

Feedback to ES&BG Community from May 2022 Consultation

Thank you to the large number of residents who came to the Community Consultation events on the 26th, 27th and 28th May. Our objective was to share with you the main elements of the plan we have been developing building on the inputs you gave us at the first big consultation we held last September. Many people spent quite some time going over the material we presented and everyone was giving serious thought to the questions we were posing in the feedback forms.

The main messages for our plan are:

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| What we value: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Our rural setting,➤ Access to green spaces,➤ Our heritage assets. |
| What we want to do: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Protect our rural environment & heritage assets,➤ Improve sustainability,➤ Improve biodiversity. |
| Any more homes should be: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ In limited numbers based on modest local growth,➤ Affordable,➤ In keeping with rural setting,➤ Providing more options for young families, the elderly & less mobile. |

We are pleased to report that there is very strong (85-99%) support not only for the basic direction of the plan but also for all the main components that were presented. The discussions you had with members of the team and the wide range of comments recorded on feedback forms have been fully taken on board and will be very helpful to us in getting the detail of the plan right.

The consultation also gave us useful input to help us complete the selection of sites for the extra homes in Bishops Green and Ecchinswell that are part of the plan. We will be progressing this final selection in the next few weeks.

The next stage is to produce a first full draft of the plan and supporting documents. We hope to have this ready towards the end of July so we can start the formal consultation and examination processes. At that point, we will be sharing this set of documents with the community for further feedback.