

## Fritch Green Parish Council Survey August 2009

### Summary

A total of 650 questionnaires were distributed to residents of Fritch Green, and 157 responses were received, a response rate of 24%. The responses to the eight questions are summarised below along with the addition comments made.

#### **Q1 Do you want the playing fields and large area of play next to the community hall as stated on the original plans?**

Yes	140	[90%]
No	8	[5%]
Don't know	7	[5%]

#### **Q2 Do you want the playing fields and large area of play the other side of Stebbing Brook as stated in Enodis' latest planning application?**

Yes	16	[10%]
No	121	[78%]
Don't know	18	[12%]

#### **Q3 Would you like a family pub in Fritch Green?**

Yes	77	[49%]
No	63	[41%]
Don't know	16	[10%]

#### **Q4 Would you like the shops to be positioned at the end of Hallet Road by the village green as stated on the original plans?**

Yes	108	[70%]
No	37	[24%]
Don't know	910	[6%]

#### **Q5 Would you like the shops nearer or next to the community hall as stated in Enodis' latest planning application?**

Yes	47	[31%]
No	97	[63%]
Don't know	10	[6%]

#### **Q6 Do you think the extra 250 homes proposed by Enodis is acceptable?**

Yes	8	[5%]
No	139	[89%]
Don't know	10	[6%]

#### **Q7 Would you like the local buses to run through Fritch Green?**

Yes	29	[19%]
No	118	[75%]
Don't know	10	[6%]

#### **Q8 Do you think yellow lines in certain areas would improve travel through Fritch Green?**

Yes	91	[58%]
No	51	[33%]
Don't know	14	[9%]

### Top Issues Commented on by Residents

Community centre and playing fields/areas need to be operational.	21
Adoption of roads/pathways and their upkeep.	18
Anti-social parking/driving	16
Against extra houses	5
Need for upkeep of open spaces/litter	5
Against buses	4
Anti-social behaviour	2

**Q1 Do you want the playing fields and large area of play next to the community hall as stated on the original plans?**

<b>Respondent</b>	<b>Response</b>
73	I am not quite sure what the original plans are. We really need a large area of play and playing fields.
115	If that is an option?
156	As long as they are accessible to all and a useful size , I don't mind.

**Q2 Do you want the playing fields and large area of play the other side of Stebbing Brook as stated in Enodis' latest planning application?**

<b>Respondent</b>	<b>Response</b>
15	It is unsafe as children will be playing in an area away from passing traffic should there be an accident they could be unseen especially if alone.
115	If that is a better option with better facilities and also means it moves noise away from current residents.

**Q3 Would you like a family pub in Flitch Green?**

<b>Respondent</b>	<b>Response</b>
6	Would end up with more trouble makers from outside coming and even if started out as a family pub it wouldn't stay like it for long.
11	There are three pubs within walking distance already.
73	I think we essentially need " green areas"
89	Need to get other facilities in place before pub.
97	A pub is essential community focal point for those of us who do not have children at the primary school.
138	NO There has already been trouble with Police involved with young people – This would be a terrible idea.
155	Not required, we have pubs in the local area already.

**Q4 Would you like the shops to be positioned at the end of Hallet Road by the village green as stated on the original plans?**

<b>Respondent</b>	<b>Response</b>
73	Again I am not sure about the original plans.
156	Again really don't mind as long as we get them.

**Q5 Would you like the shops nearer or next to the community hall as stated in Enodis' latest planning application?**

<b>Respondent</b>	<b>Response</b>
138	This is a much more sensible idea to be all together next to school.
149	Could these not be located opposite the pond? This would eliminate the need for delivery lorries to go past housing.

**Q6 Do you think the extra 250 homes proposed by Enodis is acceptable?**

<b>Respondent</b>	<b>Response</b>
15	Definitely not.
70	This is pure greed!
73	Surely not. There would be too many houses.
89	Will make the development too big we will loose the village feel. Also there isn't the infrastructure to cope e.g. secondary schools.
99	Will spoil the small community and the roads to our state off the main road, don't need more traffic.
119	Not until some of the other promises have been fulfilled!
123	As long as that is the end of the building development.

**Q7 Would you like the local buses to run through Fritch Green?**

<b>Respondent</b>	<b>Response</b>
89	Road safety issues if they travel through village especially with all the cars parked on the road.
96	Early mornings and late night bus service would not be appropriate in a residential area and bus stops on h estate could be a magnet for anti-social behaviour.
138	There is no need bus runs out past Oakwood Park.
149	No need when bus stops right at entrance of village.
156	No b/c I don't want them but am sure we can all walk to a bus stop- it wouldn't do us any harm.

**Q8 Do you think yellow lines in certain areas would improve travel through Fritch Green?**

<b>Respondent</b>	<b>Response</b>
5	100%
6	Would be good for Baynard Avenue, not on other areas.
24	Yellow lines would only serve to clog up smaller roads. For those of use with smaller houses with two cars, one car has to go on the road – there is no other option, and those living in smaller roads would see a lot more cars parked on their streets. Yellow lines probably only works for those people with two driveway spaces- the rest of us would suffer or move.
27	The answers to the last two questions go hand in hand as it would be impossible for buses to run with the current dangerous parking across the site. Another danger: too many people are parking at roundabouts, visibility very poor, accidents waiting to happen (a lot of young children are cycling and playing on the streets)
35	Particularly near the school.
70	They will then park outside someone else's home who does not have yellow lines.
72	Baynard Avenue!!
89	Yellow lines should be place down the main roads.
99	Could do with some restricted parking times so the bin men can get around more easily without having to mount the kerb.
117	Required by school especially.
127	Depends where the yellow lines are planned.
129	But shouldn't be necessary if people used their carports/garages or spaces.
138	This needs to be a village in its own right yellow lines in just another police 'city'.
149	Difficult one, as we would not want yellow lines outside our house, but then we park properly, whereas others do not appear to!
150	I don't want yellow lines but think that there should be awareness of bad parking i.e. double parking/blocking roads, parking on grass and ruining it, parking across the dropped kerbs.
155	They are unsightly.
156	We should be able to manage without the need for yellow lines.

## Do you have any suggestions or comments for the Parish Council?

Respondent	Response
1	Mini roundabout outside 71 Baynard Avenue is not only an eyesore but motor vehicles drive/speed and position their vehicles and drive over the bricks causing a constant noise. This is worse during 05.00-09.00 and 17.00-19.00. Not exactly peaceful!! However there needs to be something to reduce the speed of motorists, width restrictions etc. , as children walk through and cross the road towards the children's park. This is an accident waiting to happen!
2	Get the community centre up and running asap.
6	What about the nature reserve?
7	As I signed a statement stating that no vans would be parked on the estate I would love to have yellow lines outside my property as my view is of four parked vans every day.
9	Please do not replace the glass in the bus shelters, it has been smashed three times, so should be replaced by plastic/Perspex. Parking slows the traffic and stops speeding cars which are dangerous. Can all residents pay a subscription to pay for upkeep of the common areas and flower beds, as the council does a poor job. General maintenance to keep the estate looking nice.
12	We were promised a bus service round the estate originally, but this could only be achieved now by having yellow lines installed!
15	Some info re when and who will be running community centre, the sooner the better.
17	Could we have bottles taken away for recycling.
22	A crossing should be installed between the Flitch Way path and path between Worrin Road and Baynard Avenue, children cross there all the time.
23	Need to ticket cars that are parked inconsiderately. What happened to mini supermarket? Please could we have cash dispenser machine included?
35	We look forward to our long awaited facilities.
43	Arrange a litter collecting day around the area, it has worked really well in other villages.
48	No additional comments.
51	We believe the current suggestion for buses will be dangerous and unworkable due to the width of roads with parked cars due to lack of parking facilities.
52	There needs to be plenty of equipment in the play area for younger children i.e. slides, seesaws, roundabouts not just one swing ass have now. The pub should it be built should be situated on the opposite side of the road to the pond away from the houses.
53	When will the lovely hall be open and clubs started to keep the bored teenagers off the streets?
54	Yellow lines by the school to prevent people parking there.
55	Greater and more regular attention to the upkeep of the development especially around the Felsted entrance. Removal of litter and bottles etc from verges/roadside. Provision of additional litter bins.
56	Prioritise playing area and shops. No need for a pub.
57	Internet meeting minutes and items for discussion, the notice board at Baynard Ave is no use to me as I am never walking past it.
58	Whilst the negotiations continue could we at least loose the fences. Youth shelter is an eyesore. Roads need to be surfaced as a priority.
59	Stricter speed limits at all times including mums on school run who are

	oblivious to anything around them!
60	The roads are becoming a nightmare, people seem to park anywhere. We have even noticed people leaving their cars getting into a taxi and heading off to the airport for their holiday. I have lived here three years and over the last year it has got considerably bad. When will the roads be finished I'm sick of going over bumps and through pot holes, this is fast becoming not a pleasant place to live!!!
61	For Enodis to surface roads such as Saines, Cannon and Taunton by the school. Very dangerous to walk and drive on!
62	Please open town hall. Would love to see some basketball courts!
63	More yellow lines. Residents to park better. Roads to be repaired, finished and levelled. Residents to use their parking areas. More PCSO visibility. Parents responsible for their children resulting in no vandalism.
64	Can we get the road surfacing complete and pavements. It is criminal that we have a community centre built, but nobody can use it. Another park area for children the school end of the estate.
65	Is the new community centre going to actually be opened and used? Plastic not glass in bus shelter. Fixing the pavements and roads!!! So can be used!
67	Neighbourhood watch committee needed. +/- patrols to deal with vandals and irresponsible dog owners.
68	More than 2-3 shops planned to include a D1 location/building for GP/dental surgery.
69	Some roads have been left unfinished (+ landscaping). More regular communication to residents e.g. what is happening with the community hall? Garden rubbish repository and recycling area e.g. for bottles.
71	Put pressure on appropriate authorities to get all roads finished. More grassy space where children are allowed to play.
73	We should all get together in order to buy trees to be planted alongside the roads. It would make a real difference to the way Tanton Road looks. Thank you for this brochure.
74	A community notice board to be erected near F.G. School. Parents and carers walking to and from school would have more opportunity to read notices rather than driving and stopping by B. Avenue. Off road parking needs to be 'enforced' as too many cars parked on roads obviously causes problems.
75	Turn waste land in front of Tanton Road into parking areas to ease parking as I'm fed up with getting boxed in in front of my garage.
77	I hope that yellow lines are not placed along Baynard Avenue, it would devalue the properties and as we have only one parking space which is not easily accessible we would probably have to move house. A permit scheme would be more effective.
78	Encourage people to park in their parking space/garage.
80	Yellow lines in Baynard Avenue ASAP. Fed up with people parking on the grass verges and halfway on pavements i.e. Baynard Avenue and Fitzwalter Rd, isn't this illegal?!!
81	How long do we have to wait to use the community hall? When are all the roads/pavements going to be finished??
83	It may be a better idea to have the childrens school bus to collect them at the entrance to the second turning onto the estate where the traffic is quieter. The Baynard Ave entrance is far too busy for children in the mornings to be hanging around.
85	Tea and cake shop near the pond.
87	Double yellow lines in Baynard Ave would be horrendous as there is

	nowhere for cars to park, we only have a parking space and some houses have none. Where would we park?
88	Could we have our roads cleaned. In Mildmay Close 7 out of 8 lights are off, council won't replace them.
90	Yellow lines for those of us on Baynard Avenue are unacceptable. We bought our house with road outside to park on where possible. People should take more care where they park – that should be intenedated with residents. Also would Enodis give over some land for community vegetable/flower garden/allotments?
94	Do not replace bus stops with glass? perspex.
96	It is my understanding that the land originally identifies for the village centre is now in a separate ownership and therefore it may be impossible to force them to build to the original plans. However conditions should be applied to any further planning permissions for the site that first occupation of new dwellings should not ake place until the provision of community facilities of an agreed scale, location and number by the developer. The provision of a family pub is hugely important to develop from an 'estate' into a community. It has been shown in other villages, a community can really come together around a pub and together with school, shop and doctors surgery should make Flitch Green become more sustainable.
97	The junction at Baynard Avenue and station Road should be yellow lined to keep it traffic free and safe.
99	Install CCTV to catch the good for nothing youth's who keep smashing up our great new bus shelters. When we getting doctors surgery, shop, and pub!
100	Parking at entrance of Baynard Avenue is dangerous.
102	We would like what we were promised on the original master plan – no more –no less. We could not possibly allow our children across the Stebbing Brook and I fear it would become an unsupervised are where youths would congregate.
103	The fishing lake needs to be cleaned out and monitored for the louts who ruining a beautiful area, and perhaps the police to be more visual especially after dark to stop the vandal of the lake and bus stop shelters.
104	More vigilance in open space areas, close liaison with Police Community Officers to reduce the vandalism in Flitch Green which is unacceptable.
105	More plants needed especially to entrance to site (village) Roads need cleaning. Youths who have ruined shelter need to clean their act up. Police patrols need in evening. Pond area is in a bad shape, rubbish, cars parked on grass areas etc!
106	Would great for dog owners to have a fenced off area , as all areas are near busy roads.
107	Facilities desperately needed for young people.
108	To have the roads swept and weeds killed by the kerbs.
110	What about the doctors surgery we was supposed to be getting?
111	We need the roads to be adopted by the Council Highways to get parking and obstructions sorted.
112	Additional play areas are required. It should be unacceptable to allow cars to take over pedestrian walkways and pavements.
114	There is very little soul in Flitch Green and I think the sooner a focal point is built (Village Green, Community Centre) is built the better. It would be good to organise events e.g. Christmas Fare, Summer BBQ etc.

115	Whilst yellow lines might 'improve' travel seems a strange comment? Yellow lines cannot be enforced in areas where there is not enough parking for two cars. In areas where there are no cars the cars speed and these areas are dangerous now and nothing is being done. Yellow lines should not be considered until the development is finished.
117	Once roads have been adopted by Council, have Pelican/Zebra crossing at school. Also have speed bumps on road that the school is on.
118	We feel that a local shop is important for the area and more for the children to do. The park is awful for a 2 year old! Also replace the bus shelters with plastic not glass, how much does this cost for some people to just smash them again?!!
119	Will the bus stop be repaired with a 'non glass' material?
120	Please can we have all street lamps repaired?
121	There is a great deal of work to be done to make this place feel like a community and the parish Council has an important role to play in this. Keep the newsletters coming-regularly- there is a lot of local information/news which can go in. Also get the Community Hall up and running, with this focal point we can have village based functions. There are negative issues which concern residents and positive things which feel good. They are all there for you to use and concentrate on-use them!!
123	I think that rubbish bins should be erected around the lake and a clean up operation should be undertaken at the shelter with perhaps CCTV installed to keep vandalism and anti-social behaviour at bay.
124	When are the roads that have been established for 5 yrs going to be adopted?
126	Do something about cars parking over the pavements/double parking.
127	The paths and road in Ranulf Road should be tarmaced as a matter of urgency after all this time to make them safe for everybody.
129	Is there anything we can do about the unfinished roads/footpaths. A bench on the wooden platform by the pond would be nice!
131	Adopt the roads so cars aren't parked on pavements/passing areas (Fitzwalter Rd) Do we need a shop? Felsted shop is good/near enough.
135	Litter bin needed by youth shelter. Recycling glass near community hall. Picnic benches on village green. Community event needed. Flowers on grass bank near bus stop. Village green seems to be 'owned' by minority of residents who live next to it and not for the whole estate.
136	Thanks
139	I think the pub is a bad idea. I have seen other pubs in places like Oakwood Park – it attracts young people hanging around and they sometimes close as nobody wants the pub and it becomes a big white elephant standing empty, which in turn has its problems. There are two good pubs one in Felsted one in Little Dunmow which are struggling with the rec.
139	Pubs are going out of business every day why do we want one there at all.
140	Please try to prioritise the additional play facilities for children as the existing ones are inadequate.
146	To get the road completed in Ranulf Road, big holes in the road doing my car no good at all. Slow the speed of traffic around school area in fact whole development!
148	Having just moved to Flitch Green we think the childrens should be extended as we found it didn't have much for the children. The pub idea would be great and would make the community a great friendly

	place. Definitely needs a local shop, especially for those that don't drive. Thanks you.
150	I am concerned that the new logo and possibly village sign may be designed by a 3 year old.
152	Baynard Ave and Hallet Rd are a complete mess with the poor parking. There be some traffic restrictions in place at the very least to prevent people having to come off the pavement and walk across the road due to the inconvenience of parking on kerb.
153	Object to more 'low cost housing' due to the increase in crime and anti-social behaviour.
155	Act as a Parish Council and get the local community hall open and set up local activities for the young people of the area. When is the Parish Council going to set up some local activities to start making FG a community? Fete?
157	Flitch Green could be a lovely place to live and bring children up if only we had facilities for the community to use, as originally promised. I have to say that I think this questionnaire is a useful document, but I'm sure in the 5 years I have lived here, this isn't the first one I have completed and I fear that it won't be the last. I take pride in my home and garden and have brought my children up to be polite and respectful. Unfortunately there are a small number (but growing) group of children, and I mean children, not teenagers, who roam the streets, abuse the other children, show no respect for their property or that of others and generally give Flitch Green a bad name. I'm sure the provision of facilities may help this situation but unless parents teach them some manners and show an interest in their whereabouts, a playing field and family pub will not be a long term solution. I think we need some sort of youth club, run by parents, who can engage with the children and give them a sense of purpose, which fills the children's time in a useful manner.