for Parish Council: Strong endorsement of the Parish Council’s work on the Neighbourhood Plan (NHP).
- Community Assistance: Appreciation for council members helping residents understand local issues.
- Recognition of Efforts: Acknowledgment of the Parish Council’s dedication, imagination, and positive impact on the community.
- Call for Borough Council Action: Desire for RBBC to show more concern for Salfords & Sidlow residents and actively address local issues.

Appendix — Detailed Survey Results

Area Responses

Table 1: Resident responses by area. NOTE: THIS QUESTION WAS NOT COMPLETED ON ALL QUESTIONNAIRES

Area	Responses
Salfords	61
Sidlow	14
Other	4
Total	79

Sentiment Responses

This section contains the detailed results.

Housing & Growth

	agree completely →				
	← strongly disagree				
1. Do you agree that new housing in the parish should focus on meeting local needs (e.g. affordable and family homes)?	1	1	10	11	59
2. Should new housing be directed mainly to areas with existing infrastructure and transport links?	1		7	16	53
3. Do you think it is important that new development is designed to fit the character of the parish?	1		7	10	67
4. Do you think it is important to protect boundaries between Salfords & Sidlow and neighbouring villages/towns?		1	4	12	59

Green Belt & Environment

	agree completely →				
	← strongly disagree				
1. Do you support protecting the Green Belt and countryside as a priority?			2	7	66
2. Would you like to see more walking and cycling routes in the parish? .	1		16	22	40
3. How important is it that new development includes measures to support wildlife, biodiversity, and green spaces?		1	1	9	70
4. Should housing development be allowed on a small part of the Green Belt?					
(a) if it is for affordable housing?.....	51	6	8	9	8
(b) if it leads to better quality housing than is possible by only building on brown field or previously developed land?	39	6	15	9	11
5. Do you have concerns about flooding in the parish, particularly in relation to potential new developments (e.g. new housing or commercial sites) .	2	1	3	4	68

Economy & Employment

	agree completely →				
	← strongly disagree				
1. Do you agree that Perrywood Business Park and Salfords Industrial Estate are valuable employment areas and should be safeguarded?		1	9	25	47
2. Is it important to support local shops and services in Salfords?		1	6	10	65
3. Should the plan encourage local shops in Sidlow?	5	2	14	14	44
4. Should the plan do more to encourage rural and agricultural businesses in the parish?		1	5	18	53

Transport & Infrastructure

1. Would you support measures to ensure developers repair pavements and roads after works?

agree completely →

← strongly disagree

17

52
2. How important is it to manage parking pressures near Salfords station and Brighton Road shops?

3

9

49
3. How concerned are you about road safety on the A23 and A217?

very concerned →

← not at all

1

2

7

11

53

Community & Wellbeing

1. Do you think the parish has sufficient access to health facilities? e.g. Doctors, Dentists

agree completely →

← strongly disagree

50

16

18

6

4
2. Do you think the policies in the draft plan reflect the right balance between growth and protecting the character of Salfords & Sidlow? ...

20

3

12

5

12
3. How strongly do you feel about protecting the heritage and rural identity of the parish?

← weak

strong →

1

2

13

66

General Remarks & Ideas

Where do you live?

Salfords(61)

Sidlow(14)

Other(4)

Written Responses

This section contains the written responses.

Green Belt / Open Spaces

“ Green spaces are integral to Salfords identity. ”

“ I believe the plan for land west of Salfords is not viable. Brown field sites utilised first, unoccupied commercial buildings repurposed. Greenbelt / Agricultural land should be untouchable. ”

“ I want Salfords to remain a village, surround by Green Belt countryside, which contains a wonderfully diverse amount of wildlife that is our duty to protect ”

“ Green Belt laws are being completely ignored in favour of extra housing ”

“ Opposed to destruction of green spaces ”

“ I am 100% against development on the Green Belt ”

“ We need to protect our Green Belt land at all costs ”

“ No large scale building is sustainable ”

“ Development on Green Belt will lead to being succumbed to a higher flood risk ”

“ More and more housing being built on land which should be kept for wildlife. ”

“ When is enough, enough? ”

“ Our village should not be taken over with a large housing estate which would engulf our beautiful countryside, and ultimately cause additional flooding. There is insufficient medical / schools in the area. Our residents need to be protected from the increasing housing estates popping up. The locals do not benefit by increasing the population in our area. ”

“ I do not feel we need any more buildings. ”

“ Do not build on the Green Belt land. NO need for more houses and our countryside needs protection. ”

“ No more building on Green Belt land. Sufficient new homes already at Westvale Park and newly approved development in Hookwood. Stop destroying Britain's green areas and countryside. ”

“ No more building on Green areas ”

“ Develop on Green Belt only if near existing developments ”

Type of Housing

“ Family housing if anything — affordable housing is needed ”

“ Affordable housing is necessary but the feeling is a large proportion is aimed at southern end of borough for RBBC / MVDC and TDC ”

“ 20% starter homes, 50% family homes, 20% retirement / sheltered homes / care homes / 10% larger (5 bed) ”

“ Affordable / family homes / bungalows ”

“ A range of housing — bungalows / starter homes and 2 / 3 bedrooms. ”

“ A range including bungalows ”

“ Ensure a good mix of quality affordable housing ”

“ Mixed affordable and private homes ”

“ Affordable and keep in character of our area. ”

“ Affordable but cross section — single people to families ”

“ More starter homes ”

“ Westvale issues need resolving ”

“ Affordable single dwellings to family homes ”

“ Affordable! ”

Community and Wellbeing

“ Lots of schools already at capacity, particularly secondary schools. ”

“ Hospital at breaking point ”

“ Hospital at breaking point already — so are the schools and GPs. These must be considered when planning and development is being considered. The area is top heavy and needs major input to support it. ”

“ No thought of access, already full schools, GP’s hospitals waits. ”

“ Salfords has hubs to protect but Sidlow has nothing ”

“ All of the above and good transport links ”

“ A modern shop, a proper pub and dialogue with Christ the King church ”

“ We need a post box at / near the village centre. ”

“ All facilities are very important. ”

“ The village hall, Salfords Social Club and Mill House are important. ”

“ Recreation areas, play spaces and community halls and facilities are important ”

“ Pubs, restaurants, places for communities to meet ”

“ Hall, pub, play field — need in Sidlow ”

“ Meeting spaces, recreation, areas, facilities, local shops ”

“ Local pubs and community spaces ”

“ Play spaces and recreational areas ”

“ We need Sidlow community hall ”

“ All are important. Parking is a problem ”

“ Our halls, recreation, green spaces are valuable assets to our community ”

“ Halls and play areas where children’s safety rather than dogs are prioritised. ”

“ Trying to park near the shops is very difficult as it seems that residents park there. ”

“ Shops, pubs, restaurants, play spaces, halls, recreation areas ”

Roads / Transport

“ Road access needs to be considered ”

“ The A23 is already overwhelmed at rush hour ”

“ The A23 and rail are already overloaded. ”

“ The traffic in Redhill and Salfords is becoming intolerably heavy as things are ”

“ We note several points of planning pressure in Lonesome Lane currently We also note a major increase in road traffic on Lodge Lane — much exceeding speed limit. Linked to huge housing development in North West Horley? ”

“ Can anything be done about the man in Lonesome Lane who repairs cars? It is an eyesore. ”

“ Great expense to build cycle paths which are hardly ever used. Good for families but most serious cyclists never use them — waste of money. Could have been spent better on repairing pavements, our road (Park Avenue) is terrible. ”

“ Any development will incur more traffic on the A23 which has increased enormously. Also air traffic noise is a nuisance. ”

“ I feel the roads and pavements and overgrown hedges have more attention around Salfords primary school. ”

“ I am not concerned about the A217 or A23 except the bus stops by Westvale Park. ”

“ A23 bus lane is not a good idea ”

“ In winter I feel forced to use my car rather than walk to the station due to cyclists behaviour, e.g., blinding lights, not using bells and driving too fast ”

“ The traffic gets worse every month it is very difficult to turn onto A23. ”

Infrastructure

“ Concern on utilities ”

“ How much effort is going into ensuring increases in provision of sewage disposal, water supply, electricity supply, road capacity? ”

“ The increase in sewage also will be overcome unless overhauled ”

“ The river should be kept clear of vegetation at all times to avoid flooding ”

“ Ensure transport and infrastructure is made before housing ”

“ Huge concern re the already overcrowded infrastructure particularly roads Salfords is much more urban. Sidlow is a rural community which needs to be protected ”

General

“ Police holding / Migrants in local hotels / Dual carriageway / Aldi / Second Gatwick runway — Enough! ”

“ Keep the parish manageable and do not merge with anywhere else and lose personal and local interest ”

Parish Council feedback

“ Fully endorse the Parish Council’s work for the NHP ”

“ I was helped to understand some of the problems by Cllr Rolph ”

“ Thank you for all you are doing to support our local community. ”

“ I think the Parish Council do an excellent job. I appreciate our strong and imaginative Parish Council. ”

“ Would like to see RBBC demonstrate a concern for the residents of Salfords and is something about the issues affecting them ”
