



Hawkwell Parish Plan



You live in Hawkwell - here is what YOU said about its future!

A message from Vic Leach – Chairman of Hawkwell Parish Council November 2011

The seed funding provided by **Hawkwell Parish Council** to the Hawkwell Parish Plan Group has been a remarkable investment. From the initial meeting of residents to form a steering group to the holding of public meetings to identify the desires and needs of Parishioners, it has been a long, hard road but the committee formed to manage the work of the HPPG have been more than equal to the task and are to be congratulated on their work.

The Parish Plan has been an opportunity for all residents to have a genuine say in the shape of the Parish in the future and, once formally adopted, will oblige the principal councils Hawkwell Parish, Rochford District and Essex County Councils, to take seriously the aspirations put forward. The principal authorities will now have a cogent, well thought out vision for the future of the Parish. The Parish Council is grateful to all those who took the time to fill in the questionnaires and give a genuine representative picture across the Parish.

I feel fortunate to live in Hawkwell; we have amongst the lowest crime rates in Rochford District, which is already among the lowest in Essex. We are blessed with excellent parks which provide fine leisure spaces for walkers and those requiring gentle exercise. However, the Parish faces many challenges over the coming years, many of which could bring direct benefit to us all, but many have the potential of causing disruption and concern. Hopefully by giving our Parish, District and County Councillors guidance by way of this report we will all end up with the Parish we want.

Vic Leach
Chairman of Hawkwell Parish Council

Introduction

The Hawkwell Parish Plan has been created from the results of the questionnaire which was delivered to all residents' letterboxes in Hawkwell (nearly 5000) in May 2011. The number of completed questionnaires returned totalled 1250. Statistical analysis was carried out by Greensward Academy and by Hawkwell Parish Plan Group committee members.

The Future for Hawkwell

The majority of people like living in Hawkwell and genuinely care about the environment and want to ensure the preservation of our open spaces, ancient woodlands, bridleways, parks and greenbelt land. These could be preserved in the future by encouraging young people to take a pride in the area in which they live. Ponds and woodland areas need to be properly maintained to sustain our considerable wild life. A local footpath map is required for Hawkwell together with better cycle paths and facilities for cyclists.

There is a general feeling for the need to tidy up and maintain shop fronts and other communal places and to be more aware of the problems of litter and dog fouling.

There is a lot of confusion regarding the Parish boundaries and clearer parish boundary signs are required with possibly a unique postcode for Hawkwell to clarify this. The identity and present size of Hawkwell should be retained and not increased out of character for the neighbourhood.

Traffic is an ever increasing problem especially at peak times. This could escalate with the airport expansion and may need large lorries passing through Hawkwell to be restricted to certain times. Parking is inadequate at shopping areas and deliveries at peak times add to more hold ups and congestion. Speeding traffic and road safety are a problem and residents have made suggestions for improvements.

The vast majority wish to see no more housing developments in Hawkwell but where it is essential, for housing to be located on infill and 'brown field' sites and not lumped together into large estates. A fairer distribution of new housing throughout the Rochford District is a necessary aim. Any new housing to be built only after the necessary infrastructure improvements to roads, utility supplies and drainage etc. have been made and priority for housing should be given to local residents and their children. There should be no encroachment onto greenbelt and residents want to be consulted on any future proposed large building developments.

Youth Clubs and a Community Centre would be useful developments in Hawkwell together with more leisure activities and facilities for the disabled, elderly and young. A visible police presence (on foot) would improve safety and minimise petty crime in the area.

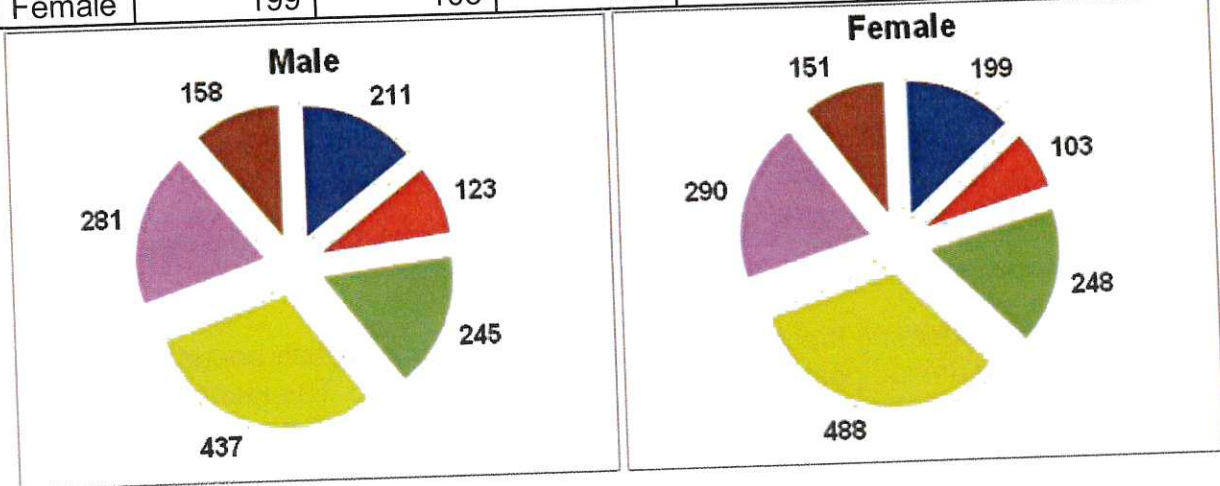
The single No. 8 bus service in the west of Hawkwell is infrequent, unreliable and limited and needs to be improved.

It is hoped that with the Hawkwell Parish Plan in place, it will be used as a true reference of the views and needs of the residents who sincerely wish to enjoy and take pride in Hawkwell and look forward to continuing improvements in the future.

Your Household

H1 Please indicate the number of males and females in each age group in your household.

| | Under 16 | 16-24 | 25-44 | 45-64 | 65-74 | 75+ |
|--------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| Male | 211 | 123 | 245 | 437 | 281 | 158 |
| Female | 199 | 103 | 248 | 488 | 290 | 151 |



These results were taken 1250 questionnaires with details from 2934 residents. (average residents per home is 2.35)

H2.1 How long have you and your family lived in Hawkwell?

| | |
|---------------|-----|
| Under 2 years | 9% |
| 2-5 years | 18% |
| 5-15 years | 35% |
| 16-25 years | 22% |
| Over 25 years | 16% |

H2.2 What is your Hawkwell post code?

| | | | |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| SS4 | 42% | SS5 | 58% |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|

SS4 is associated with Ashingdon and Rochford. SS5 is associated with Hockley

Environment

E1 Are the open spaces, bridleways, woodlands and parks in Hawkwell important to you?

| | | | |
|-----|-----|----|-----|
| Yes | 82% | No | 18% |
|-----|-----|----|-----|

Comments: Green belt, woodlands and parks must be maintained and improved. Would like to see the pond in Magnolia Park Nature Reserve cleaned and better looked after, the smell coming from the pond is awful; wildlife does not stand a chance in there.

E2 Should green belt land and ancient woodlands be preserved in Hawkwell?

| | | | |
|-----|-----|----|-----|
| Yes | 78% | No | 22% |
|-----|-----|----|-----|

E3 Do you think the Parish Council should oversee and act with voluntary services to encourage young people to protect the environment in Hawkwell?

| | | | |
|-----|-----|----|-----|
| Yes | 73% | No | 27% |
|-----|-----|----|-----|

E4 Do you think it would be useful to have Hawkwell footpath maps available in the local library?

| | | | |
|-----|-----|----|-----|
| Yes | 80% | No | 20% |
|-----|-----|----|-----|

E5 How do you think the expansion of the Airport will affect the environment of Hawkwell?

| | | | | | |
|----------------|-----|------------------|-----|------------|-----|
| Satisfactorily | 41% | Unsatisfactorily | 38% | No Opinion | 21% |
|----------------|-----|------------------|-----|------------|-----|

E6 Is there sufficient seating in parks, woods and open spaces?

| | | | |
|-----|-----|----|-----|
| Yes | 87% | No | 13% |
|-----|-----|----|-----|

Comments: The majority of residents required seating in Clements Hall field and in Magnolia Park

E7 Do you have any flooding problems?

| | | | |
|-----|-----|----|-----|
| Yes | 12% | No | 88% |
|-----|-----|----|-----|

If "Yes" please give area/postcode

| Area | Instances | Post Codes | | | |
|---------------------|-----------|------------|---------|---------|---------|
| | | | | | |
| Main Road | 9 | SS5 4EL | SS5 4EN | SS5 4EP | SS5 4EY |
| | | SS5 4EZ | SS5 4JN | SS5 4NR | |
| Hill Lane | 7 | SS5 4HL | | | |
| Elmwood Avenue | 6 | SS5 4NA | SS5 4ND | SS5 4NQ | |
| Hawkwell Park Drive | 5 | SS5 4HB | SS5 4HF | SS5 4HP | |
| Rectory Road | 5 | SS4 1UG | SS5 4JX | SS5 4LG | |
| Ashingdon Road | 4 | SS4 1RG | SS4 1UA | SS4 3ED | SS4 3JA |
| Ironwell Lane | 3 | SS4 1NH | SS5 4JY | | |
| Rectory Avenue | 2 | SS4 3AB | SS4 3AW | | |
| Windsor Gardens | 2 | SS5 4LQ | | | |
| Clements Hall Lane | 1 | SS5 4DS | | | |
| Sunny Road | 1 | SS5 4NZ | | | |

Community

C1 Would you prefer Hawkwell to be identified in its own right and not as Hockley, Ashingdon or Rochford by using a unique postcode prefix?

| | | | | | |
|-----|-----|----|-----|------------|-----|
| Yes | 47% | No | 19% | No opinion | 34% |
|-----|-----|----|-----|------------|-----|

C2 Would you like the parish boundaries to be shown more clearly?

| | | | | | |
|-----|-----|----|-----|------------|-----|
| Yes | 63% | No | 24% | No opinion | 13% |
|-----|-----|----|-----|------------|-----|

Comments: Many residents are confused about where the boundaries are, this is compounded by many estate agents referring to Hawkwell properties as being in Hockley, Ashingdon or Rochford. Many residents stated they want Hawkwell to be well defined as a village. There is certainly a need to properly identify Hawkwell by suitable signs and retain it's boundaries.

C3 Do you think there is a need for a Community Centre in Hawkwell?

| | | | | | |
|-----|-----|----|-----|------------|-----|
| Yes | 54% | No | 15% | No opinion | 31% |
|-----|-----|----|-----|------------|-----|

Comments: If we were able to have a community centre – could this include access to health & social advice for young and needy families. Could be a base used by different groups.

C4.1 Do you think there are enough public notice boards throughout Hawkwell which are informative and well maintained?

| | | | | | |
|-----|-----|----|-----|------------|-----|
| Yes | 38% | No | 36% | No opinion | 26% |
|-----|-----|----|-----|------------|-----|

C4.2 If No do you think notice boards should be placed at any of the following locations:-

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|
| Main Road Shops Hawkwell | 37% |
| Golden Cross Shops Hawkwell | 24% |
| Post Office, Ashingdon Road Hawkwell | 32% |
| Other | 7% |

C5 Are there any community activities you are interested in that are not catered for?

A lot of interest was shown in various activities, both indoor and out, and for all age groups. Many of these activities are available in Hawkwell or nearby for a modest fee but are not known about because of poor publicity. University of Third Age groups exist in Rayleigh and Hullbridge which cater for many of these requirements for older people.

Examples of some requests are:

Bowls, there is interest in both indoor and outdoor bowls being provided. Areas for people to meet in a safe environment, art & craft, music & literature, a bridge club, gardening, allotments, and wildlife groups are all of interest.

There were many requests for activities that are available in the nearby towns of Rayleigh and Southend.

C6.1 What do you think of these publications?

| | Good | Do not receive |
|---|------|----------------|
| "Yellow Advertiser" | 72% | 28% |
| "Hawkwell 7" (the Hawkwell Parish newsletter) | 84% | 16% |
| "Rochford District Matters" | 92% | 8% |
| "Hawkwell Residents Association Newsletter" | 86% | 14% |

Comments: A local publication for Hawkwell and surrounding areas containing events and activities would be useful for all Hawkwell residents as currently there is nothing available.

C6.2 Are you familiar with the following on-line sites?

| | Yes | no |
|---|-----|-----|
| www.rochford.gov.uk (Rochford District Council website) | 77% | 23% |
| http://www.hawkwell.net/ (Hawkwell Residents Association) | 34% | 66% |
| http://www.hawkwellparishcouncil.gov.uk/ | 32% | 68% |
| www.hawkwellplan.org.uk (the Hawkwell Parish Plan website) | 24% | 76% |

Services and Amenities

SA1 Are you satisfied with the following services in Hawkwell? Please indicate below.

| Numbers from 750 Questionnaires | Number dissatisfied | Remarks |
|--|---------------------|--|
| Refuse collection | 31 | Residents prefer weekly collections and more care to be taken by collectors. |
| Recycling service | 6 | |
| Maintenance of roads | 283 | Large number of complaints regarding potholes |
| Street cleaning | 96 | |
| Snow clearance on roads | 397 | Snow clearance must be carried out properly and grit bins for side roads and paths reinstated. Maintenance of roads is of major concern in the area. |
| Snow clearance on footpaths | 449 | |
| Street light maintenance | 28 | Several residents complain about lack of maintenance. |
| Dog waste bins provision and emptying | 118 | Major problem, not nearly enough |
| Verge maintenance | 55 | Generally speaking some residents complain about poor verge maintenance |
| Pavement maintenance | 170 | Overhanging branches and shrubs are the main causes for complaint. |
| Maintenance of footpaths, bridleways, woodland and parks | 52 | Alleys and footpaths never maintained. Bridleway maintenance is poor. |
| Local library services | 15 | Under utilised libraries will close. |
| Do your local Post Offices provide all the services you require? | 37 | Lack of paypoint facilities. |
| Maintenance of cycle lanes | 3 | better signage and road markings for cyclists/pedestrians required |
| Maintenance of children's play areas | 18 | Supervision and better play equipment required. |
| Youth Shelter (Clements Hall field) | 27 | Tends to be abused, needs some supervision |
| Adult open air gym (Magnolia Park) | 2 | |
| Emptying of Litter bins | 24 | More bins needed, they need emptying more regularly |
| Road gritting bins | 210 | |
| Grass cutting – open spaces | 5 | |
| Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall | 6 | Urgent refurbishment and more seating. Toilets available for park users especially in summer and more waste bins required. |
| Hawkwell Village Hall | 11 | Residents complain about late loud music, hall needs refurbishment. |

Comments: A large proportion of residents are concerned about dog fouling and litter. Dogs are not being kept on a lead and fouling is not being cleaned up by dog owners. Magnolia Park is very bad for litter and dog fouling and is stopping residents from using the facility. There is a need to develop facilities in and around Hawkwell – we must capture its unique ambiance and character; it is steeped in history there is a need to develop local culture and local crafts.

The junction at Main Rd, B1013, with Rectory Road is an accident waiting to happen, coming out of Rectory Rd the sight line is blocked to the right with bushes. There are many cases of bushes and even trees intruding on to pavements, making single file the only way to proceed. This is very bad for blind people and for mothers with prams and small children.

It should be noted that both Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall and Hawkwell Village Hall are the responsibility of trustees and not the Parish Council.

SA2 If you are experiencing difficulty obtaining any of the following services please indicate *

| | Children requiring this service | Adults requiring this service |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| NHS Dentist | | 64% |
| Doctor | | 7% |
| Playgroup | | 12% |
| Child's Nursery | | 17% |
| Community Transport (Wyvern) | | - |

Wyvern Community Transport: bus service from Golden Cross shops runs up Ashingdon Road through to Hockley Spa - then back via Main Road, and Rectory Road to Golden Cross. This enables passengers to pick up buses to Southend/Rayleigh

**in many cases this section was left blank suggesting there is no difficulty in obtaining services, the scores above reflect those areas the minority who did report access issues have, it is likely that this is not statistically significant*

SA3 Would you like to rent an allotment in Hawkwell if one was available?

| | | | |
|-----|-----|----|-----|
| Yes | 11% | No | 89% |
|-----|-----|----|-----|

SA4.1 Have you needed police assistance recently and was their response satisfactory?

| | |
|--|-----|
| Yes I was satisfied | 78% |
| No I was not satisfied with response time | 8% |
| No I was not satisfied with the assistance given | 14% |

Comments: The presence of Community Support Officers in Hawkwell would discourage vandalism in Rectory Road and Clements Hall, and limit car vandalism, drunkenness and littering by teenagers in nearby areas. Antisocial behaviour in several areas - especially Golden Cross and Magnolia Park could be prevented.

The view expressed by residents is that more police presence is needed - there is no real police visibility in Hawkwell and police could stop 99% of local problems by enforcing the laws that already stand.

SA4.2 Are you a member of "Neighbourhood Watch"?

| | | | |
|-----|-----|----|-----|
| Yes | 12% | No | 88% |
|-----|-----|----|-----|

SA5 Clements Hall Leisure Centre *

| | |
|--|-----|
| If members of your household visit the Centre, how many of you go there? | * |
| Of these, how many are satisfied with the facilities used? | 64% |

**where one member of the household used Clements Hall, others often did too.*

Traffic and Highways

TH1 Do members of your household consider any of these traffic issues to be a problem within Hawkwell? Tick one response per row.

| Topic | Major Problem | Problem | Not a Problem | Don't Know |
|---|---------------|---------|---------------|------------|
| Speeding traffic | 11% | 54% | 22% | 13% |
| Excessive traffic congestion | 43% | 28% | 24% | 5% |
| Tidal traffic congestion that leads to gridlock | 45% | 32% | 20% | 3% |
| Too many unnecessary road signs | 4% | 24% | 68% | 14% |
| Too many faulty road signs | 4% | 14% | 82% | - |

| | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Parking on pavements, paths and verges | 6% | 45% | 38% | 11% |
| Parking on double yellow lines | 8% | 48% | 34% | 10% |
| Parking at Hawkwell shopping areas | 4% | 21% | 68% | 7% |
| Is car parking a problem when parents drop off or pick up their children from school? | 18% | 57% | 27% | 8% |

| | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Safety of cycle paths | 12% | 18% | 45% | 25% |
| Inadequacy of cycle paths | 24% | 29% | 20% | 27% |
| Cycling on pavements | 18% | 28% | 47% | 7% |
| Inadequate roadside footpaths | 6% | 6% | 67% | 21% |
| Danger on cycle path on Ashingdon Road | 6% | 16% | 46% | 32% |
| Inadequate bridleways | 4% | 7% | 32% | 57% |

TH2 If you consider speeding traffic is a problem in Hawkwell, how do you think this should be dealt with? Please tick appropriate boxes below.

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-----|
| Infrared speed alerts | 43% |
| Traffic calming (speed bumps) | 25% |
| Speed limit signs | 27% |
| Residents use hand-held speed cameras | 3% |

TH3 Tick anything you think contributes to traffic problems in Hawkwell

| | |
|--|-----|
| Use of Hawkwell as a "through route" | 18% |
| General congestion | 32% |
| Location of bus stops | 9% |
| Commercial/Delivery traffic | 24% |
| Kerbside issues | 7% |
| Location of crossings | 4% |
| Lack of traffic regulation enforcement (traffic wardens, police etc) | 5% |
| Other (specify) | 1% |

TH4 Tick any of the following measures you would support to regulate traffic in Hawkwell

| | |
|--|-----|
| A 20 mph speed limit near schools | 18% |
| A 20 mph speed limit near shops | 8% |
| A 20 mph speed on estate roads | 14% |
| Flashing speed warning signs | 8% |
| More speed cameras | 7% |
| Traffic calming | 17% |
| More road warning signs | 12% |
| More police presence | 9% |
| Traffic wardens to enforce traffic regulations | 3% |
| Other | 4% |

TH5 Do the roads need to be reinforced to withstand heavier traffic?

| | | | | | |
|-----|-----|----|-----|------------|-----|
| Yes | 36% | No | 30% | Don't know | 34% |
|-----|-----|----|-----|------------|-----|

TH5.1 Should large lorries be restricted to certain times on the roads?

| | | | | | |
|-----|-----|----|-----|------------|-----|
| Yes | 42% | No | 27% | Don't know | 31% |
|-----|-----|----|-----|------------|-----|

TH5.2 Should traffic management be reviewed before the airport becomes fully operational and more homes are built in Hawkwell?

| | | | | | |
|-----|-----|----|-----|------------|-----|
| Yes | 63% | No | 16% | Don't know | 21% |
|-----|-----|----|-----|------------|-----|

TH6 At which locations do you experience the most congestion problems?

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| Main Road Hawkwell | 26% |
| Nursery Corner Hawkwell | 8% |
| Rectory Avenue Hawkwell | 7% |
| Ashingdon Road | 12% |
| Rectory Road Railway Bridge | 15% |
| Golden Cross | 14% |
| Hawkwell Near schools | 18% |

Comments:

It is felt that "only 8%" having a problem with Nursery Corner' is unrepresentative of those who use the junction.

A bypass from Brays Lane to Bournes Green would pick up industrial traffic from Baltic Wharf, Purdey's Industrial Estate and take Canewdon's traffic, and traffic to the East of Southend and Shoeburyness.

Create dual carriageway from West St to Golden Cross

Bypass Hawkwell from Cherry Orchard Way to the A130 (to eliminate the rat run)

TH7 Do you think the authorities should carry out traffic counts and speed checks?

| | | | | | |
|-----|-----|----|-----|------------|----|
| Yes | 82% | No | 16% | Don't know | 2% |
|-----|-----|----|-----|------------|----|

TH8 Please indicate the number of vehicles in your household and show where they are normally parked

| | Own garage | Driveway | On the road |
|-------------|------------|----------|-------------|
| Cars | 376 | 1332 | 106 |
| Motorcycles | 75 | 15 | 0 |
| Vans | 5 | 90 | 18 |
| Bicycles | 579 | 17 | 0 |

Comment: 1151 out of 1250 answered this question; some households have more than one car.

TH9 Do you think that parking facilities are adequate in -
East Hawkwell shops

| | | | | | |
|-----|-----|----|-----|------------|-----|
| Yes | 34% | No | 37% | Don't know | 29% |
|-----|-----|----|-----|------------|-----|

West Hawkwell shops

| | | | | | |
|-----|-----|----|-----|------------|-----|
| Yes | 36% | No | 38% | Don't know | 26% |
|-----|-----|----|-----|------------|-----|

TH10 When using private transport, do you have difficulty getting into, out of or through Hawkwell by road?

| | | | | | |
|-------|-----|--------------|-----|-------|----|
| Often | 28% | Occasionally | 68% | Never | 4% |
|-------|-----|--------------|-----|-------|----|

TH11 Please tick how people in your household use this transport in and around Hawkwell.

1,183 answered this question from a total of 1,249 questionnaires returned

| | Car as driver or passenger | Motorcycle | Bicycle |
|---------------------|----------------------------|------------|---------|
| Every Day | 1342 | 28 | 51 |
| A few days per week | 765 | 19 | 113 |
| Once per week | 85 | 12 | 81 |
| Monthly | 12 | 4 | 59 |
| Seldom | 27 | 13 | 76 |
| Never | 17 | 113 | 49 |

Comment: The overall pattern emerging was that interviewees had a preferred method of transport that they regularly used, rarely deviating from that mode of transport,

TH12 Which of these modes of transport are used by your children to get to school or college?

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| Walk | 19% |
| Bus | 14% |
| Bicycle | 4% |
| Train | 8% |
| Car | 16% |
| Taxi | 2% |
| Not applicable | 37% |

TH13 If by car, please tick any of the following reasons

| | | | | | | | |
|--------|-----|----------|-----|-------------|-----|------|----|
| Safety | 36% | Distance | 18% | Convenience | 38% | Cost | 8% |
|--------|-----|----------|-----|-------------|-----|------|----|

Would you consider an alternative mode of transport?

| | | | | | |
|-----|-----|----|-----|------------|-----|
| Yes | 37% | No | 42% | Don't know | 21% |
|-----|-----|----|-----|------------|-----|

TH14 For roads and paths, please tick any you would like to see in Hawkwell

| Facility | | Location |
|--|----|--|
| More street lights | 29 | Mostly on the B1013 |
| More pelican crossings | 34 | Main Road, Ashingdon Road and Rectory Road |
| Zebras replaced by pelicans | 34 | Main Road and Ashingdon Road |
| Roundabouts replaced by traffic lights | 50 | Rectory Road, Main Road and Ashingdon Road |
| More pavements | 47 | Rectory Road, Main Road and Ashingdon Road |

From 174 questionnaires with answers to this question

TH15 If cycle paths were provided in Hawkwell, would you use them?

| | | | | | |
|-----|-----|----|-----|---------|-----|
| Yes | 38% | No | 26% | No bike | 36% |
|-----|-----|----|-----|---------|-----|

TH16 Is there a need for better facilities for cyclists?

| | | | | | |
|-----|-----|----|-----|------------|-----|
| Yes | 56% | No | 25% | No opinion | 19% |
|-----|-----|----|-----|------------|-----|

Comments: In general there are very strong feelings about poor car parking, poor roundabout placement, congestion, heavy lorries, lack of footpaths and poor cycle tracks. There were two main routes where cycle paths should be provided or extended: Ashingdon Road and the B1013. Also cycle racks are required at all Hawkwell shops. All these infrastructure problems should be addressed urgently.

Public Transport

PT1 Do you experience difficulty by public transport getting into, out of and through Hawkwell by road?

| | | | | | |
|-------|-----|--------------|-----|-------|-----|
| Often | 12% | occasionally | 46% | Never | 42% |
|-------|-----|--------------|-----|-------|-----|

Comments: These figures should be treated cautiously because East Hawkwell is served by more than four times as many buses as West Hawkwell

PT2 How do people in your household use this transport to/from and around Hawkwell?

1072 residents answered the question.

| | Every Day | A few days per week | Once per week | Monthly | Seldom | Never |
|------|-----------|---------------------|---------------|---------|--------|-------|
| Taxi | 2 | 22 | 39 | 72 | 374 | 214 |
| Bus | 58 | 194 | 129 | 78 | 289 | 283 |

Comments: When the children are a little older they will travel to school by bus.

PT3 How does your household rate the local bus services in Hawkwell?

| Service | Excellent | Good | Adequate | Poor |
|-------------------|-----------|------|----------|------|
| Quality | 4% | 46% | 43% | 7% |
| Frequency | 6% | 48% | 43% | 3% |
| Timetable | 6% | 46% | 45% | 3% |
| Routes | 4% | 45% | 41% | 10% |
| Cost | 12% | 43% | 40% | 5% |
| Bus stop location | 4% | 47% | 46% | 3% |

Comment: The majority of residents replied "Good" or "Adequate" but those living in East Hawkwell have a 15 minute service and an evening service: it is in West Hawkwell that there is a problem. In general more buses are needed, especially No. 8 in the evening.

It is interesting that the Ariva bus route map (including no. 7 and no. 8) doesn't even mention Hawkwell and the time table refers only to "Rectory Road Hawkwell" as a stop!

Some residents from East Hawkwell near the Victory Public House want to have buses that run to the Leisure Centre in West Hawkwell.

PT4 Which of the following improvements would encourage members of your household to use the local bus service? Please tick for improvements

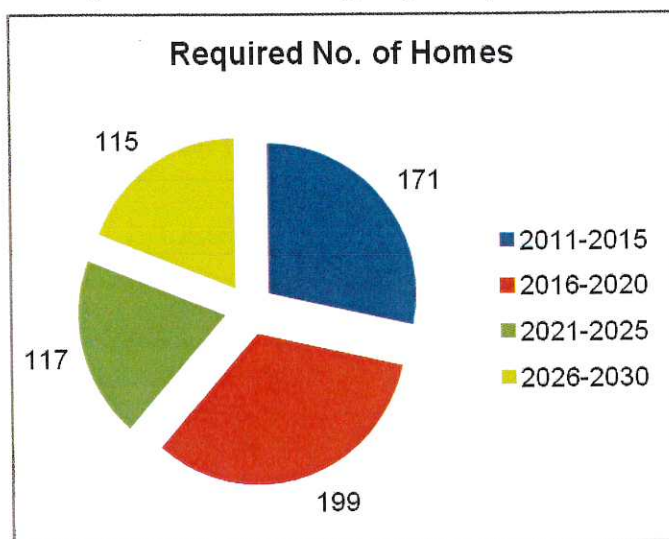
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|--|-----|
| Buses keeping to scheduled timetable | 13% |
| More bus shelters | 9% |
| Extend all No. 8 buses to Rayleigh | 12% |
| Run buses from Hawkwell to Rochford Railway station | 6% |
| Better disabled and pushchair access onto buses | 4% |
| Evening buses to/from Southend Hospital | 12% |
| No. 8 buses to be extended to cover Hall Road Cemetery | 11% |
| Reinstatement of evening No. 8 buses | 10% |
| Continue the buses from Ashingdon Schools onto Hockley as a circular route | 11% |
| No. 8 service to Rayleigh and Southend to be improved in routing and frequency | 4% |
| Run buses from Ashingdon to Clements Hall Leisure Centre | 8% |

Comments: Bus services are bad, infrequent, late and expensive. This relates in particular to the number 8 'service'. If these problems were rectified, more people would use public transport instead of clogging the roads with cars.

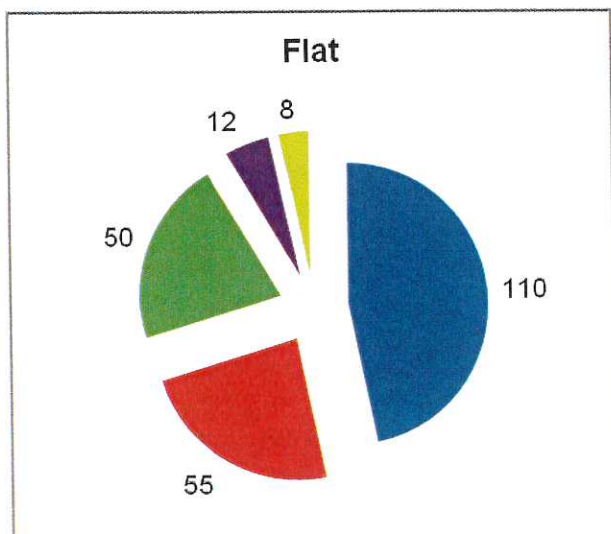
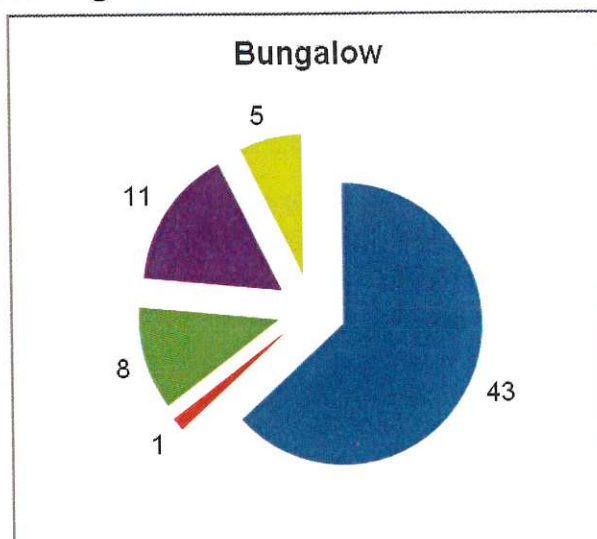
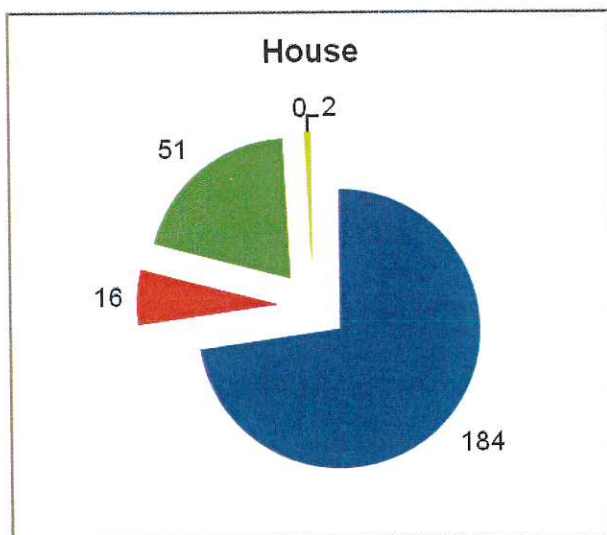
There is now a No 2 bus from Hockley Spa at 9:32am to Chelmsford, returning at 14:15 from Chelmsford and taking 40 minutes. This service is on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Housing and Development

HD1 How many people in your household are likely to require a home of their own in Hawkwell or nearby in the following 5 year periods?



And what type of housing would be needed?



Key to Housing charts



HD2 Rochford District Council are proposing to build an additional 190 homes per year in the district between 2011 to 2031.

| | Yes | No |
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| New large housing developments | 4% | 96% |
| New small housing developments | 50% | 50% |
| Brownfield only | 68% | 32% |
| Greenbelt and brown field | 31% | 69% |
| Resident consultation on future g-belt development | 72% | 38% |
| Is new development necessary | 16% | 84% |

HD3 Has any member of your family had to leave Hawkwell in the last 5 years through lack of affordable housing?

Yes 14%

No 86%

HD4 Do you think Rochford District Council (RDC) should redefine housing development areas after consultation with residents in order to reduce the impact on the infrastructure?

Yes 75%

No 25%

HD5 Should RDC resist all future plans to build on Green Belt land?

Yes 84%

No 16%

HD6.1 Do you consider the infrastructure of Hawkwell is sufficient to cope with the development of more houses?

Yes 12%

No 88%

HD6.2 Do you think that all **new buildings** should have adequate off road or dedicated on road parking for those living or working in them?

Yes 74%

No 26%

Additional Comments from residents of Hawkwell solely regarding Housing Development

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| 1 | I am totally against any further development in the Parish of Hawkwell, both housing and business. The area is densely populated and most residents live here because of the open spaces in and around the parish. |
| 2 | There are enough houses already in Hawkwell. We don't need to spoil our lovely area. We all choose to live here because it was uncrowded and not full of social housing and its problems. |
| 3 | There should be no further development of any kind until proper consideration has been given to existing infrastructure i.e. doctors,, schools, road, traffic etc. Especially in view of proposed airport expansion. |
| 4 | We need cheaper 1st time buyer homes but I don't want more houses built in Rectory Road etc. So what is the answer? The roads are so busy, schools, doctors etc. Full up already so where do my daughters go to live with their families? Out of the area I suppose - we want the area to stay as lovely as it is now. Thanks for trying though. |
| 5 | With more building to take place how on earth are the roads going to cope. Sometimes to get out of Hockley Rise on to main road you can wait 5 or more minutes. This does not always apply to rush hours or school times. |
| 6 | Please no large housing developments such as Christmas Tree Farm and Hall Road. I live on Main Road Hawkwell and the traffic congestion has become very bad. |
| 7 | "Affordable Housing" encourages influx of people outside the area rather than housing local people. |
| 8 | No houses should be built in Rectory Road, no proper road infrastructure a lot more traffic through Hawkwell. Hall Road would be far more suitable. Plenty of space for road to be widened, near Cherry Orchard Road roundabout which is much larger than roundabout at Potash Nursery. |
| 9 | Properties should not be demolished by developers that are adequate dwellings, just to build additional properties on that site. |
| 10 | Whilst most affordable housing is needed for locals I would prefer to see these on brown-field sites and to some extent back garden re-development where suitable. |
| 11 | Green open spaces are essential as is the safeguarding of green belt wherever possible. |
| 12 | Enough of building sites we are full up. Only reason we "need" more houses is because of immigration. |
| 13 | Affordable housing is only affordable to the first buyer who will soon sell for a profit. |
| 14 | We have moved to Hawkwell for a village community so do not want any more new builds in this area. |
| 15 | Difficult to predict housing needs in future as we are in our 60s |
| 16 | No more houses in Hawkwell. |
| 17 | Hawkwell will be spoilt with hardly any green belt left. |

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| 18 | The Council is determined to over develop the area, the roads cannot cope. A solution is not further over-development by building further roads. The airport will cause more problems - greatly under estimated. |
| 19 | For any future building developments on a large scale to be considered, RDC need to ensure the infrastructure can support the extra traffic - and educational and NHS facilities be adequate. |
| 20 | Strict control of Housing Development with greater consideration as to the effect of such development on the environment and public services. |
| 21 | No more building on our green belt – Roads / Schools / Doctors will not cope. |
| 22 | I feel that I moved to Hawkwell in 1986 to get away from over-building in Rayleigh. I feel that with all the proposed development the village feel of Hawkwell will be lost and I will be pushed out of my home to find a more relaxed place to live. Hawkwell should remain a village. |
| 23 | The proposed development of 175 houses at the Christmas Tree Farm (Hawkwell) cannot be sustained with the small road network i.e. Rectory Road, Main Road. Traffic will build up unnecessarily to St Mary's Church. Already there is a big problem on Ashingdon Road. It really does not make sense. I'm really annoyed that companies like David Wilson can use bully tactics on local residents who take pride and care of their community. Their proposal to add a roundabout at Rectory Road/Main Road is absolutely ludicrous to solve traffic for 175 extra houses. |
| 24 | Retain all green-field sites and reduced building on anything other than originally built on areas. |
| 25 | We had to downsize and found it hard getting a 4 bed house with a decent garden all our neighbours have no or grown children living at home but large houses because they are finding it hard to get decent retirement property. |
| 26 | We love Hawkwell as it is . We oppose any development or changes that take away the village feel. If we oppose the development there is no need to change the infrastructure. Small improvements and safety improvements should always be considered though. |
| 27 | I am worried about the proposal of housing developments in Hawkwell. I have moved from an overpopulated area into Hawkwell and find it much more preferable. It would be a shame if this lovely area is ruined. |
| 28 | Hawkwell residents have told RDC no more homes are needed; places are still <u>for sale</u> so why build more? |
| 29 | We do not need the housing development that the Council have agreed to, they are letting the community down again. They never learn from past mistakes. |
| 30 | Would not like to see any big building developments in Hawkwell as at the moment there is a nice mix of greenbelt and housing. |
| 31 | Hawkwell Parish is struggling to hang on to its greatest advantage, its rural atmosphere and environment. Every attempt should be made to resist encroachment by “developers” which will turn the Parish into a traffic dominated ghetto. |

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| 32 | Thank you for the opportunity to voice an opinion, although the majority of residents in Hawkwell abhor change as we so often hear, we are not all of the same opinion, sad as it is our numbers as residents are growing and they need to be accommodated, this does not have to mean to the detriment of our lives but for the better if managed properly and considerably. All things change and grow, its up to us how they manifest. |
| 33 | Proposed housing developments are major concern for the area not only in terms of character but also general infrastructure and volumes of traffic which has increased dramatically over the last 10 years. |
| 34 | As I have said I do not agree with building on greenbelt land. |
| 35 | Areas of historical Importance should be protected and not spoilt or altered by any future development. St Mary's Church and Ironwell Lane are two that are under threat. |
| 36 | No more housing in an area that does not have the infrastructure to support such. |
| 37 | Do not feel its needed to build more homes on our green land. Just improve and rebuild the empty houses we have. |
| 38 | The Council Planning dept. should abide by the majority wishes of local residents in respect of large housing developments that once approved alter forever the semi-rural nature of Hawkwell the reason most choose to live here!! |
| 39 | People moved to Hawkwell because they like it as it is, not so developers out to line their own pockets with cash can come along and spoil with totally inappropriate developments the place we call <u>home</u> . |
| 40 | We experience difficulty getting in and out of our drive since the mini roundabout was put in outside our bungalow and dread the thought of lots more traffic if the Christmas Tree Farm development goes ahead. |
| 41 | Building of new houses should not go ahead until all services i.e. doctors schools dentists <u>hospital</u> etc are already in place. |
| 42 | The local councils are not listening to us, our roads are overloaded, we don't want to loose any more farm land and open spaces. We say <u>no more development</u> why don't you listen. |
| 43 | No building on green belt. |
| 44 | We don't need more houses without roads to get in and out of Hawkwell. |
| 45 | I would prefer for all the green belt area in Hawkwell be preserved and not built upon. |
| 46 | Impact on doctors, schools etc of 190 additional homes. |
| 47 | The developments planned on local green/farm land are very worrying (Rochford area). The roads cannot take any more heavy traffic. If 600 homes are planned near Hall Rd a potential extra 1,200 cars in rush hour will be environmentally disastrous. |
| 48 | Housing is a major issue. Young people cannot afford to live here. Build smaller terraced houses. Don't allow ridiculous extensions to houses. |

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| 49 | Hawkwell Road system cannot cope with any addition housing. Has taken 7 mins to pull out into Main Road. |
| 50 | My main concerns, other than ensuring the "infrastructure" is in place before building more homes, is ?? |
| 51 | Definitely no more homes to be built in Hawkwell |
| 52 | There is enough traffic flowing through Hawkwell, if there is any more development of housing, the traffic problems will be unbearable. |
| 53 | Feelings run strong against future housing issues and <u>if</u> Hawkwell really needs them. Much more consideration of existing residents views should be taken into account. |
| 54 | Roads are too busy to cope with additional housing estates planned. |
| 55 | I enjoy living in Hawkwell and do not want it turned into a large housing development with much more traffic on the roads and not having the infrastructure to cope. I definitely oppose the Christmas Tree Farm development. |
| 56 | We are very concerned about the impact of proposed developments on the character of Hawkwell, roads and local services, e.g. schools |
| 57 | Planning for housing:- No more large houses (5 bedrooms) – on small plots – greater garden space for children – looking at family for housing needs – affordability especially – giving children outside space that's safe and yet gives them more freedom encouraging gardens. |
| 58 | I have lived in Hawkwell for over 50 years and brought up our family here. We have enjoyed horse riding through the local woods, walking our dogs around the fields and well maintained parks and feeling part of a rural community. We recognise people need somewhere to live, but why keep taking all the green belt land to build huge housing estates without considering the infrastructure and additional traffic. Most of the roads in Hawkwell are not suitable for large traffic flows, so let's either have some major investment or just leave us to be a quiet rural community and stop building on greenbelt land –PLEASE |
| 59 | To preserve the nature of Hawkwell as a village no further expansion is necessary. |
| 60 | We feel the area is full to capacity with housing and no building should even be considered - especially on previous greenbelt land. |
| 61 | Our infrastructure cannot take on additional housing/population at present. Too many people in restricted space causes aggression and intolerance. Please leave us sufficient spaces and "greenery" to be able to relax and unwind and to be able to walk. |
| 62 | Any new builds need to consider the impact of those living on the Main Road. Example dirt & pollution from traffic, noise unable to cross roads as the traffic is heavy am & pm. |
| 63 | We need all the open spaces and woodland; please don't build on any of it. |
| 64 | Too many cars, we moved here for the green belt. We must not lose it. |
| 65 | Would welcome Hockley/Hawkwell retaining village way of life and not spoilt by over building and impacting on infrastructure, congestion, pollution etc. |

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| 66 | Lack of consideration for existing residents and water facilities i.e. reservoirs when applying for new planning of properties. We do not need more houses. |
| 67 | Please stop Building/Planning Building on greenbelt/green land I enjoy our rural lifestyle and would hate to see this taken away from us by building Housing Estates. |
| 68 | Hawkwell could <u>not</u> cope with any more housing in area. Roads in Rectory and Ashingdon get grid locked enough, especially when kids are in school. |
| 69 | I do not believe we should ever use green belt land to build on. There is no room to build more houses. |
| 70 | We have lived in Ashingdon for some 25 yrs we have seen lots of housing development but no improvement of infrastructure. Ashingdon, Rochford, Hawkwell cannot sustain any further development!. |
| 71 | We really need to keep open spaces in the form of greenbelt and not rely on managed open spaces like parks as these cannot fulfil the needs of wildlife like greenbelt can. I feel that the building of new houses is profit lead from the point of the council and not for the needs of the people. |
| 72 | Hawkwell is a pleasant living environment. Planners should seriously consider the infrastructure before agreeing to extra house building. |
| 73 | Love the area but getting too full up with houses. |
| 74 | Hawkwell is already overpopulated! The supporting infrastructure is inadequate and not easily improved! |
| 75 | Our roads cannot take any more cars. This is very clear if you live in this area (SS4 3HH) most houses have two cars or more. Building more houses will make this big problem worse. |
| 76 | Do not build on greenbelt land. |
| 77 | No more large housing estates. |
| 78 | Please please no more houses. More houses means more cars our roads can't cope now! THINK. |
| 79 | Do we need any more housing developments? |
| 80 | We are against any further development in Hawkwell because of the impact of traffic & over running of facilities. |
| 81 | On the whole Hawkwell Parish is a pleasant place to live, I am concerned about the possibility of a large number of houses being built. |
| 82 | All Planning Applications should be reviewed by a panel of Planning Officers and local Parish Councillors. This does not happen at the moment and there is no opportunity for residents to challenge or oppose the decisions that are taken by individuals in RDC Planning Department. |
| 83 | The whole of the Rochford area is overdeveloped for the current infrastructure. Roads and drainage needs to be considerably improved before any new development is considered. |

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| 84 | We enjoy living in Hawkwell in the present environment. The threat of more and more housing we find upsetting. We also have children and grandchildren in this area who love living here. |
| 85 | I am pleased the area near railway bridge is being used for housing. |
| 86 | Very worried about the development of 170 houses on the Christmas Tree Farm. |
| 87 | Meeting with residents to discuss and obtain ideas to facilitate housing development and improve road network and congestion. |
| 88 | We do not have sufficient facilities for more housing |
| 89 | Our roads are gridlocked now. I worry about the effects Southend Airport will have. |
| 90 | The area of Hawkwell and Rochford is being spoilt by over development and traffic congestion. |
| 91 | Please don't develop this area, don't spoil it. |
| 92 | Stop building houses until we have roads to handle the extra traffic. |
| 93 | A lovely area in which to live. Please don't spoil by over developing. |
| 94 | You can't stop progress. It is inevitable that the population of Hawkwell will increase. So I think additional housing, retirement homes, youth facilities etc. are going to be required. |
| 95 | 600 houses on Hall road is disgusting and should not even be considered. We have to slow all this building of houses down, it is ruining Hawkwell and surrounding area. |
| 96 | Prior to any expansion of housing it must be ensured that the local and wider infrastructure is capable of supporting the additional load without further inconvenience to existing residents. |
| 97 | Please don't spoil Hawkwell by over populating it. We enjoy being part of Hawkwell's community, however if large housing estates are built we will have to consider moving. |
| 98 | If more housing is to be accepted, perhaps someone needs to think of the present number of children per class in our local few schools. |
| 99 | No room for any more new homes in Hawkwell. We already have enough. |
| 100 | Infrastructure & facilities need to be put in place prior to any additional housing or infilling. Junction Nursery Corner & Rectory Rd – (mini roundabout) urgent attention required. Junction at North, South, East & West Streets in Rochford needs to be restricted to 15 mph. |
| 101 | Additional traffic will make travelling locally a nightmare, the roads will be grid locked if more housing is allowed. |
| 102 | This pleasant rural area is gradually becoming unbalanced. Schools, doctors' surgeries will not be able to cope. |
| 103 | We must fight to save our green belt. There are plenty of brown-field sites around. The old Access site for example how much more land will Tesco need? |
| 104 | There should be <u>no</u> building on green belt land. It was given this name for a reason -'green belt'. |

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| 105 | Our roads and sewerage systems are totally inadequate to cope with the amount of building taking place. |
| 106 | If Xmas Tree Farm is to go ahead then developers <u>must</u> widen and straighten road under railway bridge and put in traffic lights at Main Road junction - Plus make up to single carriageway standards Ironwell Lane incl. junction Ashingdon Road. |
| 107 | We have lived in Hawkwell for over 40 years and are only now thinking of moving away to a less overpopulated area. RDC plans for allowing more building are badly thought out as the area is already reaching breaking point, suggesting that putting the odd roundabout in or a few sets of traffic lights will do nothing to ease congestion and is a nonsense. Also we will need more schools etc. but that will further add to the congestion. Have we reached the point of no return? |
| 108 | As the population increases we must accept that new buildings and infrastructure will be necessary after all much of housing stock is already built on former farm land, i.e. Holt Farm. |
| 109 | Too many flats being crammed in - the roads can't cope too many large housing developments proposed. We now have enough supermarkets and convenience stores. |
| 110 | No more houses should be built before Ashingdon Road is improved to cope with traffic. |
| 111 | more housing in this area would only exacerbate it - not a good place to live any more due to this one problem! |
| 112 | Less new homes, less cars |
| 113 | As the infrastructure stands any additional housing would damage all aspects. |
| 114 | People need affordable housing. If no new places are built young families will not come to the area and Hawkwell will become a place with too many elderly people. |
| 115 | We need to keep Hawkwell as a village semi rural and a lovely place to live. More homes create overcrowding and will turn Hawkwell into a less desirable place to live. |
| 116 | <u>Hawkwell is a small village</u> and needs to be kept this way providing its parks and green/brown left alone rather than develop and <u>over</u> populate and cause an overload of traffic and insufficient supply of local facilities and schools. Must remain semi rural and not a town. Hockley traffic is bad now. |
| 117 | No more building big houses 4 and 5 bedrooms |
| 118 | We are strongly opposed to any housing development in Hawkwell as it would destroy the village atmosphere and lifestyle we all currently enjoy. We moved to Hawkwell for this reason and feel that any future greenbelt or brown field development would spoil this. |
| 119 | Facilities adequate for current population however, costs are increasing and pressure on availability of new homes is caused by migration from London/Southend. |
| 120 | We need plenty of new build <u>affordable</u> housing. But most planners come from urban areas and see nothing wrong with cramming as many homes into as small a space as they can. If nothing else it maximises their profits. So spread any new developments out, even if this means building on greenbelt. That way we may be able to have the best of both worlds. |
| 121 | Green belt should be green belt and it is recognised that more properties (and particularly those built close together) causes more traffic problems and antisocial behaviour from both young and old! |

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| 122 | As properties are sold there seems to be an increasing trend to replace them with 2,3 or more dwellings: this not a way to fulfil the quota demanded by council and why is quota so high for this small area? |
| 123 | There needs to be more affordable rented houses for young families but with the airport expanding which will bring work I feel the infrastructure will collapse. Just when the roads get easier more housing brings gridlock again. |
| 124 | The thought of this grotesque "Christmas Tree" development fills not just us but all our friends and neighbours with dread and we really pray that it does not materialise. Hawkwell as we know it will be no more! |
| 125 | Density of building should be curtailed or Hawkwell will end up like Southend. |
| 126 | The appeal of Hawkwell is the greenbelt aspect. People have space to live, work and for recreation. This space is of paramount importance and must be retained at all costs. This is quality of life. Hawkwell has its own charm and character reliant on its green spaces and present density of housing. |
| 127 | The roads cannot cope with more users – restrict building and certainly keep off green belt land. |
| 128 | Hawkwell needs to be positive and build homes for future people. |
| 129 | I am very concerned about proposed housing in Hawkwell together with future developments of which we are unaware. |
| 130 | I really think there is very inadequate infrastructure in the Rochford / Ashingdon areas for any more properties to be built within the scale designated for the forthcoming years, also not enough amenities to cope; GPs, schools etc. |
| 131 | All new housing plans should be put back 20 years |
| 132 | The current infrastructure would be unable to cope with more housing developments. |
| 133 | Hawkwell West is a pleasant place to live but has grown enormously in recent years, to its detriment; if building continues as is proposed, Hawkwell will not be a desirable place but just part of Hockley/Hawkwell/Rochford/Eastwood/Southend/ Prittlewell/Ashingdon - one large area. |
| 134 | No more blocks of flats or green belt housing or flat conversions. No travellers' sites. |
| 135 | Absolutely NO MORE BUILDING should take place in Hawkwell or Rochford – we cannot cope with the increased traffic and facilities that are in place would struggle to cope with increased population density. |
| 136 | There is obviously a need for housing, particularly with the expansion of the airport and I would like to see more homes built especially for the young who will need jobs so they can work locally and not travel to London for work. |

Children and Youth and Education

YE1 Please indicate the number and age group of children in your household

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| Under 5 | Age 6 – 10 | Age 11 – 18 |
| 119 | 112 | 238 |

From 254 questionnaires with answers to this question

YE2.1 Should the facilities for young people be improved by providing a youth club attached to or near to Clements Hall Leisure Centre?

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| Yes | 79% | No | 21% |
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YE2.2 Should the facilities for young people be improved by providing a youth club attached to or near Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall?

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| Yes | 74% | No | 26% |
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Comments: Youngsters often camp and BBQ in Hockley Woods and Gusted Hall. This should be encouraged provided it is done responsibly. BBQ facilities e.g. concrete bases should be provided at various points in the woods and sand buckets to ensure safe extinguishing. Residents would far rather youngsters are off the streets and in the countryside than wandering the roads causing trouble.

YE3 Are members of your household satisfied with the following educational facilities in Hawkwell and the surrounding areas?

| | yes | No | Not applicable to me |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|----------------------|
| Pre-school Services | 20% | 20% | 60% |
| Playgroups | 22% | 8% | 70% |
| Infant School | 27% | 14% | 69% |
| Junior School | 32% | 12% | 56% |
| Secondary School | 45% | 11% | 44% |
| Private Education | 9% | 3% | 88% |
| College | 48% | 15% | 37% |
| Home Teaching | 6% | 3% | 91% |
| Homework Club | 8% | 4% | 88% |
| After School Child Care | 21% | 7% | 72% |

General and Additional Comments

| | Comments for Councils' action | Action |
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| 1 | Fly tipping Ironwell Lane | HPC |
| 2 | The reed pond at the entrance from Rectory Avenue to Magnolia Reserve needs some attention. Some evenings the smell coming from the pond is so awful it makes you feel very ill. | HPC |
| 3 | St Mary's graveyard plants are sometimes mowed over by Community Service groups - more care needed please. | HPC |
| 4 | Having sat in at a RDC meeting, I was astonished at the lack of preparation and competence shown by the Councillor Heather Glynn who seemed to be representing her views rather than that of the residents. | RDC |
| 5 | Toilet facilities would be good at Magnolia Park especially if using park in the summer for picnics /day out. Tend to go to Ashingdon Memorial Park as toilet facilities there, although not always open. | HPC |
| 6 | When will the millennium park be completed? In 3000? Why do HPC need 4x4 pick up trucks for its workers? I have never seen one with anything being carried in the back. | HPC |
| 7 | Abolish parish council - they do nothing. Turn Rochford into Unitary Authority. | HPC |
| 8 | Bridle Way/footpath 34 - RDC/ Essex County Council have no idea how to maintain it; overgrown oak trees massive problem, forever paying to have gutters and main water pipes unblocked. Preservation order oak but no-one seems to accept responsibility pass the buck to one another. Fed up phoning them. Waiting to hear from Mark Francois. | HPC |
| 9 | Funding should be available to repair the roof of Ashingdon Memorial Hall | ? |
| 10 | Trees backing onto houses from Magnolia Park are not being maintained & sunlight is now being blocked. Trees have grown by 20ft in the last 5 years. | HPC |
| 11 | Would like to see the pond in Magnolia Park Nature Reserve cleaned and looked after better. Wild life does not stand a chance in there at the moment. | HPC |
| 12 | Hawkwell is a very pleasant place to live apart from the odd spell of vandalism in the parks and fly tipping along Magnolia Road. I feel very fortunate to be a resident here and feel safe as I live alone (not many areas can give this sense of security today) Thank you. | HPC |
| 13 | Noise from car stereo systems - all you have is Boom Boom all the time summer and weekends are unbearable although this is against the Environmental Protection Act, nothing is done to stop it. Other boroughs enforce the act Rochford does not. | RDC |
| 14 | I like living in Rochford, however it would be helpful if there were street inspectors to check on overhanging branches of bushes and trees also crossing over verges by car users into driveways when there is no crossover. | RDC |
| 15 | Local Council seems resistant to change. Stop worrying people and look at positives for locals. | RDC |
| 16 | Untidy sites/premises - inadequate use of powers by the council. | RDC |

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| 17 | Why are our public open spaces such as Cherry Orchard Park difficult to access, not signposted or advertised. They seem to be unused scraps of farm land and are basically dog runs. It seems almost impossible to access the local coastline (not Southend). Is money being sourced for projects for local people? | RDC |
| 18 | Please stop wasting our money with more signs. | RDC |
| 19 | We live in Ashingdon part of Hawkwell and notice that Ashingdon Parish Council provide a litter picker to keep the verges tidy this would be nice in our part of Hawkwell. | HPC |
| 20 | Magnolia Nature Park - pond - stagnant - filled with rubbish. | HPC |
| 21 | I hope the council will act upon the results of this questionnaire and people's opinions really do matter. I find councillors do normally ignore complaints! | RDC |
| 22 | I completed a questionnaire summer 2010 at Ashingdon St. Andrews Church fete where there were suggestions for sports type facilities to be considered at Ashingdon Park, i.e. a walking/running track which I agree would be beneficial and other sporting facilities as it is a large enough area to cope with additional services. | ? |
| 23 | Sort out the external light at Foxhunters, Hall Road. It blinds drivers. | ? |
| 24 | Drainage at Main Road end of Hill Lane inadequate. Lake forms with heavy rain. This has been reported numerous times by main residents to no avail. | ECC |
| 25 | Questions: Who controls the Planning Office? | RDC |
| 26 | In general I believe the council does a good job. I have lived here 10 years and am satisfied, nothing perfect but they are having a good try. | HPC |
| 27 | I would like to see more tree planting schemes. Hamilton Gardens (Hockley) trees look beautiful. Today there are many much smaller trees available. They would provide habitat for wildlife, assist in absorbing pollution from traffic and beautify our roads. I would willingly contribute to a tree planting scheme in my own street - Hill Lane Hawkwell. | HPC |
| 28 | The problem of graffiti is not mentioned, this is a problem in some areas. | HPC |
| 29 | The only realistic approach to improve any area is to instigate progress in a controlled way. | ? |
| 30 | Graffiti needs tackling and quickly. On a recent visit to the US I noticed that all public areas are maintained to a very high standard. This appeared to encourage a greater sense of civic pride among residents and hence a better environment was created. Low level vandalism was not tolerated and corrected swiftly. | HPC |
| 31 | Generally I am very blessed to be living in Hawkwell. The Hawkwell Parish Council and Rochford District Council are excellent. I have very little to complain about. | HPC |
| 32 | Does RDC Planning Office listen or care about public opinion? | RDC |
| 33 | Why are there no public toilets in Hawkwell, i.e. Clements Hall? | RDC |

Key

HPC Hawkwell Parish Council

RDC Rochford District Council

Hawkwell Past and Present

The name of Hawkwell is mentioned in the Domesday Book although as Hacuuella or Hechuuella. It has been suggested that this could be from the German "Hochwell" or High Well as there were many wells in the parish the High Well being near the White Hart. There was also one at the top of Victor Gardens and one in Ironwell Lane called the Iron Well because the water was hard compared with the soft water of High Well.

In the reign of Edward the Confessor (1005-66) Ulmar, a free man, owned the parish. At the time of the Domesday Book (1086) Eudo and his under tenant Pirot, and Suene (Sweyne) had lands here.

Pirot's successors continued at Hawkwell Hall until 1340. Hawkwell Hall Manor is now Hawkwell Hall Farm and can be seen from St. Mary's Church. The present house was built in 1833.

Clements Hall Manor took its name from Philip Clement who owned it in 1440. The present house, a timber framed, weather boarded building is 16th century and had a restored fireplace with a carved wooden over mantel and some 17th century panelling.

Other old houses in the parish include Mount Bovers Farmhouse, built approximately 1448; Sweynes (Swaines) Farm is 16th century, with later alterations, timber framed and black weather boarded and is in Main Road opposite Mount Bovers Lane. Swaynes Farm House *circa 1500* (now the Priest's House of St. Teresa's Roman Catholic Church) is in Ashingdon Road but it is still in Hawkwell Parish.

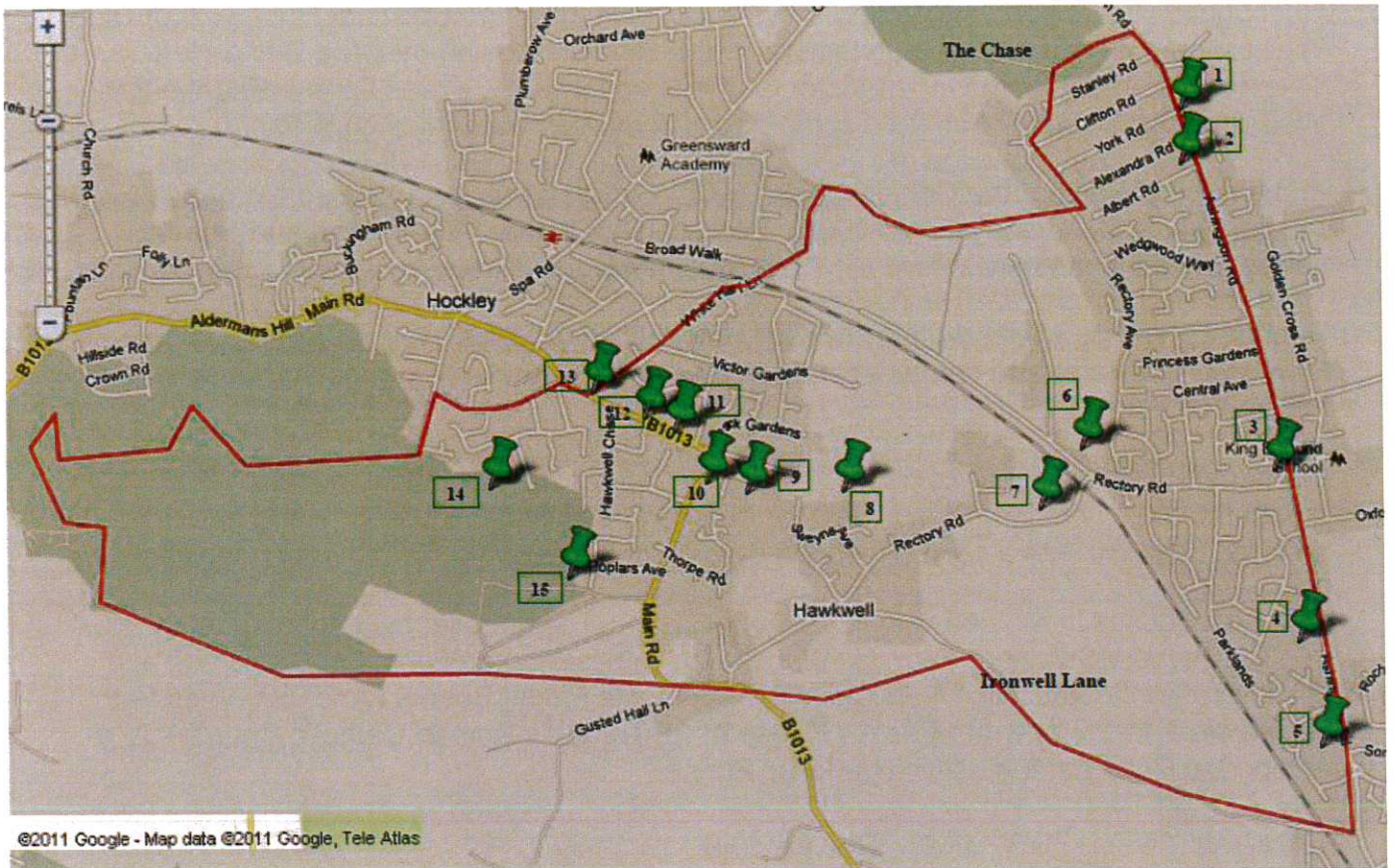
The lovely Parish Church of St. Mary the Virgin in Rectory Road dates back to the 14th century with its 15th century timber belfry, supported on four massive oak posts and a fine old door also dating back to 15th century.

In the mid 18th century a stagecoach went three times a week through Ironwell Lane, which was then the main road from Prittlewell to London, probably calling at the White Hart Inn.

As a result of boundary changes in 1986 and 2002, Hawkwell became a much larger Parish, encompassing parts of the surrounding areas. The Parish of Hawkwell is divided by the railway track; the east of Hawkwell is a large residential area, part of which is on the land vacated by Matchbox Toys which relocated in 1990.

Hawkwell today is second only in both population and area to Rayleigh as the largest parish in the Rochford District. The 2001 census shows a Hawkwell population of 11,231 (the figures for the 2011 census are not yet available).

Map of Hawkwell



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| 1. Ashington & East Hawkwell Memorial Hall | 2 The Victory public house | 3 Golden Cross shops | 4 Holt Farm Junior School |
| 5 St Teresa's Primary School | 6 Magnolia Park | 7 St Mary's Parish Church | 8 Clements Hall Leisure Centre |
| 9 Spencers Park | 10 Hawkwell Village Hall | 11 Main Road shops | 12 Hawkwell Fire Station |
| 13 Hawkwell Common (Village Green) | 14 Westerings Primary School | 15 Belchamps Scout Centre | |



A view of Magnolia Park



A shady path in Hawkwell Woods

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