

# **Grimston, Pott Row, Roydon and Congham NHP Survey - Open Question Analysis**

This is the collation and analysis of the responses to the open questions in the 2019 survey on behalf of the NHP Group. The responses should be reviewed alongside the Full Survey analysis.

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## Section 2.6

### Thinking about sustainable development what single change would most improve your Quality of Life as a resident of our villages

The top comments followed the theme of the overall survey results in that residents considered that there should be no development or limited development. Although many did not want housing development, a proportion of comments specifically referred to an improvement in the range of local shops with a Farm Shop, Takeaways and a Garage all being mentioned. In the survey of Holly Meadows School Students takeaways/ fast food was a top request.

Poor broadband service was a major concern across all parishes and unlikely to be resolved by NHP policies on new development.

Echoed throughout the responses to relevant open questions was the desire for improved community facilities to accommodate a wider range of clubs and sporting activities, from the comments most saw this in a new centre and improvements to Hudson Fen, although a smaller number of responses suggested the school.

Residents indicated their frustration with speeding, but also felt the volume and type of traffic was an issue, many also wanted better a better-quality footpath infrastructure both for leisure and connectivity.

Better public transport in particular a bus to Fakenham and later buses back from King's Lynn, although in the main survey 70% stated that they did not use public transport.

#### Parish specific comments that could be followed up outside of the NHP process

**Roydon** - A request that the Station Road Post Box in Roydon was relocated as it was slippery in the wintertime and overgrown in the summertime

**Grimston** -There were 9 comments relating to on street or poor parking, several of these comments related to the GP's surgery and to outside the Post Office

<b>Housing Development</b>			
No or limited development only	30		
Affordable Housing	9		
Balance of development with modern facilities	5		
Defined Development Boundary	2		
Protect Open Countryside	3		
Sheltered Accom for Elderly	1		
Good Local Design	1		
<b>Community Infrastructure</b>			
Broadband/Mobile	18		
More Street lighting	6		
Sewage/Drainage	6		
Mains electricity and Gas	5		
More Doctors	4		
Water Pressure	1		
<b>Community Leisure</b>			
Improved Community Centre Facilities	23		
Better Shopping/Restaurants	14	Farm Shop. Takeaway, Garage, Pub in Grimston	
Improved outdoor leisure/sports	4		
Improve Green Space	2		
More community groups/clubs	2	Men's Shed	
<b>Transport Infrastructure</b>			
Speed/Traffic Reduction	24		
Footpaths	24		
Better Public Transport	23		
Limit on street parking/better parking	9	Inc. Medical Centre/ Post Office	
Better Roads	7		
Safer Cycle paths	7		
Cleaner Roads	3		
Lorry weight restrictions required	3		
Car Share Scheme	1		
Bus Shelter	1		
Pedestrian Crossing	1	Post Office	
Railway Service	1		
<b>Other Comments</b>			
No Pollution/wood burners	3		
Enhancing Green Tec/ Energy	2		
Dog Bins in Congham	2		
Nursery/ Better childcare facilities	2		
Safe Horse Riding	1		
Higher Police Presence	1		
Adopt Church Hill	1		
Relocate Post box	1	Station Road Roydon	

## Section 2.9

### What services or amenities do you think we are lacking

The top subject was improvements to public transport followed by an improved Community sport and meeting facility, lack of internet speed, the first mention of mains gas and then streetlighting (Roydon and Congham do not have streetlights).

<b>Transport</b>			
Public Transport	85	Mainly Buses	
Improved Footpaths	15		
Poor Parking	10		
Better Roads	8	Incl Road sweeping	
Bus Shelter	5		
Taxi Service	3	School , Doctors	
Speeding	3	St Andrews Lane	
Passing Bays	1		
<b>Key Services</b>			
Internet Speed	38		
Mains Gas	29		
Street Lighting	25		
Grimston Surgery	25		
Sewage/Drainage	16		
Mobile Phone Reception	11		
More Police	15		
NHS Dentist	6		
Reliable Electricity	3		
Recycling	4	Bulk/Bottle	
<b>Retail</b>			
Shops	39	Incl requests for a post office in Roydon and also Pott Row	
Garage/Petrol Station	12		
Butcher	9		
Takeaways	8	Fish and Chips was specified	
Café/ Tea Room	7		
Bakery	5		
Hairdressers	5		
Cleaner/Handyman Service	2		
Garden Centre	1		
ATM	1		
Craft Centre	1		
Rural Trade Centre	1		
<b>Children</b>			
Pre- School Nursery	9		
Childcare	6		
Schools	1		
<b>Community &amp; Leisure</b>			
Modern Village Hall	44	Incl Community hub with café	

Adult & Family Sports leisure facilities	34	Football, Tennis, swimming Pool, outdoor Gym	
Youth facilities	19	Incl. play area, Toddler Group	
Social Club	5		
Bridlepaths	4		
Film Night/Cinema	2		
Mobile Library	2		
Central Park	1	Between Roydon and Pott Row	
Miscellaneous			
Cable TV	3		
Public seats	2		
More Church Services	2	Roydon	
Dog Bins in Congham	2		
Water Pressure	2		
Care Home	2		
Meals on Wheels	1		
Pub in Grimston	1		
Less litter	1	Roydon	
Defibrillator	1		
Animal Shelter	1		
Pedestrian Crossing by Post Office	1		
Community events	1		
Affordable Housing	1		
Allotments	1	Congham	
Public Toilets	1		
Neighbourhood Watch scheme	1		
Picnic Area	1		
Grass verges cut more frequently	1		
Road Gritting	1		
Business Support Centre	1		
Litter Bin Triangle Green	1		

## Section 2.10

### What Clubs, sports, leisure and playground facilities do you use in our villages

The responses demonstrate how well the Village Hall is used as well as Hudson Fen and the Play Area. On the whole a wide variety of activities are enjoyed across the parishes.

Village Hall	82	No club or events given	
Hudson Fen	80		
Play Facilities	61	Mostly Hudson Fen, Blakes Close (1)	
Walking	47		
Open Space	35	Roydon Common, Fens, Congham Heath	
Cricket Field	33		
Churches/Chapel	24	Not specified if for worship or events/clubs	
Green Fingers	26		
Pubs/Restaurants	17		
Yoga	17		
Holly Meadow School	15	Most for Football, but not all gave a reason	
Art Club	9		
Community Events	9	Car boots , Fetes	
Tiddly Pots	7		
Scouts/Cubs/Beavers	6		
WI	6		
Indoor Bowls	5		
Craft Group/Club	6		
Congham Hall Spa	4		
Table Tennis	4		
Cycling	4		
Allotments	4		
Horse Riding	4		
Good Companions	2		
Friends of St Botolph's	2		
Mobile Library	2		
Shopping	2		
Fourville Players	2		
Way In Here	1		
Home Group	1		
Writer Group	1		
Quiz	1		
Bird Watching	1		
Spinning	1		
Running	1		
Bell Ringing	1		
Coffee Mornings	1		

## Section 2.11

### What sports, clubs and leisure and playground facilities do you use outside of the villages

Swimming was the top answer, various pools were used. Those attending Lynn Sport did not always specify for what reason, but the response demonstrated that it is a valuable resource for the community. The third top answer was the Gym again in a variety of locations.

Swimming Pool	61		
Lynn Sport	49		
Gym	48		
Activities at other villages	17	Various locations, activities unspecified	
Theatre	17	Corn Exchange, West Acre, Guildhall	
Golf	17		
Sandringham	16		
Playgrounds/Indoor Play	16		
Running	14		
Bowling	10	10 Pin, Indoor and Lawn Bowls	
Tennis	10		
Cycling	9		
Norfolk Coast/ Beach	8		
Walking	8		
Nature Reserves	7	Bird Watching	
Choirs	7		
Dancing	7		
The Walks – KL	6		
Knights Hill Spa	6		
Rugby	6		
Fishing Clubs	6		
Football	6		
Arts	6	Various groups	
Music Groups	5		
Library	5	Dersingham, Gayton	
Restaurants	4		
Scouting Groups	4	Cubs, Brownies, Scouts	
Pilates	4		
Gardening Clubs	4		
Film clubs	3		
Sailing	3		
Pubs	3		
Snooker	3		
Martial Arts	3		
Lace Groups	3		
Craft Groups	3	Quilting, Papercraft	
Church	3		
Badminton	2		
Yoga	2		

Sports Clubs	2	Not defined	
Kayaking	2		
Rotary	2		
Slimming World	2		
Lavender Farm	2		
Book Clubs	2		
Flying Club	2		

#### Other activities cited by only one respondent

Over 60s – 41 Club - Shopping - Probus Club - Chess Club - U3A - Roller Skating - Spin Class - Wood Turning - Auctions - Historic Properties - Bridge Club - Racing Circuits- Zip Wire - Internet Club - Zumba - Chicken Foot Game - Ski Slopes - Climbing - Messy Play - Triathlon - Cricket Nets - Dog Training – Hockey – Basketball – Squash – Gaywood Valley Conservation Group - Hunstanton Oasis

## Section 2.12

### What NEW sports, leisure and playground facilities do you want in our villages

A new Hall with sporting facilities appears top of many people's list, along with a range of activities to be run in those facilities. Some responses showed that people were not aware that some activities were already available. Not unsurprisingly more play equipment was a popular answer for Holly Meadow School students.

New Village Hall	48		
Tennis Courts	34		
Expanded play area Facilities	22	Trim Trail, Climbing Frame, Zip Wire	
Swimming Pool	20		
Football facilities	17		
Gym	13		
Bowling	13	Indoors and Outdoors	
Outdoor Adult Gym	10		
Footpaths/Bridleways	9		
Running Club	8		
Badminton	7		
Youth Facilities/Club	6		
Astro Turf	6		
Social Club	5		
Dances	4		
School Sports Hall	4		
Adventure Trail in the woods	2		
Scouting	2		
Benches	2		
Daytime Yoga	2		



Cinema Club	2		
Spin/Keep fit class	2		
Table Tennis	2		
Gymnastics	2		

#### Other activities cited by only one respondent

Soakaways – More parks – Basketball – Roller Skatepark – Riding School – woodland walks – Radio controlled Flying Field – Skatepark – Sports Arena – Mobile Library – Motocross in woods – Dog Agility – Adult Education- Boogie Bounce – Rural Crafts – Gardening Club in each Parish – Picnic Areas – Back Lane Cleared

### Section 3.9

#### Do you think that there are sites within our village which should not be developed?

The top answers across the parishes related to green space, where in most cases these areas already have a level of protection from development, and further protection is planned.

Parish	Location	No. of Responses
<b>Grimston</b>		
	Hudson Fen	27
	Pott Row Village Green	10
	Grimston Warren	7
	Rear of Phillip Rudd Court	7
	Between Vong Lane & Lynn Road	6
	School Field	5
	Vong Lane	4
	Chapel Road	4
	Grimston Carr	4
	Pott Row Woods	4
	Cliff-en-howe Road	4
	Fen Lane	2
	Behind Holly Meadows School	2
	Between Low Rd & Lynn Rd Grimston	2
	Pott Row	2
	Leziate Drove	1
	Rear of White House Farm	1
	Green field off Chequers Rd	1
	Watery Lane	1
	Back Lane to Holly Meadows School	1
	Between Grimston & Pott Row	1
	Massingham Road	1
	Gayton Road	1
	Leziate Drove	1

	Play area in Bracken Way	1
<b>Congham</b>		
	Cricket Field	31
	St Andrews Lane	10
	Congham Hall Parkland	9
	Congham Heath	6
	Rear of Low Road	6
	Congham	4
	Grassy Lane	1
	Congham Fields	1
<b>Roydon</b>		
	Roydon Common	31
	Roydon Crossroads	6
	Common land either side of Lynn Road	5
	Roydon Village Green	4
	Roydon	4
	Paddocks rear of Roydon Church	4
	Paddock Corner of Church Lane & Station Road	3
	West of Rectory Close	2
	Low Road	2
	Home Cloisters farm	1
	Rear of Station Road	1
	Behind Bus Shelter Station road	1
	South of St Andrews Lane to Station Road	1
	Corner of St Andrews lane & Station Road(east)	1
	Opposite Stoney Road	1
	Outskirts of Roydon(Church Lane, Hall Lane, St Andrews Lane & Station Road)	1
<b>Not specified by Parish</b>		
	All fens,heathland,commons,SSSIs & woodland	54
	Greenfield sites	37
	Farmland	19
	All village greens	19
	No site development	17
	Narrow Lanes	3
	Gaps between villages	2
	Historic sites	1
	Allotments	2
	Glebe & Church Land	1
	Back yard development	1
	None outside existing development boundaries	1

## Section 3.10

### Are there sites you think that there should be developed

Pott Row and Grimston feature with the highest number of sites and across the board. Some of the responses are in direct opposition to the responses in Section 3.9 however it is clear that residents have given this and the previous section some thought as no suggestions were proffered by the Survey itself. Development does not just mean housing.

Parish	Location	No. of positive responses
<b>Grimston and Pott Row</b>		
	Vong Lane adjacent Church Close	20
	Vong Lane nonspecific	7
	Hudson Fen field	6
	Old chicken sheds Leziate Drove	6
	Corner of Chapel Rd & Chequers Rd	5
	Lynn Rd. Grimston	3
	Leziate Drove adjacent Spotty Pig Farm	3
	Leziate Drove non specified	3
	Chapel Road	2
	Vong Lane east of school	3
	Land between Pott Row & Grimston	2
	Behind White House Farm	2
	Vong Lane opposite Church Close	2
	Fen Lane	1
	Fen Close	1
	Vong Lane in front of Manor Farm	1
	Between Vong Lane & Lynn Rd	1
	Vong Lane south side	1
	Gayton Rd. Grimston	1
	Pott Row non specified	1
	Field near leisure Park	1
	Back Lane Grimston nonspecific	1
	Back Lane Grimston 24-11-20165280	1
	Leaving Grimston towards Hillington	1
<b>Congham</b>		
	Rear of Low Road	4
	Land east of B1153	1
	Saint Andrews Lane non specified	1
	Donkey field Saint Andrews Lane	1
	Saint Andrews Lane between 31/32	1
	Around Congham Hall	1
<b>Roydon</b>		
	Station Road between P/H & Stoney Rd	2
	Walterson Farm site	2
	Station Road towards A148	2
	Rectory Close nonspecific	1

	Opposite Rectory Close	1
	Church Lane adjacent Rectory Close	1
	Junction of Church lane & Station Road	1
	Rear of Old Vicarage	1
	Infill Plot adjacent 34 Low Road	1

## Section 7.2

### List anything, we might have forgotten

These comments should be read in conjunction with the section in the survey on Community Assets. The Survey listed a number of areas it regarded as important, and that might be registered through the NHP as Community Assets in addition to listed Heritage sites. Respondents stated additional areas they considered were community assets, many do not fit the Planning definition of "Community Assets" but do highlight what buildings are regarded as important.

Methodist Chapel	11	
Union Jack Roydon	8	
The Churches and Chapel	6	
Want to know more about historic sites,	5	Create a walking trail / Map
The Anvil Inn, Congham	4	
Grimston Shop/ Post Office	3	
Holly Meadows School	3	
The old Workhouse	3	
Chestnut Stables	3	
The Rey, medieval manor house, Roydon	2	
Trees with or without TPOs	2	( Beech Tree at Ivy House)
The Bell	2	
Village Signs	2	
The old Station Roydon	2	
Wheelwrights wheel Pott Row	2	
The Old Courthouse, Lynn Road	2	
3 Horseshoes Pub	2	
Grimston Springs	2	
Spring House, Candlestick lane	2	
Roydon Parish Village Green/Glebe Field	2	
The Plough Low Road Roydon	2	
WW2 structures should be signposted	1	
Village Hall needs upgrading	1	
Roman Villa site by St Andrews Lane	1	
All Wildlife Sites	1	
All heritage sites should be protected	1	
All shops	1	
Bus Service	1	
Preserve former public houses	1	
Little Congham House	1	
All heritage sites ought to be preserved	1	

Medieval Strip Farm, Stoney Road	1		
Grimston Medical Centre	1		
Railway Bridge across St Andrew's Lane	1		
Pott Row Green	1		
Village Hall	1		
Hudson Fen	1		
Pott Row buildings associated with pottery	1		

## Further comments

Given the opportunity for comments throughout the survey, it is not surprising that comments in this section were limited, however, whilst some were repetitions of earlier suggestions there were new suggestions and statements.

It is important for the results of this survey to be made available for the benefit of all residents in the villages. This information can be placed in the Village Link.	
Improve Bus Service	
Survey should have been done years earlier	
Infrastructure needs to keep pace with development	
Support for NHP in structuring development	
Control Development - maintain and preserve "Villages"	2
No more people, Hospitals cannot cope	
Clock Tower opened up like it was before	
Hope this leads to better co-operation between parish councils cites a Bus Shelter	
Car parking is required by the village shop	
No large industrial development	
Boost tourism to help the local economy	
No Takeaways	
Improve footpaths Lynn Road to Vong Lane in particular. Plant trees for shade	
Need public toilets	
Wildflower Meadows	
Weight restriction on vehicles	
Hardware Store in Pott Row	
Better Street lighting	
Gas Supply	