

Selling Parish Survey

This is the text as written in the Questionnaire Booklets of the Selling Parish Council Survey of residents' views and concerns.

(numbers refer to a number written on the cover of each questionnaire, for checking purposes of the Steering Group, but all names, etc., are withheld – the same number in each section refers to the same questionnaire response)

(Text in square brackets [.....] has been added for clarity)

2.2	<p>How concerned or unconcerned are you about traffic problems (if any) in Selling?</p> <p>1. 1) We do not need lights. This is a village. 2) Traffic from the school run. 3) Lorries blocking roads and destroying verges, creating potholes.</p> <p>4. Whenever on the roads around Selling I nearly always pass a minibus with Scope on it. I have been told that up to 250 people are housed in caravans at Gaskain's. This seems excessive, if true.</p> <p>11. Traffic volume increasing. Continued risk of commercial traffic up and down Selling Rd, often at great speed. Flooding cuts village off. Also rural vegetation narrowing roads. Speed KILLS. 30 mph in Neames Forstal! <i>[i.e. Selling Station area]</i></p> <p>19. Cycles.</p> <p>20. Walking groups parking in local areas, such as Neames Forstal, adding to congestion.</p> <p>23. Heavy agricultural vehicles and machinery.</p> <p>24. <i>[I feel safer at night because there is] less traffic.</i></p> <p>26. Flooding drains that need cleaning, opposite Sondes Arms.</p> <p>27. Amount of large lorries using lanes and speed some travel at. also double-decker buses moving foreign workers.</p> <p>29. Signage should be village friendly and minimalist. commercial traffic -way too big, too many for narrow lanes, including that blue double-decker bus.</p> <p>31. Living where we are we are not aware of issues around speed, lighting and parking that others may have.</p> <p>33. In need of footpaths to school, hall and pub.</p> <p>35. V. concerned re heavy lorries if Owens Court cold storage development approved.</p> <p>36. Stop HGV 40 tons.</p> <p>38. Speeding in Featherbed Lane.</p> <p>40. Cars and vans parked on Selling Road, just before Sondes Arms.</p> <p>41. Particularly concerned re HGV traffic.</p> <p>45. The speed of cars and lorries coming around the bend opposite the house.</p> <p>56. 25 mph through village.</p> <p>57. Due to lack of street lighting I have fallen over kerbs. Something needs to be done.</p>
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	<p>58. Need speed limit signs in all areas of Selling. Too many large long juggernauts. HGVs not suitable for our narrow lanes. Flooding under railway bridge. The mud filling drains from verges.</p> <p>63. Cycle safety - would be great to have cycle path through village from Selling Station to school.</p> <p>65. Limit Gaskain's lorries to one route only.</p> <p>66. Flooding in road to Faversham.</p> <p>71. Names of roads not apparent in some lanes.</p> <p>73. Traffic using width restricted for access only roads.</p> <p>76. Street lighting is for towns, not countryside. Anyway single lights are more dangerous.</p> <p>80. Speed sometimes too fast for horse riders. Occasional agricultural traffic without lights after dark.</p> <p>82. Tractors driving too fast with heavy load.</p> <p>83. <i>[About enforcement of road rules]</i> Since I have not see a policeman or police car in over 5 years, silly question.</p> <p>84. Village signs should specify SELLING. E.g. Neames' Forstal, Selling and Hogben's Hill, Selling.</p> <p>86. I am very concerned at the dangers for pedestrians and cyclists in Selling. Pavements are rare, roads and lanes are narrow for vehicles, pedestrians are often given short shrift by drivers, and they take their lives in their hands. This is even more important in Winter.</p>
2.3	<p><i>If you are aware of any traffic problems, do you have any solutions?</i></p> <p>1. Close the school and move it to where the people live on the new developments at Abbey School fields <i>[Perry Court?]</i>. The waste of fuel in commuting children to school is scandalous. They should walk or cycle or a system of car-sharing should be enforced.</p> <p>3. The volume of traffic associated with Selling School could be reduced by the introduction of a school bus or the introduction of life-sharing by parents. Speed and driver conduct is an education and enforcement issue.</p> <p>5. The school runs. Speed control please in a many forms as is possible.</p> <p>6. Proper drainage. Pothole repair.</p> <p>7. Stop huge trucks using narrow lanes.</p> <p>11. 30 mph thro' Neames Forstal <i>[i.e. Selling Station area]</i> to maximise safety. Verges slip into road, trees encroach, leading to narrower roads. Run-off/mud/stones after flooding creates skid pans, particularly dangerous at speed.</p> <p>12. Reducing the speed limit around the Selling station for safety.</p> <p>17. Our only concern is potential flooding caused by water fun-off at high volume down Grove Road (East). This could be solved by more regular and diligent clearing of verges.</p> <p>18. Introduce a speed limit along the main Selling Road. Sight to say 'Please drive slowly through our village. Repair potholes more thoroughly, so that they last and not appear a few months later when it has rained or snowed. This is wast of time and money.</p> <p>19. The mix of cycles, cars and large lorries on small windy roads is a major hazard. The council should put some effort into creating cycle paths, perhaps call in Sustrans to give advice.</p>

20. Speed limits , which are lower than the national speed limit, could be applied for. Lorries cause a huge problem on narrow lanes.
22. Reduction of large, heavy, commercial vehicles.
23. Parking on bends thus obscuring vision beyond at Hogben's Hill and parking on pavements also at Hogben's Hill.
25. Ultra-large lorries to farm drive over the middle white line as they are too wide for our road. Anyone meeting a lorry has to stop immediately or go into/up bank - they drive on the oncoming traffic side 60% of the time between Selling and Faversham.
28. Reduce speed limit to 30 mph through Hogben's Hill. Restrict large commercial vehicles to a specific route.
29. Limit size of lorries. No more industry allowed in area that would add to this problem. Clearly there is no infrastructure to accommodate HGVs.
30. Avoid planning consents which may increase HGV movements. 30/40 mph limit to all lanes.
31. Areas that routinely flood need drainage.
32. I believe that speed limits have little effect on some offending motorists. Inappropriate speed is an attitude problem. Speed activated "Slow" signs powered by solar panels would possibly help.
33. School parents to park in car-park not on the road. Apply to use the school bus.
35. Speed limit of 30 mph from approach to Selling Station, both sides.
39. A speed limit of 30 mph on the Selling Road. No parking on the road from Monica Close to Station Road.
40. Cars/vans parked on Selling Rd. Extend white line as sanction. Grass verges by Monica Close are never maintained.
44. School run, bus from Faversham. Bus from Faversham.
45. Speed signs/signs for people crossing. Putting in pavements which we can use, as at the moment we are not able to walk from one end of the village to the other.
47. There needs to be a speed limit or a traffic calming measure such as an illuminating sign in the Selling Station area, where there are children and the highest population density.
50. Large HGV lorries travel past regularly to Gaskain's cold store.
51. Need for 30 mph limit through Neames Forstal Selling Village, Hogben's Hill (argument about number of houses being a requirement - nonsense - look at Saltwood, Rhodes Minnis, Barham, where the is a will there is a way.
53. I am particularly concerned about traffic generated by the school in the morning and afternoon. It is treated as a one-way road in the mornings and in the reverse direction in the evenings.
54. Perhaps KCC could arrange a school bus to and from Faversham to alleviate parking at the school.
55. Speed restrictions for whole village.
56. Slow them down.
57. Put speed limits up to solve the high speeds. No lighting means you can't see where you are walking. It's very dangerous.
59. More speed restrictions and signs.
60. Provide a speed limit rumble strip across road at strategic locations to help define 30 mph speed limit zones

	<p>62. Too many lorries. Need a speed limit to 30 mph.</p> <p>63. Reduced speed limit through Selling Station 30 mph.</p> <p>64. Install speed limits through the village or speed bumps or traffic calming.</p> <p>65. School parking is issue with local agencies e.g. Fire Brigade access.</p> <p>71. Put yellow lines outside school parking lot. Make people park on school parking lot for the school.</p> <p>75. A speed limit in force.</p> <p>77. It would be good to have a footpath next to or alongside the road from Selling station to Selling [<i>Street</i>]. Quite dangerous with people walking in the road.</p> <p>79. More training for tractor drivers.</p> <p>80. Horse riders should wear hi-viz (I do! and as a driver it makes a difference).</p> <p>85. Ban Scope Solutions going to Gaskain's - terrible drivers. Gaskain's foreign employees - drive too fast.</p> <p>86. 1) Restrict speeds. 2) Reduce vehicle size permitted to use roads/lanes on a regular basis.</p> <p>87. Ban freight traffic from outside school at school run times; or Ban lorries over x tonnes from winding hill/featherbed lane.</p>
2.5	<p><i>What, if any, are your major concerns about road maintenance?</i></p> <p>1. Overcrowded with school traffic at 8-30 and 3-30. Too many big lorries which have difficulty negotiating narrow lanes and have problems passing each other. Destroy verges. Great potholes. Expense to tax-payers in fixing roads.</p> <p>2. Potholes; and flooding under bridge at Selling Station [<i>Fox Lane</i>].</p> <p>3. Local roads and verges seem to suffer from damage and wear associated with heavy commercial and agricultural vehicles accessing farms and fields.</p> <p>5. Waiting periods after reports have been made to KCC. Potholes often very dangerous for cyclists.</p> <p>6. Drainage. Potholes are of concern.</p> <p>7. No snow clearance in Hogben's Hill, inaccessible in bad weather.</p> <p>9. Potholes in the road verges and passing places.</p> <p>10. Potholes.</p> <p>11. Potholes. Flooding. Soft ? [<i>looks like 'estate'</i>]. Obscured/dirty signs.</p> <p>14. Potholes, flooding.</p> <p>15. Maintenance of passing places.</p> <p>16. Potholes and sharp road edges (New Cut to Chilham).</p> <p>17. It is infrequent - see about. We regularly have to clear the verge ourselves to minimise excessive water flooding into our property.</p> <p>18. The council only seem to do a 'patch-up' job. That does not last on the potholes.</p> <p>19. The verges are the main problem, since potholes there can cause major damage to tires when lorries force cars into the side of the road. The council does not always take responsibility here,</p>

claiming the responsibility lies with the farmers.

20. Large potholes form and deepen quickly. Walking groups parking in Neames Forstal are starting to add to traffic congestion.

22. Appears to be severely inadequate.

23. Potholes and general road surface maintenance.

25. Poor to average - the filling of dangerous holes is an emergency service - a patching-up exercise - never pro-active maintenance.

26. What road maintenance? Virtually non-existent.

27. Seems to be a lack of maintenance of drains and gullies.

28. Potholes and lack of verge maintenance.

29. Our part of Vicarage Lane is appalling. There are many potholes and uneven surfaces for drivers to navigate around. Sometimes, hedges are not cut back enough, making passing difficult, causing damage to paintwork. Some small signs are being obscured by uncut hedges, too.

30. Potholes - overgrown hedges and verges.

31. Lack of attention to potholes, overgrowth of side vegetation and lay-bys with huge potholes!

32. The width of metalled road needs increasing in many places where HGVs have destroyed the edges. Areas where flooding regularly occurs need to be fully resurfaced as potholes are invisible under the water.

33. Patches on roads do not last due to constant heavy lorries.

34. Potholes, mud and grit on the road. Floods under bridge and by the hop garden on the way to Faversham. Lorries used to suck out mud from the drains, now they leave it on the side and when it rains again it gets washed back in the drains.

37. Uninsured damage to vehicles [*by potholes?*]

38. Shepherds Hill road surface.

40. Flooding under bridge (Fox Lane). Hedges either side of many roads overgrown.

41. I have impression lorries are now heavier, wider, longer, higher and the lanes cannot cope.

42. Potholes.

46. Potholes and blocked drains.

47. Heavy lorries, often going too quickly, damage verges and create potholes at the edges of the lanes.

48. Flooding under railway bridge.

50. Potholes/lighting i.e. cats' eyes on the roads, where possible.

51. Verges at road junctions for viability.

55. Lack of drainage and gully clearance. Hedgerows not cut back enough.

57. Nothing is done. Potholes are deep. It's not much point patching them up. They come back.

58. Potholes.

59. Road signs and speed restrictions, Gaskain's lorries to come correct way to Selling.

60. No major concerns as long as pothole monitoring and repair is continued

62. Could be a lot better.

64. First major concern is flooding on all entrances to Selling village and potholes caused by HGV lorries.

	<p>65. Potholes.</p> <p>66. Potholes.</p> <p>68. Verges, holes that KCC don't agree to be mended.</p> <p>70. Perry Wood gets neglected. Flooding and road deterioration shabbily rectified. Took us 2 years to get a grit bin, which is in the wrong place. Should have one at the bottom of the hill.</p> <p>71. Featherbed Lane has potholes all year round and over-hanging hedges and trees. Badgers are back - earth spilling out into lane.</p> <p>73. Lack of maintenance and pothole mending. Poor snow and ice clearance.</p> <p>75. When maintenance takes place, a lot of grit becomes displaced on the paths. Damages paths and shoes!</p> <p>76. Lack of.</p> <p>78. Not frequent enough.</p> <p>79. Potholes.</p> <p>80. Potholes. Visibility out of turns.</p> <p>85. Potholes.</p> <p>86. The costs of repairing damage caused by vehicles that are unsuitable for the roads.</p> <p>87. Potholes and verges.</p> <p>88. Large potholes on Selling Road. Entrance to Little Owens Court used as passing place and destroys entrance.</p>
2.6	<p><i>If you have any further comments about traffic in the parish, please write them here:</i></p> <p>1. Speed limits needed. Farm-worker transport has become a feature this year. Drive too fast without due care and consideration. Count the Scope vans a.m. and p.m.</p> <p>2. Parking at the school during term-times- particularly now school is getting bigger.</p> <p>3, I would like to see notices posted at the roadside discouraging motorists/passengers from dropping litter from their vehicles.</p> <p>4. The school has inadequate parking. Commercial traffic could become more of a problem, especially if current application of commercial expansion is given the go-ahead.</p> <p>11. Increasing. Rat run.</p> <p>12. Generally traffic is very aware, however with no speed limit or traffic calming measures and limited paths, walking can be very risky.</p> <p>17. Passing traffic eats into the verges, reducing or removing the camber so that high volume water run-off from Perry Wood gushes down Grove Road East and our drive. It then flows straight down our drive to the house.</p> <p>18. Slow down!</p> <p>19. The pothole reporting scheme linked to from the parish website seems quite effective.</p> <p>20. Cycling groups, especially those that are clearly inexperienced and uncertain about changing gear, can make driving challenging when they spread out over large areas or cycle up the hills slower than you can drive in first gear.</p> <p>23. Speeding Traffic - Selling Street and Hogben's Hill</p> <p>25. There should be 'wide lorry' warnings - not signage for lorries to follow the lorry sign - one to alert ordinary drivers to a major</p>

- occasional hazard.
26. Problems with parents parking on road outside school and not using car-park.
 30. 'School run' - seem to drive too fast and rarely give way.
 31. As our roads are used commercially they need to be improved for the vehicles they carry.
 32. The line of parking from The Warren to Sondes Court needs to be split to allow a gap for light traffic at least to move into in order to pass.
 33. Reduce speed limit to 30 throughout village.
 34. Could we have a speed limit? And if we can, could it include Bridge Cottages Road, as they seem to use it like a race-track.
 39. Major problems with huge lorries using lanes to get to Gaskain's, etc. Parking along Selling Road bordering Neames Forstal.
 40. Too many large commercial trucks.
 41. Why are large pack-houses allowed to be sited in such inappropriate locations?
 45. Speed - lorries, cars.
 46. Large lorries create problems for local drivers, particularly on the hills and narrow sections of road which were not designed for artics! *[articulated lorries]*
 48. Lorries/tractors too fast and always 'lost'.
 50. There should be speed limits along Selling Road at Neames Forstal and the Street Selling.
 51. Chicanes to slow traffic as in Bridge/Doddington would slow the morons down.
 53. The increasing large vehicles which travel to Gaskain's. These lanes were not built for such large vehicles. They cause damage to the road construction and adjacent planting.
 55. Farm lorries ruining roads and verges.
 57. Too many speeding cars. Cars parked on pavement. Cars parked on corners, limit vision of road.
 60. a) Commercial vehicles should be restricted from Ashford Road, particularly to Gaskain's. b) Minibuses to Gaskain's are increasingly dangerous in numbers and speed. c) Traffic to school is at excessive levels for a village school. School size needs a local decision , not the school itself.
 62. Just speed too fast. Hedge cutting left on road.
 66. High volumes of large commercial vehicles on road to Faversham BUT most are careful drivers.
 70. Flooding, could cause an accident, school bus/motorbike to skid. In winter water can freeze, by bend Keeper's Cottage and outside. Fir Lea?? Cottage, accidents waiting to happen.
 71. Speeding, especially Featherbed Lane, by school drivers.
 75. Awful that the area where a majority of children live has no speed limit.
 77. Frantic/fast driving parents going to and from school can make it dangerous for children to walk. Need improvements to verge-side footpaths.
 78. Where there are no footpaths traffic is dangerous.
 79. Local drivers are the worst speeding offenders!
 87. Concerned about potential traffic increase if Owens Court

	Farmyard is developed.
3.2	<p><i>Other amenities, facilities, clubs, etc., not mentioned in 3.1 of the questionnaire.</i></p> <p>1. Keep fit.</p> <p>4. Bus Pass Group (not an officially run club, just a group of people).</p> <p>20. Library van.</p> <p>25. Gardening Club, Art Class - all in the Village Hall.</p> <p>31. Post-boxes and parish noticeboards.</p> <p>34. Play area, village side of station, don't want children to get on the rails, which they might getting a ball back or a hat.</p> <p>35. Attending parish council meetings.</p> <p>51. Art class. Keep Fit.</p> <p>71. Bus Pass Group.</p> <p>76. I did not know that there is any common land in Selling. Where is it?</p> <p>78. Dial-a-Ride bus service.</p>
3.3	<p><i>Is there anything else you would like to say about the Amenities and Facilities of our parish, or are there other facilities or activities, which you believe would be beneficial (for children, for example, or adults, or retired people? What would be good for you yourself?</i></p> <p>1. The school is not paying a commercial rate for the Village Hall, which it assumes <i>[is]</i> a facility of the school by filling the car-park. I use the hall 6.p.m. - 7 p.m. twice a week and all proceeds go to the hall. The hall is lovely but needs insulating and bringing up to current standards. Anyone using any part of the Village Hall, e.g. car-park., should pay for all time it is occupied.</p> <p>4. More of a chance to meet other village residents. The spread-out nature of the village tends to isolate some people - a walking club group.</p> <p>5. Up-grading of some footpaths and stop parking on them - they become blocked. Pedestrians have to walk on the road.</p> <p>6. A village green or common would be great</p> <p>11. Safe play area - <u>please</u>. Can we have this for our village children. Sondes Arms is a disgrace.</p> <p>12. A small basic village shop, selling the essentials would be very beneficial to us, and we would definitely use it.</p> <p>14. Bingo, boxercise/zumba classes, craft clubs e.g. knitting, crochet, sewing, etc.</p> <p>18. An allotment area to grow veg, etc.. Somewhere where safe for the children to play.</p> <p>19. Again, cycle paths could be valuable.</p> <p>20. A village orchard?</p> <p>27. We need a play area at Neames Forstal <i>[Station area]</i> and without the Sondes Arms there is no meeting place at that end of the village.</p> <p>28. A village shop.</p> <p>29. More activities and classes in Village Hall. The platform ticket machine never seems to work at station!</p>

31. *[Name]* would like to see a village shop/post-office.
32. I feel that the proposed play area near the station will not be an effective use of funds due to lack of use. Only one of the Selling hamlets is nearby. Access from the station involves crossing the bridge - not easy for pushchairs, or alternatively by building a metalled entrance from Fox Lane, which would be costly. The proposal is not large enough for full-sized pitches, so would be limited for any games. It also worries me that it would increase the risk of children crossing the live rails at ground level, as a dare, or to show off - the only thing to stop them is as a small notice!
33. The hall is a valuable asset and should not be altered in any way.
34. We need a post office or shop, and a room or hall for meeting the station end of the village.
35. A yoga class (I have to go to Faversham).
40. Re-open Sondes Arms. Small shop.
44. Play/rec/picnic area.
45. *[Difficult to use village hall, church, cricket field as unable to get there on foot, roads too dangerous]*. Pathways so we can get to other parts of the village. Play area which can cater for whole village with sitting area. Be a nice place to meet up and chat, etc.
47. Selling Station area needs play-space for children, and some community space, particularly since the area is expanding with new housing.
48. Need better play-space for kids (go and look at Challock playground next to village hall).
51. Investment in better quality rail station facilities.
55. We need a play/exercise area for all ages. More groups or get together for elderly, e.g. Christmas party.
56. Village Hall or meeting hall in Neames Forstal Area for elderly. Play area and recreational area for children and adults and elderly.
57. I would use the pub, but not pathway to the one at the other end of village, and one nearest has shut down.
58. Pub and sports hall for all ages. Play space for ball games, football, etc. Public footpaths through orchards and woodland, common land kept clear at all times, and signs state where path leads to - how far.
59. Play park for children. Safe place to lock bikes at station.
60. Dedicated footpath and cycle paths around village and between hamlets urgently required. Without a car it is very difficult to access facilities in or outside village. Therefore most residents must relocate once car access/use is not possible. A regular bus service is needed.
62. Play area for all kids and a pub for adults.
63. Children's play facilities at Selling Station.
64. Children need a play area, a safe one, not in roads where they seem to play at moment! Better maintenance of footpaths. Lighting up station road. And rubbish cleaned up more often from station road.
68. Play area at the Selling Station area, especially now there are new houses in the vicinity.
73. More transport for retired/young people at night and during day.
74. Bus service, shop, playground for children, footpaths and cycle paths.

	<p>75. Train station is bad, never an up-to-date information. Annoying when other small stations have screens. Children need a play area! - over all well-being.</p> <p>77. Indoor sports in the village Hall. Coffee mornings in the Village Hall.</p> <p>79. Beneficial to extend the Village Hall Kitchen.</p> <p>82. A monthly (or more frequently) coffee morning would be a nice way to meet people. Held in the Village Hall.</p> <p>87. Bus service! Footpath, cycle route from Selling to Faversham.</p>
4.2	4.2 is incorporated into the analysis of question 4.1.
5.2	<p>If you have any comments about police presence, write them here.</p> <p>1. They can be called on 101. However, when a car hit us in 2002, no police car came out.</p> <p>3. I think police visibility/presence is proportionate to a safe/low crime area.</p> <p>4. With current budgets restrictions it would be unrealistic to expect any permanent presence, but a quick response is needed. I don't know if this happens.</p> <p>5. To see a policeman in Selling only happens on rare occasions. How sad is that???</p> <p>6. Would be good to see police on the station every now and then.</p> <p>11. Never seen a policeman in 8 years. Only cars attending emergency calls.</p> <p>12. I have not noticed a large police presence in Selling. However do not feel unsafe within Selling.</p> <p>13. Never seen any.</p> <p>20. It seems worryingly active in some parts of the village. I have received door to door calls about incidents which did not happen when I lived in another village.</p> <p>23. We appear to have not resident or frequent visiting police.</p> <p>24. What police?</p> <p>28. I have not seen police presence at all in over a year.</p> <p>29. Are the police aware of the intimidation of women by eastern European men at Selling Station? I have experienced twice this problem. I think there should be cameras filming the platforms, at least!</p> <p>30. Rarely see any.</p> <p>31. <i>[Enough police presence]</i>, however I <i>[name]</i> have heard of difficulties in other parts of village.</p> <p>33. They come when needed though.</p> <p>35. I'm not aware of any police presence, but not sure we need any??</p> <p>37. Do they know where Selling is?</p> <p>40. What police presence?</p> <p>41. Have complained to Southeastern about tendency to eject people at Selling Station - drunks and foreigners then knock on doors for guidance, money, etc. They should be met by police at Faversham or Canterbury.</p> <p>50. Bring back the police house, otherwise response times are long from a call-out.</p>

	<p>51. Clearly cut backs have caused the current level of service. I would like a more high profile presence, but unlikely.</p> <p>52. I was unaware there was a police presence in Selling.</p> <p>56. New playground needs to be on police route.</p> <p>57. Never seen any.</p> <p>58. We need at least one policeman or woman in the village.</p> <p>60. Is there any police presence in Selling?</p> <p>62. More eyes on we want to see the police more.</p> <p>64. There isn't any police presence. We have to rely on a 'phone call response.</p> <p>65. Random tour by car may deter potential problems.</p> <p>70. More presence would deter theft and burglary. Had visitors a couple of years ago trying to take our oil.</p> <p>71. Never see any.</p> <p>76. I know of one recent robbery when police refused to attend!</p> <p>78. It would be nice to have some!</p> <p>83. What police presence?</p> <p>85. Very very occasionally see them driving around.</p> <p>87. Have not needed them so cannot comment.</p> <p>88. They have attended promptly when needed.</p>
5.4	<p><i>Do you have any other comments about services in Selling?</i></p> <p>1. 1) Would like more post office. Use if I remember, otherwise Boughton, Chilham, Fav. Cbury. 2) Less street lighting please. People in the country want rural not suburban. People who want lighting should live in town. This is a village. Use a torch. 3) Would like it to be possible to walk on the roads, so the cars/lorries/vans to go SLOWER!</p> <p>3. My main concern regarding local footpaths is the regular habit of some local landowners, who plough them up, making them impassable. This is both unlawful and disrespectful of the community who use such access.</p> <p>9. Selling now has "fibre to the cabinet" but as any businessman will confirm, this gives insufficient broadband speeds for international business and will soon be insufficient for any business. Many communities are banding together translate "fibre to the cabinet" into "fibre to the house". To co-ordinate and run such a project - and we have a substantial start with what ICS did - would be the greatest contribution to the welfare and benefit of the village that the Parish Council, or any other working group, could make to Selling.</p> <p>12. When there has been a heavy downpour and especially with building work, we have been left with large amounts of stones, debris and dirt that has been pushed by the water-flow into one location. Not sure if this gets sorted by Road Maintenance.</p> <p>17. Now we know about the White Lion post office, we'll start to use it.</p> <p>30. We never see a 'road sweeper' any more. ½ the lanes are now very narrow due to debris at edge of road where vehicles (HGVs) run onto the verges to pass each other. Gullies are never gulped (to my knowledge).</p> <p>31. Post-office in pub is brilliant - if you remember! Hours restrictive. Accessible projection facilities at the hall for daily use for</p>

the school would brilliant.

32. My understanding is that dog waste bins are not likely to be supplied and emptied by the council, except possibly within our 30mph area. Although anti-social and disgusting not to pick up, I believe it is not actually illegal where no speed limit applies or on agricultural land or woodland. / If foliage was cut back where overhanging the pavements, wheelchair users could pass on pavements when not blocked by wheely bins. Example - next to a utility pole in the road round Neames Forstal. The section in Selling Road has now been cleared.

35. It would be lovely to have a village shop.

40 Public footpaths very poorly maintained in Berry's field. Particularly as signs insist we stick to paths that are not even visible (station to copse) copse to Oversland!!!! Gaskain's are very good.

45. It would be nice to be able to use some of the services which you need to walk to. Lack of paths!! Would be lovely to walk to Village Hall or woodland and pub. I have two young grandchildren and can't walk them around the village which is so sad :- (It would also be nice to have a play area we could use and not have to go out of the village just to play with them in a park. How sad.

46. Have not seen snow in Selling yet.

47. I find that the Village Hall facilities are rather inadequate when compared with other village halls (Sheldwich, Chilham). We need better lavatories and a much better kitchen. It is also quite cold and not well lit. It would be better used if it were more attractive and up-to-date.

48. Fill the potholes (all of them) please.

50. We really need several dog waste bins in Neames Forstal and a bin near the station for general rubbish.

52. As there are neither street-lights, dog-waste bins nor pavements where I live, I have not offered any opinion of them.

55. Village Hall needs up-dating, kitchen rubbish for large catering events, dark and dingy. What happened to yearly village large items removal?

56. Bus. Shop. Doctor mobile surgery for elderly.

57. What services?? I have been here some time and find village very unfriendly. It's a them and us case.

58. 1) Need street cleaning. 2) Rubbish bins in street. 3) Need street lights from Selling railway station to Sondes pub. 4) Need street lights Selling Rd - Neames Forstal too. 5) Bridge Cottages and beyond to railway bridge. 6) old fashioned village hall far away, no pavement or street lighting to get there, not suitable for sports if you don't have a car. 7) need a sports hall for all ages, near station area. 8) To avoid fly-tipping and cost of clearance, I suggest build refuse be collected one a year from each household.

64. Very concerned that anybody causing trouble on the trains between Canterbury and Faversham are thrown off at Selling, leaving people in Selling vulnerable to abusive and threatening behaviour.

68. Are they actually recycling, or putting in with refuse?

69. Glass/clothing recycling units possibly need emptying more regularly.

70. Main concern is maintenance of roads/verges. Bad weather,

	<p>flooding. Hedge cutting, mess and debris that is left to clog up drains. Road drainage. Postal service is very erratic. We do not seem to receive post on a Monday. This week only twice.</p> <p>71. More gritting bins.</p> <p>74. The footpaths between Neames Forstal and Selling Station are a disgrace and dangerous, as like the roads!</p> <p>75. We would like a bus service! The train services can be more, more options that way! Maybe some litter bins?</p> <p>79. Verges! The fault lies with careless tractor driving.</p> <p>83. Why no bus service?</p> <p>86. Regular bus services would be beneficial for older parishioners and those who do not drive or own a car.</p> <p>87. Potholes in verges are a constant problem</p>
6.4	<p><i>What other businesses, if they were possible, would you like to see and use locally?</i></p> <p>1. Go to Faversham for everything. Otherwise Canterbury, coastal towns, or Internet.</p> <p>3. Corner shop/newsagent.</p> <p>5. Any who will employ local people.</p> <p>6. Local café.</p> <p>10. Village shop.</p> <p>11. Village shop.</p> <p>12. A small shop to buy necessities, or at least somewhere walking distance to purchase.</p> <p>14. American diner with bands and dancing, weekly/monthly.</p> <p>18. Shop</p> <p>19. A small shop similar to the one attempted at the Sondes Arms.</p> <p>20. A village shop.</p> <p>27. I would like to see the existing businesses supported by the local community.</p> <p>28. Village stores.</p> <p>29. Post Office/corner shop for the locals.</p> <p>31. P/O + village shop as <i>[mentioned]</i> before.</p> <p>33. A small shop or someone to re-open the purpose-built shop opposite White Lion.</p> <p>35. Small shop selling newspapers and milk, etc.</p> <p>38. Village/mobile shop. Mobile fish and chip van.</p> <p>39. Village shop and post office (if local people would use it!)</p> <p>40. Convenience shop.</p> <p>41. A traditional village store/post office. But unlikely to be viable.</p> <p>42. Shop with local produce/newspapers.</p> <p>43. Village shop.</p> <p>44. Community shop.</p> <p>45. A small shop. Post office in White Lion, etc. can't walk to them. Play area. A local bus service as trains are hit and miss. Our station is a mess. Why don't we plant it up?</p> <p>46. Any business <u>except</u> an off-licence.</p> <p>47. A shop, preferable in the Selling Station area.</p> <p>48. The room in the house next to Rose and Crown. Impossible to book it.</p> <p>50. The old Sondes Arms re-opened with a little local shop.</p>

	<p>51. Mobile fish and chips on a Friday or Thursday.</p> <p>53. The shop used to be a focus of village life as was Saffrey Farm when the farm shop was in operation.</p> <p>55. Village community shop and café. Allotments.</p> <p>57. Small shop to allow others to buy provisions.</p> <p>58. General village shop/post office, selling local fruit. Sports hall walking distance so need pavements. Public house walking distance so need pavements and street lighting.</p> <p>59. A local shop in the station area.</p> <p>60. Local tradesmen and women that provide a personal service to residents.</p> <p>64. Butchers / Bakers.</p> <p>66. Local convenience store.</p> <p>70. A farm shop - village shop.</p> <p>71. Paper shop - milk, bread, etc.</p> <p>73. A good shop or mobile shop.</p> <p>74. Shop, community shop.</p> <p>75. A local shop and a proper post office, don't have time to go to the White Lion Tues a.m.</p> <p>77. Community café. or small shop.</p> <p>78. Woodland crafts.</p> <p>80. Bakers.</p> <p>82. A shop.</p> <p>84. None.</p> <p>87. "Corner Shop" - newsagent, milk, bread.</p>
6.5	<p><i>How do you think Selling could attract trade into the parish?</i></p> <p>1. And more traffic? Where would businesses set up? Employ local people. Don't import a work-force.</p> <p>9. Improve broadband provision.</p> <p>11. Publishing and more local events.</p> <p>16. I think it unlikely people would come to a shop in Selling other than residents. Perhaps some small offices in farms? Sorry to go on about this, but a cycle path through the village may bring trade to the pub.</p> <p>28. Advertise, reduce rates, encourage new business investment.</p> <p>31. [Name] small rural trading estate.</p> <p>45. The village needs connection to each other, planted up areas, such as the triangle, verges, etc. You need to build a community first, then the trade will come to the parish.</p> <p>48. Better pub.</p> <p>50. A village shop/convenience store and Sondes Arms. re-opened.</p> <p>51. Lower business rates let local authority use business rate locally.</p> <p>53. By persuading people to make use of the service.</p> <p>55. Local farmers should employ some locals.</p> <p>57. Being more friendly.</p> <p>58. Farmers shop selling local produce.</p> <p>59. Lots of cyclists and dog walkers and residents would appreciate local shop.</p> <p>60. Small business units in existing farm complexes rather than using for foreign workers or housing outside workers.</p> <p>62. Public house.</p>

	<p>64. Maybe make more jobs available on farms for English people.</p> <p>69. Reopen Sondes Arms.</p> <p>73. I don't think it can as too few people to be viable.</p> <p>77. We are planning to build holiday lets. Pubs could diversify for activities such as book-clubs, wine evenings.</p> <p>84. Keep it as a village.</p>
6.6	<p><i>What, in your opinion, might be done to improve the local economy?</i></p> <p>1. Employ local people. Train them if they are not suitable. Create a sustainable workforce.</p> <p>3. Organised sporting events. Perry Wood cycling. Selling 10K for example.</p> <p>6. I'm not sure I'd like it improved! I prefer the rural feel of the village.</p> <p>11. High speed broadband.</p> <p>29. There is no infrastructure to develop trade in the village. It is a residential village and should remain so.</p> <p>31. Affordable housing for locals and newcomers.</p> <p>35. With difficulty.</p> <p>45. Picnic area, play area, a small-holding for young children, get the older people in the village to run it, while others support them. With the picnic/park area have little coffee-shop selling local goods (getting the community working together).</p> <p>57. I doubt my opinion would be taken into account.</p> <p>59. Local shop. Gaskain's employing local pickers.</p> <p>60. Business premises to support business people who cannot work at home and have to use Faversham or Whitstable premises.</p> <p>64. Create more opportunities for English workers in village, e.g. farming /fruit-picking.</p> <p>77. Better village website promoting the pubs, walking, cycling, pop-up restaurants, vintage fairs?</p> <p>79. Allow small-holdings to be established.</p> <p>84. What is the matter with it?</p> <p>86. Now that broadband is available to parts of the village, extend this facility to the parts of the village that do not benefit from this facility.</p>
6.9	<p><i>Please write here any comments on the availability of employment locally.</i></p> <p>1. Employ local people. It is not viable to keep importing workers who must be housed and transported.</p> <p>3. There must be opportunity for local employment in agriculture. People travel across Europe to work in Selling.</p> <p>4. I imagine a majority goes to the East Europeans.</p> <p>9. Being retired we do not look for paid employment but do considerable unpaid work done almost entirely from home using the Internet.</p> <p>11. Only farm hands.</p> <p>12. I haven't put much research into it.</p> <p>20 But these opportunities have decreased as I was able to carry out local farm-work; for example, the orchard on Fox Lane.</p>

	<p>28. Judging by the people I meet at Selling Station, it appears to be largely migrant agricultural workers.</p> <p>31. Seasonal/Summer work + schools + pub.</p> <p>32. Employment is obviously available at least seasonally on local farms but it seems go to outsiders.</p> <p>33. It is available but locals do not apply hence foreign labour employed at farms. Little or no employment in the area - local farms only use eastern Europeans!</p> <p>41. It seems never unless you can work seasonally - hence so many migrants.</p> <p>43. Farms should employ locals.</p> <p>47. The major employer uses mainly foreign migrant workers on a seasonal basis. Apart from this, I only know about domestic workers, gardeners, and those who work in the pubs and a very small number who have their own businesses.</p> <p>48. <i>[Ref. qu. 6.10]</i> Already have <i>[set up a business]</i>.</p> <p>50. Not a great deal <i>[of opportunity for employment]</i> but Faversham or Canterbury is very close by.</p> <p>52. I cannot answer your YES/NO question in 6.8 as I have no information either way on which to base my reply.</p> <p>55. <i>[There is]</i> None!</p> <p>57. Locals do not get a look-in above foreign workers.</p> <p>58. Jobs should be given to local people.</p> <p>59. Gaskain's should employ local people.</p> <p>60. Yes, but much of it taken by foreign workers.</p> <p>63. We both work out of the parish in Medway.</p> <p>73. Yes, household members have had no problem getting work at Gaskain's.</p> <p>77. Reuse of outbuildings as businesses/shops.</p> <p>78. Very poor.</p> <p>84. Basically an agricultural community.</p> <p>85. If you're foreign you're OK - you can work at Gaskain's.</p> <p>87. School and pubs are the obvious ones.</p>
7.2	<p><i>Other areas of open space around Selling, which are important to you.</i></p> <p>1. The school should pay to use the car-park. When the Keep Fit class use the car-park. it is for 2 house a week. How can that correlate with the time the school has the car-park.?</p> <p>3. The amount of litter discarded in the woods onto the footpaths and on the open areas listed above is very disappointing. Agricultural workers and school visitors are responsible for litter on the roadsides and elsewhere.</p> <p>20. The parkland/valley at Hogben's Hill.</p> <p>29. All aspects in and around Selling should be protected.</p> <p>50. Selling is a lovely place to explore. Footpaths, wooded area.</p> <p>51. A path from Selling Village to station, a lot of walkers on that road.</p> <p>52. What on earth (and where) is the Neames Forstal roundabout?</p> <p>58. Need a play area for ball games and football near Neames Forstal. Hays Wood is also important, to be maintained the same as Perry Wood.</p>

	<p>59. Play park in station area essential.</p> <p>62. Play park in Neames Forstal.</p> <p>73. What about roundabout at Selling Court, green triangles at Neames Forstal, Featherbed Lane?</p> <p>75. Most of these are only in one area of the parish.</p>
7.3	<p>Notes written in the margin against question 7.3 about maintenance of footpaths.</p> <p>20. One response is too generalised for all the differing areas.</p>
7.6a	<p>Notes written in the margin against question 7.6a about impact of commercial practices.</p> <p>20. Depends on the practices. Hopping: lovely; muck-spreading: not.</p>
7.6b	<p>Notes written in the margin against question 7.6b about impact of agricultural practices.</p> <p>20. C's creative Kitchen is great. Gaskain's lorries not so much</p>
7.7	<p>Looking at the Selling area as a whole, what are your comments on our environment as a place to live, and/or any comments you may have about our environment, its opportunities or annoyances, here in Selling?</p> <p>1. Traffic from the school and agriculture impact badly. Poor agricultural practice leaves mud on road which is not cleared and the water run-off from polytunnels should be dealt with on farmland, not allowed to impact public roads and public purse as under bridge on Fox Lane.</p> <p>2. Selling is a lovely place to live. Large open areas which are beautiful. Should <u>not</u> be spoilt by over development.</p> <p>3. The outward presentation of one property in Hogben's Hill is untidy and antisocial - not in keeping with the neighbourhood. I am happy to discuss with parish representative remedial action.</p> <p>5. Please do not install lights on Hogben's Hill. We do not wish for any light pollution, blocking out the stars and night sky.</p> <p>6. Significant recent developments encroaching on rural lifestyle.</p> <p>9. Selling is an excellent a beautiful place to live.</p> <p>11. We love it here. Would benefit from more village events to generate community. Pub/shop would help create that. Bus service!</p> <p>12. As a whole we like the area, however the first impression of the Sondes Arms and graffiti is not the best.</p> <p>13. We are lucky that it's a beautiful place, and we must conserve it.</p> <p>16. A beautiful place to live, lovely people. Am mindful of limit employment for people locally, this makes the station very important.</p> <p>17. Wonderful place. Don't change it!</p> <p>19. The area is absolutely wonderful and we should try to keep it that way.</p> <p>22. The greatest annoyance is the volume of HGVs travelling along one small country road to Gaskain's farm.</p> <p>23. Generally good.</p> <p>27. Seems to be a lack of community spirit.</p> <p>28. Apart from the pub/school, there's not much else. A regular</p>

- 'bus' service would be good.
29. The problem of oversized commercial vehicles has got to be addressed.
30. Poor services considering the Council Tax we pay. 30 years ago the lanes and verges were better maintained and much less litter.
31. AONB! [*Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty*]
32. Good to have a station nearby. Low levels of pollution. In the country we expect to have mud, hedge clippings, straw, hops, etc., in the road. Shame about the litter!
33. Spoilt by developments not for local people and house extensions making them overpriced for young people.
35. The 2 new developments in front of railway - we otherwise are enjoying Sondes Crt v much. We love the walks and it's great having the White Lion open again. We now need something done with the Sondes Arms.
37. Move away if you are not happy here.
38. Nice place to live.
40. Beautiful area spoilt by too many polytunnels.
41. Have been disappointed at size of developments at the Cold Store, Fox Lane and Goods Yard.
44. Cycle paths between areas of village. Roads too dangerous.
45. The village is beautiful and I love living here. Would like to be able to get around by foot more and really take it all in. I am too afraid to walk around the roads as the traffic is fast and comes too close to prams and pushchairs.
45. It is an amazing place to live with a real sense of community.
47. The village is very scattered, and it is hard to get from one area to another if you do not have a car - particularly in the winter when major connecting footpaths are impassable. The roads are too dangerous to walk on.
49. Moved here for peaceful life. The increase in social children not under control does change that.
50. I love the countryside which has not yet been developed, but we need a bus route re-introduced.
51. Selling has many qualities, but people travelling through village or collecting children at school in cars display the most appalling behaviour.
53. I am concerned about the use of spraying adjacent to residential areas.
55. Farming practices awful for environment - more wild flower planting needed for birds, butterflies and bees.
56. Wild flower planting throughout village for bees.
57. Stop building down our end of village. All proposed building works [*from private residents?*] are turned down in our part but agreed in the other parts. I thought Selling was ONE VILLAGE.
58. Too many juggernauts which are too large and long. Need a speed limit and speed signs down Selling Road and all areas of Selling.
59. More of an effort made to stop people littering.
60. 1) Traffic generation - Gaskain's and school. 2) Litter. 3) Lack of footpaths/cycleways.
62. A great place to live.

	<p>63. Great to live with orchards and footpaths on door-steps. Polytunnels and some commercial traffic are part of this. Rail link is vital for work and leisure.</p> <p>64. HGVs are annoying. The footpaths and woodlands are a joy to walk and need to be cared for more often as do the roads that continually flood.</p> <p>66. We came here for the countryside and Selling provides well for this.</p> <p>69. Litter and dog mess have become more of a problem since I moved here.</p> <p>70. Sometimes feel it's a them and us situation - Selling/Perry Wood. Years ago we approached the parish council and they thought we came under Chilham!!!</p> <p>73. Still a lack of Internet for some areas forgotten by parish council.</p> <p>75. Lorries! Too many. Spraying in orchards.</p> <p>77. It is a beautiful area to live with woodlands as well as orchards.</p> <p>78. In general very good.</p> <p>79. Thought must be given to tree planting - although beautiful, the trees need to be controlled so they do not obstruct views of landscape by their height.</p> <p>81. Where we live could not be nicer.</p> <p>82. A beautiful place in which to live. Sad that we no longer have a shop.</p> <p>84. It's a great place to live - keep it that way.</p> <p>85. Nice but nothing to do - except if you are older. Absolutely nothing for teenagers.</p> <p>86. Selling is in a beautiful part of the country valued by local townspeople and holiday makers alike. However there is a constant threat from agricultural industrialisation which brings few or no benefits to locals. Although some housing should be allowed on brown-field sites in particular, it should be strictly limited.</p> <p>87. The environment is shaped by agriculture and on the whole the result is fantastic: fields and orchards. Less happy with some of the more commercial aspects - inevitable, but could be planned/thought out better.</p> <p>88. Currently an excellent place to live: scenery superb, easy access to transport and motorways.</p>
8.2	<p><i>Any details you may wish to give concerning people in your household who would like to move into a home of their own in Selling.</i></p> <p>1. No.</p> <p>37. The average person will <u>not</u> stop building - unfortunately.</p> <p>45. My two children were made to leave Selling but they would be here in the morning if it was possible. We need to keep our young in the village.</p> <p>50. Not at present.</p> <p>56. Son and daughter would like to move to Selling.</p> <p>87. Children too young.</p>
8.4	<p><i>Comment here on your feelings towards the expansion of housing in the village.</i></p>

1. Houses should be built. Especially to bring people and money into the village. But this country needs to become self-sufficient in food.
2. If expanded to a large degree the "village" feel will disappear and it becomes a town with all the disadvantages.
3. Limited brown-field residential development within the parish would be to the benefit of the local economy.
4. A little of everything.
5. Enough is enough.
6. Recent large-scale development near station has detracted from rural feel.
9. The nature of the village must be maintained. The conservation area must be sacrosanct. Smaller developments such as Monica Close are acceptable, but there must be a limit on the total number of new dwellings.
11. We don't have the infrastructure or amenities to support further growth yet.
12. Housing without amenities and limited room for new houses would prevent a large expansion or development in the Selling area.
13. It should not destroy the current character.
14. No more at the station end. Possibly more on Gaskain's Land, if they are selling, but may need shops, vet, doctors surgery, etc.
16. I welcome small expansion in brownfield places, e.g. new house on old railway sidings at the station. Could be disused agricultural sites with redundant buildings.
17. Prefer that the rural idyll remained.
19. The main problem is that new developments, e.g. Hop Pickers Close, are approved with a density which is quite out of character with the rest of the village. It is important to resist dense housing.
20. It needs to accommodate the needs of those with local connections who wish to remain in the area.
23. Over expansion might be a problem given the present facilities.
25. OK, it is needed.
27. New housing should happen in the whole village, not just around the station.
28. There is opportunity for sensible building without destroying the area's beauty.
29. Local shop for local people including post office.
30. Very poor infrastructure to allow much more housing/people/vehicles.
31. All development needs to be sympathetic to our AONB.
32. Due to Selling being so spread out, no grocery-type shop is likely to be viable. Any shops would need to be specialist outlets attracting custom from outside the village.
33. Since early 1980s over 60 homes have been built in Selling. Plus many conversions of barns, etc., into houses.
34. We need bungalows, one and two bedrooms only. With their aches and pains they don't always sleep together because of disturbing their partner.
35. With all the new housing around the station, I can't think of anywhere suitable for any more development. Also roads, school can't

cope.

37. There are no facilities for elderly locally who are unable to drive. What is an affordable home when the average house price is way above wages paid in the village and surrounds?

41. Since I bought my house, *[location]*, one new house in Neames Forstal and the 26 new houses have sprung up.

44. I am not sure we need homes for sale, as we have those being built, but we do need association housing for our younger members of the community who don't want to leave the village.

45. I feel there should not be any further building of homes.

47. The problem with extending housing provision is the lack of amenities such as public transport (buses) or shop. There should be some development of affordable housing.

48. Local kids will not fit in school.

50. This is a nice little village. Too many new homes will spoil Selling, and its rural character will be lost.

51. I think we can all be NIMBYs *[not in my back yard]* so best to reserve comment. We all like it on someone else's doorstep.

52. I can't answer question 8.3 because it all depends on the scale of development. For instance, some industry would be good because it would offer local employment, but a 100 acre industrial park would be a disaster.

57. It's a shame that when you object to building works it still goes ahead, spoiling views and making much more traffic.

58. Why is planning permission given for houses to be built around station area, but not the other end of the village? NIMBYs again *[not in my back yard]*.

59. Positive if it is affordable, possibly more council housing!

60. Housing expansion should include for local young and elderly, but provide for young executive as this will bring in income and activity expenditure. Less provision for general housing.

62. Great.

63. Expansion is OK as long as services keep pace - school places, play equipment, shop.

64. I think the village needs some more houses, but affordable for local people, and some single storey homes for older people in the village, but kept to a sensible amount.

65. Inevitable.

66. Small scale.

68. Living in the village nearly all my life, it would be nice to be able to downsize into a bungalow. After putting a lot of energy into the village why should we have to move to downsize, and lose friends?

70. To a degree, but not to the detriment of the countryside. A farm shop with all the necessities would be nice. Maybe a café.

73. Why is private property not included??

75. *[There is]* No social housing *[and there should be]*. Any new housing is set aside for people to buy!

77. If people can't afford to live in an area they need to move to a more affordable area, e.g. Faversham. I do believe in developing shops, offices, industry, but by reusing existing buildings.

78. Not too many. Cheaper ones preferred.

80. Needs to be done. Sympathetically, including to infrastructure.

	<p>81. As we are not in the village as such, it doesn't apply to us.</p> <p>84. If you are not careful you would lose the village character.</p> <p>86. Please see 7.7 above. The infrastructure, particularly roads, cannot cope with current pressures. If local agricultural practices expand it will further increase these pressures and in my view such expansion should be resisted. In any case, only a small expansion of housing should be allowed, with the Faversham brown-field sites being used first.</p> <p>87. OK provided infrastructure/facilities are planned and keep pace, e.g. school is not able to expand much further without significant funding. Bus service to Faversham needed to get people to doctors, shops, etc.</p>
8.6	<p><i>Any comments on 8.5: Should a proportion of new developments be set aside for local people (e.g. affordable housing for young people/social housing/etc.)?</i></p> <p>1. Ask local people with fields if they would be willing to develop! However, how will we feed ourselves? If blocking Eurotunnel becomes common practice, it will impact imports.</p> <p>6. Seen increase in disrespectful behaviour (e.g. graffiti/unruly behaviour on station) mostly down to younger generation. Would not like to see more of this!</p> <p>9. Local area people should have some preference.</p> <p>29. Affordable housing can be designed tasteful to fit in with village.</p> <p>31. [Name] not sure of legality of this.</p> <p>33. Monica Close was for locals <u>only</u> when built, but now that is not guaranteed.</p> <p>41. Some families located in social housing have been very disruptive.</p> <p>45. Yes, without question.</p> <p>46. If there had to be homes they should be for local people.</p> <p>47. The village has an elderly demographic, perhaps due to high property prices.</p> <p>50. But Selling does not need too much more development otherwise its village character will be lost for ever.</p> <p>57. It would be nice to have the right to buy a housing association house. This would make it affordable to people.</p> <p>58. No site should be given to gypsy/travellers in or around Selling, unless you want to be burgled, as I have been before moving here. Believe me, the theft rate will soar. Nothing but trouble. Threats of violence.</p> <p>65. Has it worked locally?</p> <p>68. Not many properties available for disabled. For local people - not bringing in from outside which occurred with Monica Close (with no playground built although promised).</p> <p>77. There are few job opportunities in Selling and I don't believe people have the right to live wherever they want. Our first house was in Wales and we have moved around to where jobs were available.</p> <p>79. Council house residents should not be allowed to buy.</p>
8.8	<p><i>Has any member of your family had to leave Selling in the last 5 years through lack of affordable housing?</i></p>

	<p>1. No.</p> <p>4. None of my family could afford to live in Selling.</p> <p>12. Faversham has a selection of affordable housing that would benefit many looking to purchase anywhere.</p> <p>20. I could not afford to live here as a 1st time buyer, despite having a professional career. Even as a 2nd time buy the only availability is ex-social housing stock.</p> <p>45. Both my daughters were told they have to move out as there is no association homes in Selling for them They love it here, and as time move forward I might need them close. It's broken down our family. I feel very strongly about this.</p> <p>59. Friends who wanted to stay in Selling unable to rent cheaply due to lack of affordable housing.</p> <p>60. My two sons have left village but so have most children to pursue careers elsewhere. in practice a limited number of children remain in village.</p> <p>75. Might have to though! Such a shame, when I consider this home!</p>
8.10	<p><i>Do you have any other comments about housing, accommodation, living space, infrastructure in Selling?</i></p> <p>The school is too small to cope with the current numbers. Astonished parents want to cram children into a school with little outside space. The roads are very narrow and would need a lot of money to develop them so traffic could go faster. The train station is a blessing but would need a bigger car-park. Not all areas have gas.</p> <p>3. There are a number of prime brown-field locations within the parish suitable for residential development.</p> <p>4. It would lose its appeal if over-developed, as in any village.</p> <p>6. More communal areas should be considered to cater for the increase in the number of people.</p> <p>9. Schooling is adequate in Selling so long as Selling children are given preference.</p> <p>10. Improve gas distribution.</p> <p>The population of the village is increasing and the community assets seem to be being lost.</p> <p>31. What gas!?</p> <p>32. At the station, parking for commuters needs to be available at the present level, off road, in spite of the Hop-Pickers Close development. At 11 a.m. today there are 26 vehicles parking in the station approach road and car-park. Some are probably tradesmen working on the development, but we can anticipate a similar number to those, unable to park in the limited spaces within the close when it is occupied.</p> <p>33. Enough houses already. In fact too many.</p> <p>40. Faster broadband in Neames Forstal. Is it available? If so we have no knowledge of this.</p> <p>41. Frequency of trains has decreased and buses are non-existent - luckily I have a car!</p> <p>45. But traffic speed controls, signs, etc., and paths.</p> <p>50. The village character will be lost if too much development is done. There should be a limit to the amount of development within</p>

	<p>Neames Forstal and main Selling.</p> <p>52. As far as infrastructure is concerned, a mobile 'phone signal at my house would be nice. There is none and I [<i>don't</i>] see that position changing any time soon. / My answer to question 8.9 again depends on the location and scale of the development. The existing infrastructure can easily cope with, say, 5 more houses but is completely inadequate for a development of 5,000 houses like the Cockering Road development at Canterbury. But then the planning procedure for such a major development would include the provision of gas, electricity and sewerage and would also consider the adequacy of roads, schools and public transport. After all, without decent provision of all infrastructure a developer knows he'll have difficulty selling his new houses. Infrastructure overload will be created by the cumulative effect of a series of small developments, each individually acceptable and for which planning permission won't be withheld because all the previous ones act as precedents for the next.</p> <p>53. There could be very limited development near to the station. But no development in any other location in the parish.</p> <p>57. Would like right to buy. Stop building in certain parts of village. Worried about proposed traveller site being built in certain part of village. Would like more people to say 'no' to building at our end of village.</p> <p>58. Housing should be for local people. School for local children. Need single storey homes for elderly, at affordable rents from housing association. Also right to buy. Housing association tenants should have the right, as promised in Tory manifesto. [<i>Somewhat personal accusations removed, to the effect that building throughout the village will not spoil the countryside</i>].</p> <p>59. Shops and play park!</p> <p>64. If you are going to build more houses Selling might need a medical centre.</p> <p>68. Perhaps consider linking the so-called hamlet of Hogben's Hill to Selling, and village signs saying Selling ANOB [<i>Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty</i>], etc., not [<i>making</i>] Hogben's Hill or Neames Forstal [<i>separate entities from Selling</i>].</p> <p>70. Public transport is just the train, which is a 45 min walk for me along unpaved roads.</p> <p>73. What about Internet being able to cope. Has it been forgotten that some areas still <u>do not</u> have access to decent Internet with all the repercussions, or gas, or sewage.</p> <p>75. School apparently has children from outside the parish which would make it unable to cope. roads are filled with lorries and school run from out of parish.</p> <p>78. 2nd homes should be severely restricted.</p> <p>79 Schools - local children should have priority over outsiders.</p> <p>87. No sewerage, no gas [<i>here</i>]. Broadband!!! When? We use Vfast which is great, but would be nice to have more choice and more cheaper options.</p>
9.2	<p><i>Are the other reasons for travelling out of Selling, apart from those listed in question 9.1?</i></p> <p>3. Running, cycling.</p>

	<p>29. As there is no local shop, some journeys become necessary for forgotten essentials!</p> <p>32. Visiting friends and family. Occasional eating out, etc.</p> <p>35. Travelling to our daughter's. We spend at least 2 days a week at Eastwell, looking after the grandchildren.</p> <p>41. Have responsibilities in Canterbury.</p> <p>45. To use play areas with kids.</p> <p>47. Visiting family.</p> <p>51. Running a charity.</p> <p>58. <i>[Travel for]</i> Post office, bank, chemist, buy clothes.</p> <p>68. Social visits, hospitals and Drs whenever, shopping and meals out.</p>
9.4	9.4 is incorporated into the analysis of question 9.3.
9.6	<p>Other places where you do your main grocery shop.</p> <p>11. Delivered.</p> <p>32. Canterbury, Ashford, Whitstable.</p> <p>41. Aldi - Canterbury. Cheaper than Tesco.</p> <p>49. Or home delivery.</p> <p>65. Faversham is secondary.</p> <p>70. Practically everything in our lifestyle happens outside of Selling.</p> <p>87. Ocado</p>
9.7	<p>Why do you shop there (you main grocery shopping place) in particular?</p> <p>1. <i>[Faversham]</i> Because I get points! Can park. Combine with attendance pilates classes.</p> <p>2. <i>[Faversham]</i> Faversham is nearby and convenient for parking, etc.</p> <p>3. <i>[Faversham]</i> Local, plenty of choice.</p> <p>5. <i>[Faversham]</i> Faversham is our local town.</p> <p>9. <i>[Faversham]</i> The nearest place.</p> <p>11. <i>[Faversham]</i> Convenient.</p> <p>12. <i>[Canterbury]</i> Convenient with work location.</p> <p>13. <i>[Faversham]</i> It is the nearest.</p> <p>14. <i>[Canterbury]</i> Morrisons, easy to park, has more choice than Faversham and open later.</p> <p>16. <i>[Faversham]</i> Convenience, and sadly it's usually the supermarkets.</p> <p>17. <i>[Faversham]</i> Convenience and like the place.</p> <p>18. <i>[Faversham]</i> Convenience.</p> <p>19. <i>[Faversham]</i> Proximity and ease of transport.</p> <p>20. <i>[Faversham]</i> Quick and out of catchment area for where I work. A good range of independent shops.</p> <p>22. <i>[Canterbury]</i> We prefer the range of shops there.</p> <p>23. <i>[Canterbury and Faversham]</i> Availability of shops.</p> <p>25. <i>[Canterbury and Faversham]</i> Nearest.</p> <p>27. <i>[Faversham]</i> Local</p> <p>28. <i>[Faversham]</i> Convenience/proximity.</p> <p>29. <i>[Faversham]</i> We like to shop locally to support area.</p> <p>31. <i>[Faversham]</i> Proximity.</p> <p>32. <i>[Faversham]</i> Discount supermarkets. Larger Tesco's.</p>

	<p>33. <i>[Faversham]</i> Most convenient.</p> <p>38. <i>[Canterbury]</i> More choice.</p> <p>40. <i>[Faversham]</i> Closest.</p> <p>41. <i>[Faversham]</i> Convenience</p> <p>45. <i>[Faversham]</i> Because it's close to village.</p> <p>47. <i>[Faversham]</i> There is a range of shops/supermarkets.</p> <p>48. <i>[Faversham]</i> local.</p> <p>50. <i>[Canterbury and Faversham]</i> Closeness.</p> <p>51. <i>[Folkstone/Dover]</i> Teach at college.</p> <p>52. <i>[Canterbury]</i> That's where I work.</p> <p>54. <i>[Faversham]</i> Proximity.</p> <p>55. <i>[Faversham]</i> Closest and nice.</p> <p>57. <i>[Faversham, Sittingbourne]</i> Can get there by train.</p> <p>58. <i>[Faversham grocery shopping]</i> Canterbury for other shopping.</p> <p>59. <i>[Faversham]</i> Cheaper train ticket that going to Canterbury.</p> <p>60. <i>[Faversham]</i> Preferred and closest.</p> <p>63. <i>[On-line]</i> Convenience.</p> <p>64. <i>[Faversham]</i> Nearest place to shop.</p> <p>65. <i>[Canterbury]</i> Prefer M&S brands for food.</p> <p>66. <i>[Faversham]</i> Local - good superstores.</p> <p>68. <i>[Faversham]</i> Closest, local shop support.</p> <p>70. <i>[Canterbury]</i> Work in Canterbury. Sometimes Faversham.</p> <p>71. <i>[Canterbury]</i> No shopping facilities in Selling.</p> <p>75. <i>[Canterbury]</i> Better variety.</p> <p>76. <i>[Chilham Farm Shop]</i> I own it.</p> <p>77. <i>[Faversham]</i> Closest to us, with café., library and banks.</p> <p>78. <i>[Faversham]</i> Easier to get to with Dial-a-Ride.</p> <p>81. <i>[Faversham]</i> Because it is a lovely drive and the Co-op is good and hardware shop excellent.</p> <p>82. <i>[Faversham]</i> It is closest and I like the town.</p> <p>83. <i>[Canterbury]</i> Combine it with other reasons for visit.</p> <p>84. <i>[Faversham]</i> Convenience.</p> <p>86. <i>[Faversham]</i> Easy access by car for most of year, but inaccessible in conditions of snow and ice.</p> <p>87. <i>[Faversham]</i> Nearest/good choice.</p> <p>88. <i>[Faversham]</i> Convenient and choices.</p>
9.9	No responses.
9.11	<p><i>Where else do you go for access to medical services? (Most responses under 9.11 are incorporated into the analysis of question 9.10).</i></p> <p>34. <i>[If I]</i> use Canterbury Hospital or Ashford, I have to 'phone and book transport.</p>
9.13	<p><i>How does you child (if you have any) get to school? (other responses are incorporated into the analysis of question 9.12).</i></p> <p>52. No children, so doesn't apply.</p>
9.14	<p><i>If you think it necessary, do you have any ideas for making parking more convenient near Selling School?</i></p> <p>1. Close the school and move it to Faversham. Too many children in too small a space. <i>[It is]</i> a school in a village. Not a village school.</p>

	<p>2. Some more land purchased to enlarge car-park or staggered start a finish time at school.</p> <p>3. Car-sharing by parents. School minibus from Faversham. No parking allowed on Selling Road in vicinity of School</p> <p>5. Current volumes of traffic have outgrown the school car-park.</p> <p>11. Off road - make parents obey rules and not block pavement/road!</p> <p>20. School! rush hour! times are congested.</p> <p>27. Car-sharing and locals using school bus.</p> <p>31. Use the car-park.</p> <p>33. Car-share and more use of school bus.</p> <p>37. Yes. Use the car-park.</p> <p>38. Car-sharing would help.</p> <p>41. Do parents not use the car-park.?</p> <p>50. Other than extending the car-park.</p> <p>53. I think that off-street parking outside the school should be controlled. Traffic cones say "NO PARKING" should be placed and police presence should enforce this. There is an adequate car-park.!</p> <p>54. See 2.3</p> <p>56. Parish councillors to talk more to the villagers and listen to their concerns and opinions.</p> <p>60 Reduce school numbers or implement car-sharing.</p> <p>65. Drop-off zones - monitored if needed.</p> <p>68. Very necessary as footpaths are trashed opposite car-park. Mr Hilton's land, but has a water flooding problem like the roadway. Could use as overspill for village Hall tho.</p> <p>72. Make the car-park. bigger.</p> <p>84. Parent drivers should be more considerate to others and park sensibly. More should walk to school.</p> <p>85. Enlarge car-park. - but no matter how big lazy/inconsiderate parents will still park in the road.</p>
9.16	<p><i>How often do you typically use the train? (More responses)</i></p> <p>1. To London about 10 times a year. Cross country about 5 times a year.</p> <p>9. To travel to London</p> <p>12. Occasional journey to work or social outing.</p> <p>16. But from Faversham usually.</p> <p>20. Travel to London or Canterbury.</p> <p>23. From Faversham Station to visit relatives on occasions. Mainly to London.</p> <p>25. Not quite monthly.</p> <p>29. Twice a month at least.</p> <p>35. One of us uses the train weekly, the other monthly. <i>[Name]</i> works one day a week in Teynham, often goes by train.</p> <p>50. <i>[Use train occasionally]</i> Due to having a car but we could do with a bus service.</p> <p>57. I commute to work as no bus service.</p> <p>63. 2 days a week for work, weekends for leisure.</p> <p>68. School holiday trips to London.</p> <p>77. Daughter uses it daily to get to school. We use it monthly to go to Canterbury.</p>

	<p>80. I go to Faversham [station] due to connections, and lack of parking at Selling.</p> <p>85. Son uses every day for school.</p> <p>87. Daily commute (husband)</p> <p>88. I go to Faversham Station by car. I never use Selling Station.</p>
9.17	<p><i>In what ways could travelling in the Selling area, and Selling's transport links, be improved?</i></p> <p>1. Train stop more frequently. Stop the lorries. Close the school. Car-pool for shopping?</p> <p>3. Foreign farm-workers could be discouraged from bringing their own vehicles by the provision of better transport options by employers.</p> <p>6. Well maintained roads</p> <p>12. Bus service ?</p> <p>16. More frequent stopping services up or down.</p> <p>19. Later trains to Selling from London. The recent revision of the timetable moved the last train from Victoria from 10:27 to 10:07. This is a crucial difference as many concerts and other entertainments end at 9:30, which means arrival at Victoria at about 10:15. Also we badly need destination board at the station - desperately!</p> <p>20. The station lighting could be far more effective.</p> <p>24. A regular daily bus service.</p> <p>26. When there are no trains running, a regular bus service should be available.</p> <p>28. Better bus service - to/from Faversham and to/from Selling Station.</p> <p>31. I understand there are some bus services you can tap into - this is great and should be encouraged - made widely known.</p> <p>34. I could get on at Selling and off at Sittingbourne, but wouldn't be able to get back because of the steps [at Selling Station].</p> <p>45. The trains don't always run to Selling and unless you can carry pram, shopping and children the station can't be used as I can't get over the steps. I also know several young mums in village have the same problems. Very poor service.</p> <p>48. Have a bus.</p> <p>50. To re-introduce a bus service, we have a large Polish population so their service would be used regularly, and locals, who also would use a service.</p> <p>51. Better facilities at station, even concession for a stall to sell tea/coffee at peak times - other small stations have success.</p> <p>57. Put a bus service on. Ticket machine repaired so can show where got on.</p> <p>58. A daily bus route to Faversham and Canterbury. Also to surrounding villages. Also cycle paths.</p> <p>59. Constantly working permit-to-travel [machine] at station.</p> <p>60. Footpaths and cycleways around village.</p> <p>63. Bus service to Faversham. Cycle path from Selling Station to school.</p> <p>64. Trains stopping every 1/2 hour. More buses. Taxi service.</p> <p>65. Driving is usually fine BUT increasing lorry size, and flooding are a concern for elderly drivers.</p>

	<p>66. Roads in better condition.</p> <p>68. Speed restriction in built up areas. Neames Forstal large population, and police don't deem it necessary! More houses there now and a playground needed here, so speed restrictions needed.</p> <p>70. A village bus to help elderly, especially to a shop, Faversham linking the station. I am sure everyone would use it at some point.</p> <p>73. A regular bus service to and from village.</p> <p>77. Safer cycling route to Faversham - would use it weekly if it was available.</p> <p>86. Additional bus routes on a more complete network.</p> <p>87. Bus service to Faversham. I know there is a request service, but the timings are not convenient. If Selling is to expand, it will need a (mini)bus at regular intervals. Foot/cycle path to Faversham. All footpaths end at Owens Court; after that you have to use Selling Road which is too dangerous.</p>
10.2	<p><i>If you do not find the parish notice boards useful, why is that?</i></p> <p>3. Rarely stop to read notices.</p> <p>4. Just never get round to reading them, but I think they are necessary.</p> <p>6. Rarely walk past them.</p> <p>18. There isn't much info in them and don't seem to be updated regularly. How does on go about actually putting a notice in one of them?</p> <p>30. Most information from Parish Mag.</p> <p>32. Both council and parish sections tend to stay there after dated events. Key-holders need to update and maintain.</p> <p>33. Take down out-of-date info.</p> <p>37. [We] take the Parish Magazine.</p> <p>40. Parish Council only seem to put agenda up. Minutes would be more useful.</p> <p>47. [Notice boards not used] Mainly because I'd have to walk to one!</p> <p>48. Need to take down out-of-date info.</p> <p>65. Magazine/Newsletter covers topics.</p> <p>68. Very shabby and not a lot of interesting items.</p> <p>70. [Don't use Parish Council notice boards] Because there isn't one in Perry Wood.</p> <p>75. Not always up to date, nothing of interest.</p> <p>86. Selling is a village that does not have a centre. Months go by and I would not pass any of those boards.</p>
10.4	<p><i>Other ways that you find out what is happening in the parish.</i></p> <p>1. The parish website is a fag to access. It could set up alerts otherwise I never consult.</p> <p>3. Neighbours. Gossip.</p> <p>9. Local gossip.</p> <p>14. Word of mouth.</p> <p>16. Neighbours tell me, also friends.</p> <p>17. Local gossip.</p> <p>18. Word of mouth.</p> <p>19. Will start to use the other two now [Parish Website and Parish</p>

	<p><i>Council News Letter]</i></p> <p>20. Word of mouth updates, e.g. Paul Smith's film evenings.</p> <p>27. Word of mouth. School.</p> <p>40. Notice board (Sondes).</p> <p>45. Members of the village.</p> <p>47. Word of mouth - it works very well.</p> <p>57. My neighbour.</p> <p>70. Local gossip.</p> <p>75. We don't.</p> <p>76. Word of mouth.</p> <p>85. Gossip in the pubs.</p> <p>86. Personal network.</p> <p>87. Gossip</p> <p>88. Information from neighbours.</p>
10.7	<p><i>Any details and/or comments on personal safety in the parish.</i></p> <p>1. I call 101 if I think I detect suspicious activity. I get emails from Neighbourhood Watch.</p> <p>3. The main hazards I find when using the lanes is in speeding motorists (school run is worst) and large commercial vehicles.</p> <p>4. The light by the school (working) would help many people, especially those who are parked in the car-park. and walking up to the village hall.</p> <p>11. Main risk to safety - traffic speed and lack of street lighting.</p> <p>14. Only feel unsafe when foreigners are working in the village.</p> <p>20. The station area is ill lit.</p> <p>22. Re 10.5 - volume and speed of traffic. 10.6 - no street lighting in our hamlet.</p> <p>26. Selling needs more lights from station to Selling Road.</p> <p>27. As safe as can be.</p> <p>28. Lack of paths.</p> <p>29. <i>[Feel safe in the village]</i> but not at the station!</p> <p>30. I feel very safe but footpaths, lighting and vehicles are a problem.</p> <p>42. No footpaths or lighting.</p> <p>50. People need to be aware that there are odd, dangerous people everywhere nowadays, more street lights needed.</p> <p>52. There's no street lighting so obviously walking on the road at night here is less safe because drivers have a reduced chance of seeing and avoiding me.</p> <p>55. Roads are so dangerous. Impossible to walk on in safety, footpaths are also dangerous day/night.</p> <p>57. Street lighting - as won't go out at night as don't feel safe.</p> <p>58. Not enough street lights, or pavements. no public phone box at station or nearby. Not everyone has a mobile phone, or might need to be charged) i.e. need to phone for a lift from station - need CCTV.</p> <p>60. <i>[Concerning safety]</i> Dedicated footpaths/cycleways should be provided between Hogben's Hill, The Street, Perry Wood and the station as a future investment priority.</p> <p>64. Not enough street lighting, especially from the station, and as noted before undesirables getting chucked off the trains, having nowhere to go, so they wander around Selling in the dark.</p>

	<p>65. Speeding cars on bends - especially when diversion causes non-locals to pass through.</p> <p>66. Darkness.</p> <p>75. Very little light and unstable paths.</p> <p>87. No lights! No footpaths along Selling Road to Faversham.</p> <p>88. Depends where walking. Selling Road dangerous day and night.</p>
10.9	<p><i>How concerned are you about any other anti-social problems you have personally witnessed in and around the parish, and which are not on the list in question 10.8?</i></p> <p>1. Raves in the wood seem to have abated s the weather has been less clement. No idea if rogue cyclists are still destroying the banks.</p> <p>3. Shooting parties can be very noisy in season. I pick up a lot of litter from the roadside, mainly (not exclusively) drink cartons., beer cans, etc. Field entrances seem to collect most litter.</p> <p>11. Sondes Arms is a mess, encouraging further antisocial behaviour. Building sites being played on.</p> <p>23. Agricultural vehicles night work an acceptable situation when e.g. harvesting.</p> <p>26. People keep dumping rubbish behind recycle bins and also there is a mattress which has been dumped last week, 1/10/15.</p> <p>28. Shooting! Not sure what restrictions exist but often heard early in the morning.</p> <p>31. [Name] is not concerned living where we are. I am aware of some difficulties elsewhere.</p> <p>32. Put pressure on employers of seasonal labour to give training on the importance of not leaving litter, particularly en route to and from the station.</p> <p>38. Footpaths used by cyclists and the digging up of paths and open spaces within Perry Wood [<i>is a concern</i>].</p> <p>48. Motorcycles in Perry Wood.</p> <p>51. Unless there is more funding little can be done, I believe.</p> <p>57. Sadly, nothing will get done. Filled in but doubt very much anyone's opinions at our end of village [<i>station area</i>] will be taken into account.</p> <p>58. Above in station area: provide litter bins; need CCTV at railway station; need indicator at railway station telling us times and destinations of trains (all other stations have).</p> <p>66. The situation re local violence (i.e. conflict between some of our neighbours) has calmed somewhat - hope it remains so ; very upsetting when it has occurred.</p> <p>70. Have witnessed increasing cyclists (off-road) chopping down trees to make ramps and creating mounds of earth. Also Jeeps off-roading in the woods.</p> <p>75. Binge drinking at train station, loitering.</p> <p>79. Late night discos/parties with "thump" music in the early hours - "Raves". Cure: police, or army if police frightened to go in.</p> <p>85. Burglary - sheds, etc.</p> <p>86. Killing wildlife. Two kestrels have been killed on a field adjacent to my house.</p>
10.13	<p><i>Any other comments about the Parish Newsletter from Selling Parish Council.</i></p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It should be developed to replace the Parish Mag. which has become less community and more churchy. I dislike the change. 5. I was a parish councillor 35 years. 5. Read when time permits. 12. Have only received one. 19. They seem very infrequent. 22. Haven't received any for a long time. 26. I do not receive the Parish Magazine or the Parish Council Newsletter. 27. No Minutes available in Parish Mag every month, or updated on website. 31. To our knowledge 'September 2015' is the first one we have received in 21 months. 33. These [newsletters] should be more often. 37. Had one in 2015, and read it. 40. Minutes on noticeboard. 51. Useful. 70. Have stopped buying the Magazine, after the negative experience we had.
10.15	<p><i>Other suggestions as to how the Parish Council could best communicate with you.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 1) Develop the newsletter to become what the Parish Mag <u>used</u> to be. 2) You could give us email alerts like other organisations do. Website is a chore to visit. 6. E-mail. 11. Email. 14. Weekend-long raves. 16. Magazine is just fine. 30. I'm content with Parish Mag and Parish Council newsletter. I know where to find a parish councillor if needed. 35. As we like to go to the meetings, we feel we are fairly well informed. 41. Adequate. 63. Email, social media. 65. Only when/where essential - too much info is lost! 68. Notices if necessary as they are available to all (not just on-line). 70. Having a spokesperson/warden/community cover for Perry Wood (not just Selling). 87. Info re school on Parish Website is very out of date.
10.17	<p><i>Any comments or details you may like to give concerning how crime or anti-social behaviour may have affected you in Selling over the last 5 years.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. However, I call 101 if a suspect strange behaviour, e.g. a man who wandered into the garden and left his car in the road! He was astonished when I challenged him from upstairs. 3. Dogs barking is an occasional nuisance. 6. Burglary, and anti-social behaviour on station. 22. Noise generated from workers in caravans on Gaskain's farm. 23. More police presence would be helpful.

	<p>28. Theft from builders vehicle.</p> <p>30. Burgled - 1 visit by police - thereafter no contact because nobody hurt - only property loss!</p> <p>31. <i>[Name]</i> says 'safest place he's ever lived'!</p> <p>35. The lights at the side entry gates were snapped off at Sondes Court. We have now replaced them.</p> <p>41. Particularly so when Sondes Arms badly managed.</p> <p>62. Kids playing ball.</p> <p>65. Theft from car, once.</p> <p>70. Prowlers and snoopers. Oil trying to be taken.</p> <p>75. Burgled, litter all over, graffiti, plants/flower stolen.</p> <p>85. Bikes noisy in Perry Wood.</p> <p>86. Security lights made inoperable.</p>
10.20	<p><i>Tell us about your experiences of Neighbourhood Watch, where it exists.</i></p> <p>1. It exists in Hogben's Hill.</p> <p>2. I am happy with the Neighbourhood Watch in Hogben's Hill area - we get information and know who to contact if there are problems.</p> <p>3. Crime circular occasionally by email.</p> <p>4. Initially very good. Have not heard much recently, but as I am not on the internet, that is probably why.</p> <p>5. These have been started before, but usually fade away with time.</p> <p>9. Hogben's Hill scheme is very good.</p> <p>10. Not at the moment - work commitments, but yes in the future.</p> <p>21. Not able to <i>[take part in Neighbourhood Watch]</i> - was once.</p> <p>23. We have been on the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and the Agricultural N'W Scheme, but telephone messaging has stopped.</p> <p>32. It is good to have e-mails from police via the coordinator, telling of all crime in the area, and other useful information.</p> <p>33. It exists throughout the village already with information from N/W office in Sittingbourne.</p> <p>35. At our last house we were involved but don't really want to get involved again, but do feel they are a good idea.</p> <p>37. We already look out for our neighbours in our area. Isn't that what neighbours are for?</p> <p>42. Already a member of Neighbourhood Watch in Hogben's Hill. Keeps you informed of local issues.</p> <p>46. In our previous communities, Neighbourhood Watch has always been very effective.</p> <p>51. Very good.</p> <p>54. Crime messages passed on regularly by our co-ordinator.</p> <p>57. Unable to due to work commitments and health issues.</p> <p>62. It has been very good here.</p> <p>71. I did it for a long while for a few houses. Now the person who took over is excellent; does a very good job.</p> <p>79. Was a co-ordinator until they went on-line (v. slow/no-existent broadband here).</p> <p>83. It died out in Grove Road years ago.</p> <p>88. I am Neighbourhood Watch rep for <i>[redacted, as identifies the writer]</i>.</p>

10.21 ***What is good about the parish of Selling, and should be preserved?***

1. 1) All the open space. Nice village in a nice location. More people who live here to participate so it's not always the same ones doing everything. 2) The Village Hall is a focus for activities. Needs updating.
2. The community spirit for those who wish to join in to local events. The fact that those who do not want to partake are left in peace.
3. Peace and quiet. The countryside - footpaths - wood - trails, etc.
4. It seems to jog along nicely. I think it is fortunate that so many people are willing to organise so many different activities in the village, for that we are lucky.
5. A voluntary noble assembly who give up their time and energy quite freely in the well-being of the parish. Only seeking the award of being trusted to look after the affairs of the parish - the Parish Council.
6. Rural location, outdoor facilities (e.g. woods, footpaths, etc.)
9. Its rural nature.
11. Green space - no more building. Heritage - church and churchyard. Pubs. AONB.
16. Size of village is about right. Some additional residential but limited. Potholes on road are a problem. Church and Village Hall (although I don't use them I enjoy their presence).
17. Tranquillity. Beauty. Many thanks for the questionnaire!
18. Perry Woods. The pubs. The railway station.
19. The rural atmosphere and green space.
22. Rural community which is sadly being eroded by inappropriate commercial farming (e.g. large influx of seasonal workers who have little regard for our rural lifestyle). Also rural views are being blighted by vast acreage of polythene.
23. A pleasant area to live, not too remote, good community spirit. Relatively well served for entertainment, e.g. theatre, rail and other transport services. Unspoilt countryside.
27. Beautiful countryside. Rural community.
28. Its beauty and character.
29. Its history, beauty and tranquillity.
30. Still has a 'community feel' demonstrated by annual church fête (people helping who are not necessarily church-goers). Several small communities where people are neighbourly.
31. [Name] says 'the vicar' :-) Beauty, sense of welcome, local school, church and hall, clubs/societies. pubs, closeness to town, city and motorway and rail-lines. Diversity. Fête and cricket events.
32. We need to keep the train station open.
33. The remaining open countryside should be preserved with no further housing built. It is already not the lovely village that we moved to.
Tranquillity (most of the time). Lovely green open spaces. Plenty of walks. Friendly people.
37. We are in an area of natural beauty and should therefore not

- become a concrete jungle.
38. Rural community and tranquillity.
40. Natural beauty.
41. Proximity to Faversham, Canterbury and countryside. We should guard against becoming an urban sprawl.
42. Quiet and rural.
45. The village lifestyle, open spaces, fields, woodlands, walks through fields. The fact that everyone says hello and chats. The sky at night, you can see stars for miles. It's beautiful and always amazes people how clear our skies are.
45. The rural aspect and a good community with lots of diversity.
47. The natural beauty of the environment should be preserved as far as possible (not covered in endless polytunnels!) Also, further housing must be appropriate to a rural area - we do not want to become suburban. Social networks and a sense of community need to be strengthened.
48. Church - need more parishioners!
50. Its green belt areas. Both pubs. The Sondes Arms re-opened hopefully. I love the hop-gardens and footpaths, some of which are not sign-posted clearly.
51. The character as per woodland hedges sensitive to landscape fencing - historic or buildings of character.
52. The countryside! It's beautiful while being a working landscape at the same time. Don't let it be diminished or ruined.
54. Village Hall, cricket ground, church, pubs.
57. The orchards and footpaths. Cricket ground. Play area. Churchyard. Station.
58. More people are friendly, a caring community. Beautiful countryside. Our C of E primary school. Vital to keep our railway station. Church.
59. The woodland.
62. Growing up here.
63. Community hubs - school, pub, cricket, play areas, church.
64. It's a nice village. Good transport links, i.e. train station. Lovely footpaths and woodlands, good school, a couple of pubs and Village Hall. All these need to be preserved to keep Selling a nice community.
65. Sometimes to do nothing is a sound decision - busy fools just cause problems where none existed.
66. The countryside location, mostly peaceful immediate environment. Keep it pretty much as it is.
70. Beautiful countryside. Perry Wood. Station.
71. Everything.
75. Wildlife.
77. The rural environment - woods, walking. The village fête. The school. The pubs.
78. The peace and quiet.
79. The countryside. Freedom from garish road signs. The church.
83. It's just a very nice place to live. Still.
84. Village image.
85. The pubs.
87. The environment, fields and orchards. The school.
88. Local fauna and flora. Fantastic views. Good for walking.

11.2	<i>Where in Selling is your business located?</i> 52. Don't have a business, so I can't answer this section.
11.3	<i>How do you describe your business?</i> 5. Joinery manufacturers, temporarily shut down. 48. Dog Holidays. 55. Cleaning. 70. Gardening / manicurist. 76. Nursery supporting Chilham Farm Shop. 79. Farm 84. Property.
11.8	<i>What are the main barriers (if any) to recruiting staff locally?</i> 5. Correct skills. 84. Do not need staff.
11.10	<i>Are there any other concerns, or any locations, with particularly difficult or dangerous traffic issues?</i> 5. On all the school runs, positive and clear speed restrictions urgently needed. 55. Whole of village is a traffic issue, but the Gaskain's lorries are awful!! 70. Large foreign lorries getting lost. 84. No.
11.12	<i>Write any comments you may wish to make here about the nature and/or frequency of crime, etc.</i> Although my gardening business hasn't been targeted, I am fully aware that fellow gardeners in the parish have.
11.14	<i>No comments</i>
11.17	<i>No comments</i>
11.18	<i>No comments</i>
11.19	<i>Do you have any further comments to make in addition to the above on the environment in Selling?</i> 10. [Not from a business-owner] Would not like to see a gypsy or traveller site in Selling!! 70. The use of water on agriculture around here affects our water pressure. Concern in the amount of spraying of chemicals on human/animal inhalation.