

# Tillingham Parish Plan

2011 to 2016



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## Key to Abbreviations

TPC	Tillingham Parish Council	RCCE	Rural Community Council Essex
MDC	Maldon District Council	CLP	Community Led Planning Group
ECC	Essex County Council	TVHMC	Tillingham Village Hall Management Committee
TPPQ	Tillingham Parish Plan Questionnaire	WFUG	West Field User Group

## Introduction

Tillingham Parish Plan Questionnaire was distributed to 450 households in November 2009. There was a 31% response rate with 139 completed and returned questionnaires. The most popular reasons for living in Tillingham were country and village life. Section 1: About Your Household of the TPPQ provided a summary of information regarding those households completing the questionnaire.

Number in Household	1	19.7%
	2	57.7%
	3	13.1%
	4	5.8%
	5	3.6%
Age of Individuals in Household	0-4	3.4%
	5-11	3.4%
	12-16	2.4%
	17-24	3.1%
	25-44	14.4%
	45-65	40.4%
	66+	32.9%
Length of Residence	<1yr	1.5%
	1-5yr	13.4%
	6-10yr	9.7%
	11-25yr	28.4%
	>25yr	47%
Employment Status	Employed	32.4%
	Self-employed	11.5%
	In education	7.2%
	Not Working	5%
	Retired	43.9%

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## Environment and Development

Of those completing TPPQ 85% said that the surrounding countryside was very important to their household. 88% of respondents felt that it was very important to protect open spaces such as the West Field. While 36% of respondents used footpaths daily, 32% used them infrequently. 88% of respondents felt it was very important to keep Tillingham clean and tidy and 12% felt it was important. When asked if they would pay for increased services to keep Tillingham clean and tidy 52% of respondents said they would and 48% said they wouldn't.

What are the issues?	What can be done about it?	When?	Who's responsible?
<p><b>Footpath Maintenance &amp; Signposting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 11% respondents were not happy with footpath maintenance and signposting</li> <li>➤ Reasons included farmers ploughing up paths</li> </ul>	<p>Problems may be reported to: -                      Mid Area Highways Office                      2 New Dukes Way                      Chelmsford                      Essex                      CM2 6PS                      0845 603 7631  <a href="mailto:highwayenquiriesmid@essex.gov.uk">highwayenquiriesmid@essex.gov.uk</a>                      or complete online report form at  <a href="http://www.essex.gov.uk">www.essex.gov.uk</a></p>	Ad hoc	All villagers finding a problem ECC and landowners to resolve any issues
<p><b>Refuse Collection</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ No plastic waste collection</li> </ul>	<p>Facilities are available at Burnham Civic Amenity Site, but kerbside collection is not available from MDC                      Investigate whether Tillingham could have a plastics 'bin' in the TPC car park</p>	6 months	TPC CLP
<p><b>Dog Fouling</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 51% respondents consider it a major issue</li> <li>➤ 45% feel it is an occasional problem</li> <li>➤ 4% feel it is rare or not a problem</li> </ul>	<p>It is an offence not to clear up after a dog in any public open space. If a villager has witnessed dog fouling or there is an area where a villager feels dog fouling is a problem it can be reported to the Park Rangers <a href="mailto:customerservices@maldon.gov.uk">customerservices@maldon.gov.uk</a>                      FAO Park Rangers, or MDC either by telephone 01621 854477, e-mail <a href="mailto:contact@maldon.gov.uk">contact@maldon.gov.uk</a>, or via online reporting <a href="http://www.maldon.gov.uk">www.maldon.gov.uk</a></p>	Ad hoc	All villagers TPC to ensure sufficient dog bins and signs
<p><b>Parking on Pavements and Verges</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 97% respondents felt it is important to protect grass areas/verges from vehicle damage</li> </ul>	<p>If there are no parking restrictions it is difficult for any authority to take action                      If a vehicle is obstructing a pavement or footpath this is illegal and the police should be contacted                      TPC have asked villagers not to park on the grass areas of the Village Square and have put up signs</p>	Ad hoc	All villagers TPC MDC

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<p><b>Maintenance of pavements and verges</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 82% respondents satisfied with maintenance of road verges and communal grass areas</li> <li>➤ 18% were dissatisfied</li> </ul>	<p>Road verges and communal grass areas are maintained by ECC Highways and TPC</p> <p>Problems should be reported to the Mid Area Highways Office</p>	<p>Ad hoc</p>	<p>All villagers TPC MDC</p>
<p><b>Lighting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 86% of respondents felt that lighting should be improved. Areas of concern included South Street, North Street, Brook Road, Bradwell Road, St Nicholas Road, Marsh Road, Casey Lane</li> <li>➤ 14% of respondents felt that lighting should be reduced in all areas of the village at least after midnight</li> </ul>	<p>Carry out a survey or open meeting specifically regarding street lighting and the issues it causes. Do those that want improved street lighting want it on all night or just before midnight?</p>	<p>5 years</p>	<p>CLP TPC</p>
<p><b>Noise Pollution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Noise problems listed include Public Houses, domestic animals especially barking dogs, general and farm traffic, aircraft noise, street noise e.g. youths at park and West Field, noisy neighbours and fireworks when not 5<sup>th</sup> November</li> </ul>	<p>Under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 MDC have the power to serve an abatement notice to those individuals causing a problem</p> <p>To report a problem telephone Environmental Services at MDC 01621 854477 or visit <a href="http://www.maldon.gov.uk">www.maldon.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Types of noise MDC can deal with or have some powers to deal with include barking dogs, cockerels, alarms, parties, noisy neighbours, industrial noise, noise from licensed premises, delivery noise, bird scarers</p> <p>MDC does not have power to deal with fireworks, general street / traffic noise, MOD activities</p> <p>MDC advise that individuals should try talking to neighbours first if they are causing a problem</p> <p>All villagers should be aware of Good Neighbour Guide from MDC</p>	<p>Ad hoc</p>	<p>All villagers MDC TPC should put Good Neighbour Guide on TPC Notice Board</p>

## Health and Community Care

Tillingham Medical Centre is the primary care service provider in the village. Performance and patient satisfaction are monitored by the Mid-Essex Primary Care Trust. Nearest hospitals include Maldon, Chelmsford, Southend and Colchester.

Of those households completing the questionnaire many were happy with waiting times at local hospitals with 75% satisfied with waiting times at Broomfield Hospital Chelmsford and 88% happy with waiting times at St Peter’s Hospital Maldon. 75% of respondents also found it easy to obtain services such as NHS dentists and opticians available outside of the village.

What are the issues?	What can we do about it?	When?	Who’s responsible?
<b>Getting to Hospitals</b> ➤ 35% of respondents found it difficult to get to hospitals for routine appointments primarily due to lack of transport	Find out and advertise means of getting to hospital for those without transport e.g. hospital transport. Dengie Dart service offered by RCCE and Arrow Taxis started in May 2011 to provide a service to Broomfield and St Peters Hospital. Could this service be extended to Tillingham?	6 months	CLP Team Tillingham Medical Centre TPC

## Sport, Leisure and Open Space Including Community Facilities

Tillingham is very fortunate to have a large area for sports and community use. The West Field is centrally located and is surrounded by the School, a Sports Pavilion, Bowls Club and Children’s Play Area. The installation of a multi-track on the West Field has proved very popular amongst the younger age groups. There is also a ‘youth shelter’ on the West Field as a place for older children to congregate.

Tillingham Flower Show is held annually on the West Field and continues to be a well supported community event. The Flower Show is preceded by Music on the Green which is held on the village square and is also a very popular event. There is also an Annual Festival of Arts.

Tillingham Village Hall is also a great asset to the village and has recently undergone significant renovation and is tended to by Tillingham Village Hall Management Committee. There is also a building behind the Village Hall used specifically for a Children’s Hobbies Club on Wednesday evening.

What are the issues?	What can we do about it?	When?	Who’s responsible
<b>Support for Hard Play Area on the West Field</b> ➤ Suggested uses Tennis, Basketball, Netball, Roller-Skating, Skipping and Hula- hooping	Would Tillingham C of E Primary School allow use of their hard play area out of hours/weekends during summer for usage trial?  Look at the possibility of providing an all-weather surface on the West Field	5 years	TPC CLP

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<b>What Activities are Permitted on the West Field?</b> ➤ People don't know what activities they are allowed to do on the West Field e.g. Kite flying, archery etc	Use local by-laws to produce an activities poster to display on TPC notice board or flyer to households	6 months	TPC CLP
<b>Picnic Area Would be Enjoyed</b>	TPC has installed a table and chair area by the Multi Track in Spring 2010	Complete	Completed by TPC
<b>More Adult Exercise Classes Required</b> ➤ In both Village Hall and sports other than cricket and football on the West Field	Find out what exercise classes/sports groups are already available in the village Offer an information event in Village Hall to promote existing classes/groups and to find out what else is needed	1 year	CLP TVHMC WFUG
<b>Farmers Market in Village Hall or on West Field would be Enjoyed</b>	Find out how to organise a Farmers Market Organise a one off event to see how well attended and viable it is	2 years	CLP TPC TVHMC WFUG
<b>Regular Activities in Village Hall would be Enjoyed</b> ➤ Suggestions include quizzes, lectures, amateur dramatics, concerts, short mat bowls and board games	Offer an open information event in the Village Hall to promote existing activities and to canvas opinion on what is required	3 years	CLP TVHMC

### The Economy, Business and Services

Shops in the village include Cooper's Village Store which combines with the Post Office, J's Hairdresser and Gift Shop and Cumming's and Jennings. At the time of the distribution of the TPPQ there was also Sarah Green's Organic Farm Shop which has subsequently closed. There are also two village pubs and a mobile library service.

Of the households completing the TPPQ the most important local service was the Post Office followed by local shops, local trade, mobile library and the pubs. Only 12% of respondents worked in Tillingham with the remaining 88% working outside the village.

What are the issues?	What can we do about it?	When?	Who's responsible?
<b>Light Industrial Units should be Encouraged</b>	Carry out a survey of local business and their needs and possible locations for light industrial units	5 years	CLP TPC

## Community Safety

Tillingham does not have a permanent police presence, but is instead covered by Southminster Neighbourhood Policing Team. A Mobile Police Station regularly visits Tillingham enabling residents to voice their concerns. There is also a monthly Neighbourhood Action Panel held in Southminster that allows local residents to raise concerns and to have a say in the policing of their community.

Of those households that completed the Tillingham Parish Plan Questionnaire 80% always felt safe during daylight hours, whilst 20% mostly felt safe. During the hours of darkness households were less confident regarding safety with 39% feeling always safe, 57% mostly safe and 4% feeling rarely safe.

33% of respondents had cause to contact the police within the last 24 months with 84% being satisfied with the response and 16% being dissatisfied. 70% of respondents had been a victim of antisocial behaviour either reported or un-reported in the last 24 months, with 34% being affected by vandalism and 30% general rowdiness in the area.

What are the Issues?	What can we do about it?	When?	Who's responsible?
<p><b>People do not Feel as 'Safe' in Tillingham After Dark</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Areas listed as of concern included, the West Field, the West Field Car Park, outside the Pubs and dark streets</li> </ul>	<p>Endeavour to ascertain whether the lack of safety after dark is a perceived or actual threat.</p> <p>Could hold open event in the Village Hall to canvas opinion.</p> <p>Review street lighting in the village and ascertain whether lighter streets make people feel safer.</p>	5 years	<p>Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>TPC</p> <p>CLP</p>
<p><b>No Permanent Police Residence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 84% of respondents felt that a permanent police residence in Tillingham was important but unlikely</li> </ul>	<p>Although re-introduction of a permanent police resident is unlikely the community is served by the Police</p> <p>Make villagers aware of the Mobile Police Unit, NAPS and Neighbourhood Watch</p>	2 years	<p>CLP</p> <p>TPC</p> <p>Neighbourhood Watch</p>
<p><b>Neighbourhood Watch</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 58% of households in Tillingham do not know if they are in a Neighbourhood Watch Area</li> <li>➤ 28% think that it provides a useful service</li> <li>➤ 37% would like to be included in Neighbourhood Watch</li> </ul>	<p>Advertise which areas in Tillingham are covered by Neighbourhood Watch, what this involves and how to become involved</p>	1 year	<p>Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>CLP</p>

## Education and Training

Tillingham has a centrally located primary school, St Nicholas C of E Primary School for 4 to 11 year olds. There are also Pre-School and Toddlers and Tiddlers clubs within the village. Secondary School Education options are located outside of the village. Of those completing this section of the questionnaire, 43% were happy with the available secondary school education choices and 67% were happy with the provision of school transport.

Parking and traffic is of particular concern in the village, particularly around school time. Of those completing this part of the survey 57% walked their children to Tillingham Primary School and 43% did not.

What are the issues?	What can we do about it?	When?	Who's responsible?
<p><b>What Could be Done to Encourage More Parents to Walk their Children to School?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Comments in the TPPQ suggest that a bigger bike shed is needed at the school as it is always full in summer</li> <li>➤ It is suggested that safer crossings are needed at Vicarage Lane and North Street</li> </ul>	<p>Survey more parents to find out why they do not currently walk to school?</p> <p>Make Tillingham C of E Primary School aware of these comments</p> <p>Evaluate the need for a crossing</p>	1 year	<p>Tillingham C of E Primary School</p> <p>CLP</p> <p>TPC</p> <p>ECC Highways</p>



## Transport and Traffic

Tillingham is a rural community with the nearest train station in Southminster which has links to London. The main means of transport for the majority, 61%, of households is by car with most households having 1 (32%), 2 (40%) or 3 (17%) cars in the household. Of those households that own cars 57% park on a driveway, 27% in a garage and 11% on the road.

Of those households that use public transport 5% use it daily, 8% weekly and 10% monthly. 43% of households in Tillingham rarely use public transport and 34% never use public transport.

What are the issues?	What can we do about it?	When?	Who's responsible?
<p><b>Public Transport</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 42% of households are dissatisfied with the public transport service in Tillingham</li> <li>➤ Reasons include lack of regular service e.g. evenings, connections including with trains, duration of journeys to hospitals, Maldon and Chelmsford due to number of changes and stops</li> </ul>	<p>There is a Dengie Hundred Bus User Group that has been set up in Burnham to tackle issues in the Dengie Hundred                      Contact Chairman Ursula Benjafield 01621 783426 for further information</p> <p>To keep villagers up to date and to represent them a TPC councillor should attend these meetings in addition to concerned villagers</p>	<p>Ad hoc</p>	<p>All villagers                      TPC</p>
<p><b>Parking and Obstructed Pavements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 84% of households believe that there is a problem with parking and obstructed pavements in Tillingham</li> <li>➤ Areas of concern include South Street, North Street, The Square, Vicarage Lane, Marsh Road and St Nicholas Road</li> <li>➤ Particular problem areas cited include the Village Shop, Doctors and School</li> </ul>	<p>Parking problems stem from lack of off road parking, lack of use of available off road parking and inconsiderate or even illegal parking e.g. proximity to junctions and on pavements. With no specific parking restrictions this problem may be difficult to resolve.</p> <p>Advertise need for care and consideration when parking –poster on TPC Notice Board or Parish Magazine.</p> <p>Particular attention should be paid to parking for all new developments and other planning applications.</p> <p>Consider the need for parking restrictions e.g. yellow lines.</p> <p>Although parking on the street can cause problem it does actually have one advantage as it acts as a natural chicane to slow traffic.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>TPC                      ECC                      All villagers</p>

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<b>Speeding Through Village</b> ➤ 80% of households feel that there is a problem with excess speed of vehicles passing through the village	A flashing 30mph vehicle activated sign was installed in the village in 2009 and is present on rotation Investigate the possibility of arranging a Community Speed Watch campaign in Tillingham. This is run in conjunction with Essex Police and requires village volunteers to help run the scheme	2 years	CLP TPC Essex Police All villagers
<b>Heavy Vehicles Through the Village</b> ➤ 78% of households are concerned with regards to heavy vehicles travelling through Tillingham	Request volunteers to carry out a survey of traffic through the village to see whether there is a high frequency of large vehicles passing through the village and if possible what businesses they belong to	5 years	CLP TPC

### Local Government and Community Networks

As of May 2011 Tillingham has an elected Parish Council of 7 members. Tillingham is served by Maldon District Council and in turn by Essex County Council.

The most commonly read form of communication in the village was the Parish Paper which was read by 40% of households, followed by 34% reading local papers, 12% reading the PC notice board, 10% the PC minutes, and 4% view Tillingham websites.

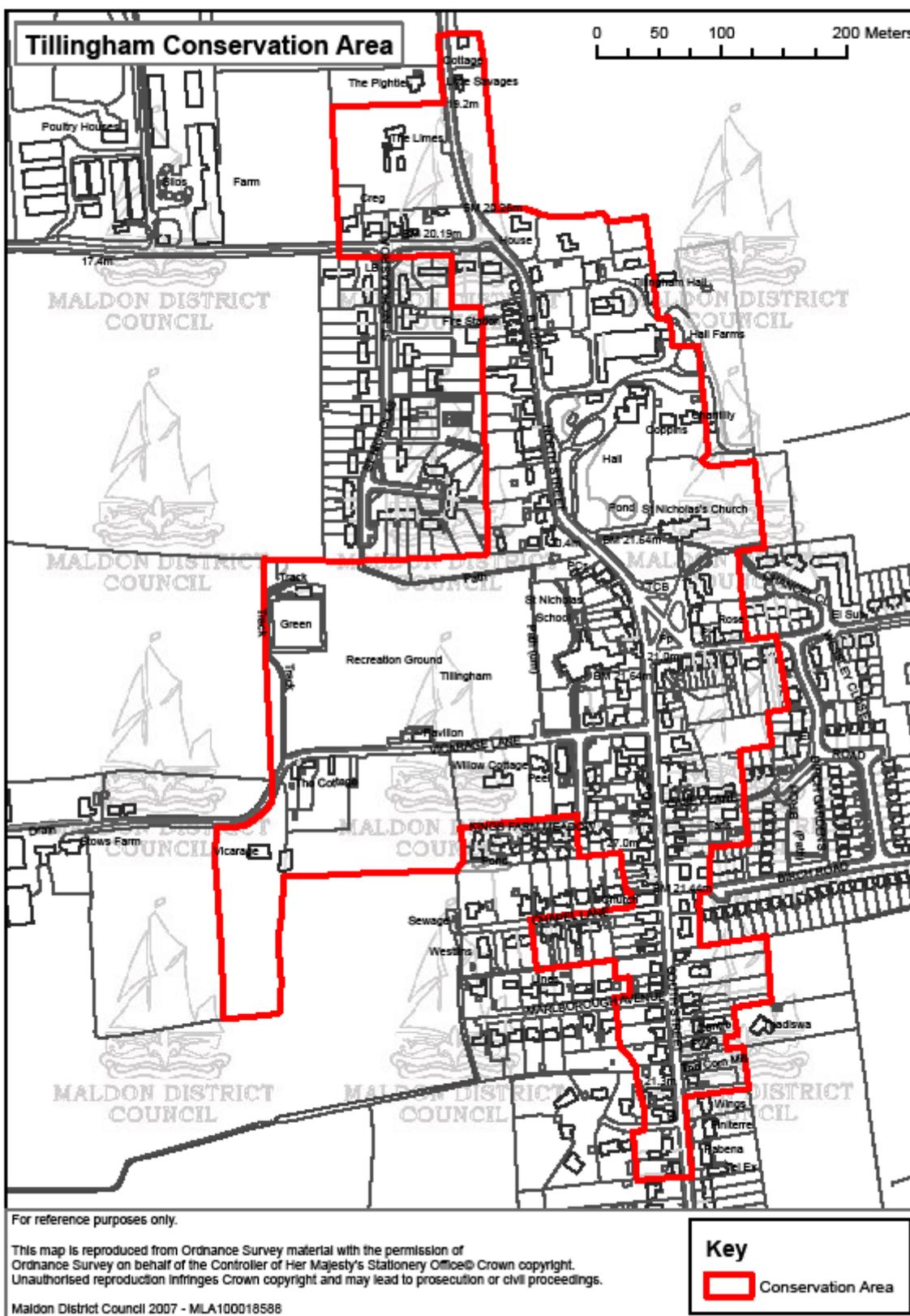
What are the issues?	What can we do about it?	When?	Who's responsible?
<b>Do TPC Represent Villagers Views?</b> ➤ 50% of respondents didn't know ➤ 38% believed TPC did represent their views ➤ 12% didn't believe they represented their views	Make villagers aware of TPC roles and responsibilities As the Parish Paper is cited as the most commonly read this would be a good place to advertise	2 years	TPC
<b>Communication Between TPC and Villagers</b> ➤ 41% of households felt there was adequate communication between TPC and villagers ➤ 34% didn't know ➤ 25% felt that there wasn't adequate communication	Suggestions from villagers included, Parish Council Newsletter, distribution of minutes faster and in more places and more information in Parish Paper including abridged matters from meetings Actions should include discussion of viability of these ideas	6 months	TPC

## Housing

Of those completing the TPPQ 18% think that a member of their household will need alternative accommodation in Tillingham now and 21% in the next 5 years. The greatest requirement at 24% was retirement homes, followed by starter homes at 22% and rental properties at 20%

What are the issues?	What can we do about it?	When?	Who's responsible?
<p><b>Starter Homes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Lack of affordable housing / starter homes</li> </ul>	<p>Following a survey in 2009 a need for 10 affordable housing properties has been identified in Tillingham. Chelmer Housing Partnership (CHP) are taking the project forward</p>	Ongoing	<p>RCCE TPC MDC ECC CHP</p>
<p><b>Building in Tillingham</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Some people are concerned about more houses being built in Tillingham</li> <li>➤ Some people are concerned that 'affordable homes' don't get allocated to people within the village</li> </ul>	<p>Keep villagers up to date with all planning matters via Parish Council Minutes or updates in the Parish Paper</p> <p>Hold open meetings whenever possible for affordable housing similar to that held in Feb 2011 by Flagship Housing</p> <p>Remind all villagers that they are able to attend all Parish Council Meetings to express their view/objections within the Public Forum</p>	Ongoing	<p>TPC Flagship Housing RCCE CLP</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Lack of Retirement Homes?</b></li> </ul>	<p>Hold an open event to determine if there is a lack of suitable retirement housing options in the village e.g. bungalows and what the need is for them</p> <p>Make people aware of the warden controlled bungalows within the village</p>	3 years	<p>CLP TPC</p>

Map Of Tillingham including Conservation Area



Residents living within the conservation do not have General Permitted Development Rights and must submit planning applications for any visual alterations to their properties

