

Appendix 2

Results of FNP Update Consultation 2023

Summary of FNP Update Consultation and responses 2023

Policy FNP01 Built Environment

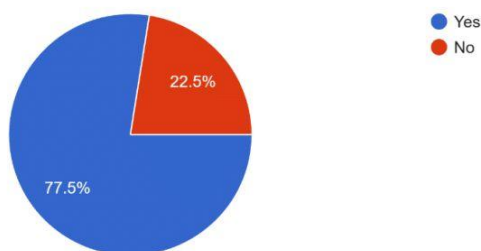
Development proposals where possible should ensure the designs of new building (including extensions) do not cause a detrimental change to the overall character of the village, the rural landscape of the parish and the setting of the Church through:

- Encouraging developments that use the scale, shapes, forms of “traditional Arden Valley buildings”, especially in or close to the Conservation Area
- Development should conserve the built character of Ancient Arden Landscape by ensuring that new development reflects vernacular features as stated in “Design Guidelines for Development in Ancient Arden” (WCC Arden Character Guidelines 1993)
- Development that will affect the setting of the Church should be in accordance with the North Warwickshire Local Plan and the advice of Historic England.

There are only approximately 10 bungalows left in the Parish as a number have been bought, and extended upwards, either because it was a cheap way of buying a house or has been done by developers for profit. Either way, the result is that there are only around 10 bungalows out of a housing stock of approximately 673, which limits the possibility for existing residents to downsize and also for those needing single storey living.

Q1. Would you be in favour of a policy limiting the extension of bungalows into dormer bungalow/houses in order to maintain a stock of bungalows in the parish for those needing single storey living accommodation and those wishing to downsize? 40 responses

Yes 77.5% (31) No 22.5% (9) Any additional comments to Q1?



- The parish council needs to priority its current population as well as to strategically plan for the future.
- Two storey extensions often have objections from neighbours.
- Single storey ground floor living is key for older people to maintain their independence and mobility, so it is really important to enable residents to stay in the village among their social and family communities with a stock of bungalow style housing, both new and old.

- As a condition of planning permission for new build bungalows.
- Bungalows into houses are onl for profit no for village life
- Whilst I appreciate the need for bungalows, I think that would feel very unfair to the 10 households impacted. If new bungalows are built, I would be in favour of restrictions on those.
- Many extensions are destroying the eyeline of the village.
- I have difficulty with stairs and may need a bungalow myself. After 40 years don't want to leave Fillongley
- If bungalows are built as a part of social housing solution then stipulations should be they remain as bungalows.
- Depends on individual circumstance. No new bungalows being built instead of 2 storeys
- All age groups in the Parish should be considered
- one for, one against!
- re the above as it limits the ability for downsizing
- Already not enough bungalows.
- Build/allow bungalows to be built(smaller non-developable) not 4/5 bed detached houses.
- set ratio 60% 3 beds and under, 40 % over 3 beds.
- Bungalows should be for those needing single storey living and not for downsizing
- Additional "executive homes" were built on the former coach garage despite the developer asking to change the planning permission to allow smaller (starter and retirement) homes instead, albeit greater density. It was a shock to find their application was unsuccessful because Fillongleys needs are more acute for lower cost properties.
- We NEED houses for the disabled and elderly. It is not fair for developers to buy bungalows, increase the size and move on for profit. It does not benefit those who want to live here.

Q2. The setting of the Church is protected by FNP01. Which other specific settings do you feel should be protected? Please comment...

- Fillongley Social Club
- Manor house pub, The Cottage pub, Weavers pub, Fillongley village hall site, Fillongley castle site and surrounding fields
- No comment
- Fillongley Castle remains. The Church Tree, Kinwalsey Lane.
- The Manor House public house
- There are no others which need this protection
- Playing fields
- Farm buildings near crossroads which recently was targeted for more homes. Too close to roads for development
- The School
- Please no solar farm on our precious fields

- The Manor House Public House and ancillary buildings to maintain the current visual appearance of the village setting and to protect the immediate neighbours from encroaching built development
- The green space around the Village Hall and the allotments. Both are well used by the village and those living on Coventry Road
- Anything considered Green Belt
- Berryfields and Cemetery Surround

Policy FNP02 Natural Environment

“Development proposals should wherever possible seek to enhance and conserve the Natural Environment. Proposals will be supported in principle providing they meet the following considerations:

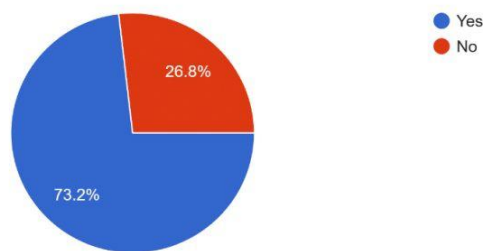
- **No adverse impact on the visual appearance and important scenic aspects of the village centre (the setting) and other rural and natural features in the landscape.**
- **Existing green spaces that already exist within and on the edges of the developed areas of the Parish should be protected and enhanced wherever possible.**
- **Protect and increase, where possible, current levels of biodiversity and interconnectivity by ensuring current wildlife corridors (using data from Biodiversity Interconnectivity Mapping) are maintained and increased where practicable.**
- **Any development should have regard to the Habitat Biodiversity Audit (EB DOC NO 05/01)**
- **Section 106 payments/CIL financial contributions will go towards improvements to levels of biodiversity and interconnectivity using data from the Habitat Biodiversity Audit in the locality of the development (Reference EB05/01)**
- **Existing definitively mapped footpaths that criss-cross our parish should be protected and enhanced where possible.**
- **Existing habitats of native species should be protected wherever possible (using data from Habitat Distinctiveness Area map)**
- **Protect traditional Arden landscaped hedges and native trees wherever possible.”**

The increase in availability of economical LED lights has led to an increase in homes being lit through the evening and night rather than, as previously, on movement sensors only coming on as necessary.

There is increasing pressure to reduce light pollution for the benefit of wildlife, those watching the skies and those trying to reduce carbon emissions.

Q3. Would you be in favour of a policy minimising external lighting to ensure dark skies and minimal light pollution? 41 responses

Yes 73.2% (30) No 26.8% (11)



Any additional comments to Q3?

- I feel strongly that Fillongley must be eco friendly and think about the environment.
- With streetlights operating restricted hours, it maybe that residents feel more secure with their own lights that are on all night instead? Movement sensor operated lights are useful but perhaps seen as less of a deterrent for any criminal activity.
- Coventry road is already unsafe with vehicles travelling at higher speeds than the limit, we have proof of this with the speed awareness on going work. At night with no lights it makes it even more dangerous for exiting drivers and pedestrians. Also we have had an influx of village crime, individuals trying door locks on houses and cars, light can deter thieves.
- Unenforceable for private residences. Could be advisory for public buildings, church and street lighting
- The extent of light pollution is terrible. Home owners should turn outside lights off overnight even if they are on during the evening.
- Most definitely; the increase in external lighting on residential properties is a blight on the area and completely unnecessary.
- lighting needed due to the increase in rural crime
- We have bright driveway lights shining into our house all night. I appreciate they are there, but further lighting affecting others should be controlled.
- Downward lighting only rather than lanterns
- If afraid of the dark go back to the cities.
- Security is main concern. Lighting to me is essential
- Adequate provision of litter bins might reduce amount of rubbish left around
- Some external all-night lighting is for security cameras? Perhaps these could also be linked to motion sensors.
- Garden solar lights that "die" during the evening ok but no need for powered lights to be on all night.
- Lighting that goes off at midnight or presence detection lighting.
- Commercial farms businesses curfew 23.00 - 06.00 hrs lights off
- All in favour of motion sensors, or just down lights, but those that light up and down are pretty but pointless and cost money to run, wasting electricity, money, adding to carbon footprints and not helping wildlife.

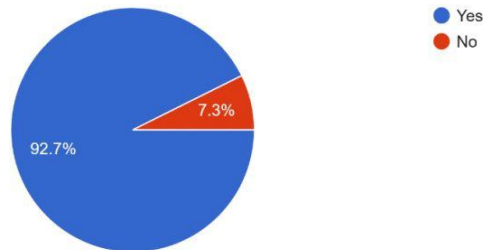
The evidence in the original FNP surveys indicated that residents;

- Value the countryside
- Enjoy walks in the countryside

- Want protection from wind turbine development
- The rural environment is important for living & working

Q4. With these responses in mind, FPC wish to introduce an amendment to the policy to restrict industrialisation where it affects the openness of the Parish and the loss of agricultural land. Would you be in favour of this proposal? 41 responses

Yes 92.7% (38) No 7.3% (3) Any additional comments to Q4?



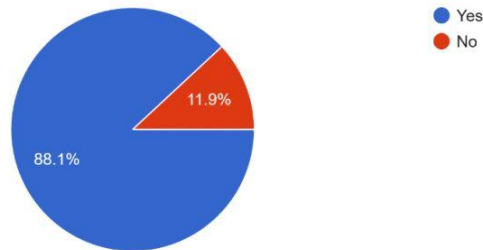
- I feel it depends where these houses are situated and the proposal. Each case should be treated individually.
- Industrialisation often results in associated traffic, noise and/or smells which can have a big impact in small communities-could this be mentioned as well?
- Solar farms should be added to the list of wanting protection from ruining the countryside
- We need to eat and good quality agricultural land should not be taken out of production unless for rewilding green reasons.
- No to the solar farm development, thank you!
- Completely dependent on type. Have no objection to wind turbines.
- Retention of the rural environment is very important for health & well-being
- The village is too small for industrialisation and any greenland should be carefully considered before any planning permission is given to build on
- However, I think that sustainable energy should be considered and I am not against a wind turbine within a field..
- Just look at Keresley.
- We have to recognise a lot of farming land is not productive and for instance using it as a solar farm would be better for the climate
- This might be difficult as this already happens though there is no loss of agri land at present
- But everything needs to be judged on its own merits. We believe renewable energy is essential for future generations , but so is sustainable farming.
- No consent for solar panel industrial estates under any conditions
- We would not be against wind turbines or small scale solar farms. Also smaller scale methane digestion for food waste etc. It depends what you mean by "industrialisation"
- The solar farm in particular
- The previous comments should be honoured.

There are a number of open spaces currently protected under the FNP. These are;

- Newhall Green (outside the cottages)
- Sandy Lane (between the main road and the crescent)
- Butts Field (surrounding your village hall)
- Chapel Green “godcake” opposite the entrance to the Heart of England Centre
- Shawbury (outside no 12 etc, Shawbury Lane)
- Recreation Ground, Church Lane

Q5. FPC propose to include the grassed area on the junction of Eastlang Road and Coventry Road. Would you be in favour of this being included? 42 responses

Yes 88.1% (37) No 11.9% (5)



Are there any other locations that you would like to be included?

- The green area opposite St Marys Road.
- Village hall site
- No comment
- Not that i can think of just now.
- The grass area in St Mary's Road
- I would strongly oppose including the grassed area at the junction of Eastlang Road and Coventry Road to the list of protected areas. As a resident there, along with other residents on the junction of Coventry Road and Eastlang Road, what we need much more is a place to park vehicles. There are no parking spaces for these houses - the only current solutions are to park just off the pavement on the Coventry Road which causes an obstruction when turning out of Eastlang Road and the ground becomes very muddy and waterlogged. Alternatively we park on Eastlang Road which is contributing to parking issues there and I do have concern about whether emergency vehicles would be able to get through when cars are parked on both sides of the road. The garages behind us on Eastlang Road are not available to rent (all are occupied) and the grassed area is usually full and becomes very muddy. We would very much welcome the Parish Councils advice and suggestions on what could be done to resolve the parking issues.
- farm land opposite St Marys Road and backing onto the properties on Tamworth Road. Currently rented by local farm.
- Grassed area bordering Greenways farm Shawbury Lane
- the grassed area at the junction of Sandy Lane, Breach Oak Lane and Wood End Lane

- No strong feeling either way. The area might even be enhanced by a house to match the new ones next to Castle Close! Who is this area for? Children are banned from playing on it.
- Proposed building of dwellings. Potters sheds Gorsey Green Lane - should be protected services??

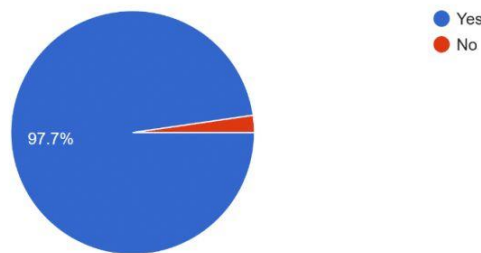
Policy FNP03 Flooding

Development should minimise flood risk within the village whilst maintaining balance with other policies. Any developments will ameliorate flood risks by providing SUDS (Sustainable Drainage Systems) as required in consultation with the lead flood authority.

FPN wish to add to the flooding Policy wording to add that ANY development (not just housing) should not increase the flood risk to the Parish.

Q6. Would you be in favour of this Yes/no? 44 responses

Yes 97.7% (43) No 2.3% (1)



Any additional comments to Q6?

- This is common sense.
- Flood prevention is very important
- ditches and culverts should be maintained to protect the village from future flooding.
- No building should take place to impact this.
- The flood defence committee are doing an excellent job around Bournebrook and Church Lane
- Bearing in mind Q4 hopefully limits new developments. ANYTHING having a detrimental impact on flood risks MUST be avoided given current weather trends.
- Emptying storm drains far more frequently would be helpful, as would installing storm drains in sites where road regretfully flood (due to poor design or execution).
- Restoring and clearing roadside ditches adjacent to agricultural land would also help.

Policy FNP04 Housing

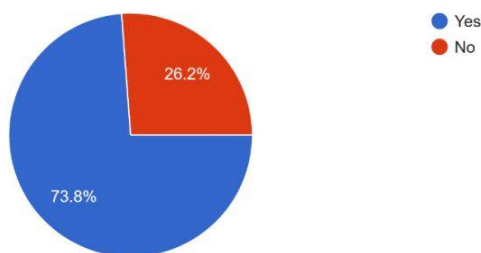
All new developments should encourage a broad mix of housing types including smaller starter homes and retirement dwellings together with provision for 'Affordable Housing' for local people as per NWBC requirements.

As before, there are only approximately 10 bungalows left in the Parish as a number have been bought, and extended upwards, either because it was a cheap way of buying a house or has been done by developers for profit. Either way, the result is that there are only around 10 bungalows out of a housing stock of approximately 674 which limits the possibility for existing residents to downsize and also for those needing single storey living.

Q7. Would you be in favour of a policy limiting the extension of bungalows into dormer bungalow/houses in order to maintain a stock of bungalows in the parish for those needing single storey living accommodation and those wishing to downsize?⁴²

responses

Yes 73.8% (31) No 26.2% (11)

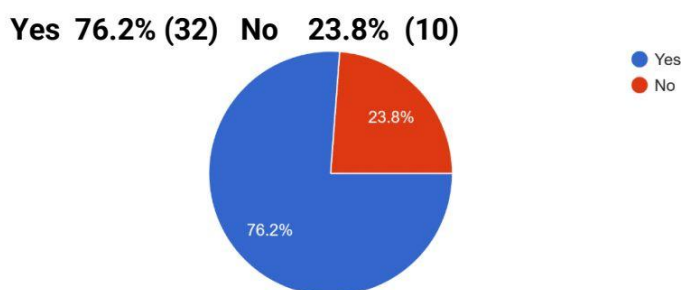


Any additional comments to Q7?

- I would also like a policy that encouraged the building of bungalows over two storey dwellings.
- Back garden development can be a useful way of increasing housing stock in the central village area, but could approval favour single storey, low impact housing for single people or couples?
- As before, as a condition of planning permission for new build bungalows
- it is very important to cater for all the needs of the community.
- if this new ruling could be enforced on new builds only then this would keep a happy balance to residents who own a bungalow and looking to extend upwards. Bungalow new builds could then be sold at an affordable price and kept in their original size.
- Would it be possible to put any restriction on new buyers/ developers so that people who have lived here for some years would not be unfairly discriminated against?
- though depends on individual circumstances
- As before, one for, one against!
- Recent development in the village has only provided expensive housing. No new development for local young people. No provision for elderly.
- Q1
- Existing bungalow owners should be able to change as they see fit. If their requirements change then so they should be able to adjust their property. If there is a need for single storey accommodation - Build some!
- Existing bungalow owners may wish to put a covenant on their properties to prevent future development.

Often houses are extended due to growing families. Inevitably, as time passes these children need cars and therefore more parking space is necessary per property. Some houses already have ample parking and some have none. We have existing problems with inadequate parking particularly in Church Lane, Crossways Cottages, and Eastlang Road. In order to ease the burden of on-street parking and/or parking on pavements we are simply suggesting that when a property is extended to include additional bedrooms, there should be a matching number of car parking spaces i.e. a 3 bed home has at least 3 vehicle spaces excluding the garage. If Planning Departments continue to apply maximum parking standards in all cases and ignore the flexibility available within the NPPF then they will continue to perpetuate poor parking standards and inevitably individuals breaking the law.

Q8. Would you be in favour of a policy that requires residents to only be able to increase the number of bedrooms in their property if they could also increase the number of car parking spaces? 42 responses



Any additional comments to Q8?

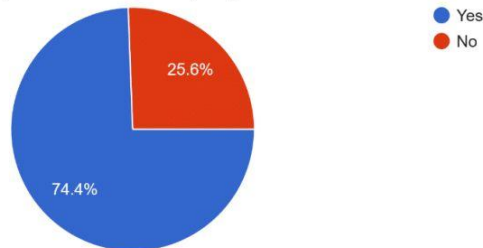
- In theory yes for the reasons stated but I am not sure we should be developing policy that enables increased car use, adding to pollution, climate change and traffic problems.
- This would be too restrictive to existing residents where there is not enough space for additional parking spaces
- The problems are getting worse so this is an important aspect to planning. As public transport gets worse and worse to and from the village cars are more essential for residents than ever.
- My answer is yes, but there is a danger that green space in gardens of properties will be replaced by concrete, and this is not a very positive result. Are there parking areas adjacent to properties e.g. the playing field car park that could be allocated to private individuals?
- I don't believe it is necessary as having three bedrooms does not automatically mean three parking spaces are required and would be very restrictive for families who would like to extend.
- I think this may be an unpopular rule to try and bring in.
- Whilst I feel that parking should be considered, some people will need extensions but be unable to afford to move to a suitable larger house. I understand that historically

there were council garages which could be rented. It would be useful if some new parking areas could be sensitively created, to also enable safer parking at school times.

- but at 50% not 100% - 4 bed 2 car space, 3 bed 2 car space, 2 bed 1 car space
- The pavement opposite Crossways Cottages is often not able to be used by people walking dogs or with a child in a pushchair. Accidents will happen.
- It is unfair to restrict planning flexibility for everyone because some people park illegally. Surely they should be more effectively deterred? Its important to be able to add rooms for growing families/caring for older relatives in the midst of a housing crisis.
- Must be looked at with compassion and thought. The proposal needs to consider all individual circumstances - disable/Land availability etc
- Neighbours fighting for car parking is always in danger of escalating & ruins enjoyment of own property.
- Young families don't have 3/4 cars but need bedrooms
- yes but only if they can park their cars on their own drive and not leave one on the road outside their house.
- but it is excessive to require these spaces in addition to the garage. Government could encourage moving rather than "over-developing" by restoring the SDLT regime that levied the tax on the difference between sale value achieved and purchase price agreed.
- Car parking spaces should also be appropriate for the size of cars that are used in rural areas - very few Smart cars round here!

Q9. Would you be in favour of a policy that requires new properties to have a matching number of car parking spaces to bedrooms? 43 responses

Yes 74.4% (32) No 25.6% (11)



Any additional comments to Q9?

- For the bigger issue reasons given above, I would hope that future new housing development would not be so large that the houses had multiple bedrooms and space for multiple cars. We need smaller starter homes or later living homes for older people, not more executive detached mansions !
- This is a reasonable requirement for new build properties
- As above.

- The number of bedrooms does not necessarily equate to the number of car owners
- again it's difficult to match a property to the number of cars. people come and go throughout the years
- see above - 4 bed 2 car space, 3 bed 2 car space, 2 bed 1 car space
- This isnt aligned with govt policy which is to reduce parking to encourage car sharing, public transport etc. IT would lead to even more areas of concrete around houses which is bad for biodiversity, the rural nature of the village and flooding!
- As with Q9 these proposals could become hard nosed or despotic and require consideration by Council before planning decisions.
- New properties should not impinge on other residents.
- cars need external space usually hard standing and this is increasing flood risk and biodiversity issues.
- New build to have parking IAW SUDS
- yes but only if they can park their cars on their own drive and not leave one on the road outside their house.
- If you include garages
- Car parking spaces should also be appropriate for the size of cars that are used in rural areas - very few Smart cars round here!

Policy FNP05 Economy

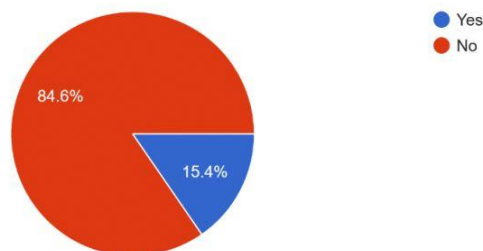
“Proposals for the development of new rural businesses and rural employment opportunities will be supported in principle provided that there would be:

- **No adverse impact on neighbouring businesses or residential properties for example in relation to factors such as noise and disturbance**
- **The development is supported by sufficient car parking and access arrangements to meet it needs**
- **It is accessible by other sustainable transport means (walking, cycling, car share and public transport) “**

FPC do not currently see a need for any changes to this policy.

Q10. Is there anything that you would add to this policy? 26 responses

Yes 15.4% (4) No 84.6% (22)



If so, why?

- Economic activity in the village seems to be changing from customer facing retail and hospitality businesses serving local residents to home based online service businesses, operating both locally, nationally and globally?
- Development is not built on current agricultural, green belt lands or green spaces not currently deemed green belt
- charging points for electric vehicles
- Depends on individual circumstances. No new bungalows being built instead of 2 storeys
- Add flood risk to reinforce other flood measures. Also noise pollution especially in relation to hospitality venues
- the "no adverse impact" requirement is excessive and technically could never be achieved.

Policy FNP06 Heritage

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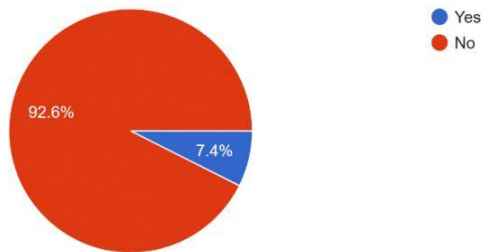
“Development should protect, enhance and respect the local built, historic and natural heritage assets or any other locally heritage features of the village.

Applications for development that will harm designated and non-designated heritage assets will be refused unless the circumstances that would permit approval specified in the appropriate part of paragraphs 133 to 135 of the NPPF (2012) apply.”

FPC do not currently see a need for any changes to this policy.

Q11. Is there anything that you would add to this policy? 27 responses

Yes 7.4% (2) No 92.6% (25)



If so, why?

- This should include old style stone boundary walls
- although we don't know what parrs 133 - 135 say!

Policy FNP07 Traffic and Transport

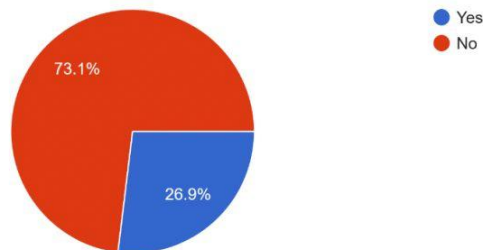
“Proposals for development should:

- **Provide safe vehicular access, parking/garaging and turning provisions without detriment to the amenity of existing residents.**
- **Comply with current NPPF, NWBC, and WCC guidelines, and**
- **Ensure that the number of car parking spaces be related to the size of the new extended properties. “**

FPC are aware of the lack of public transport available to Parishioners. Sadly, as these are operated on a commercial basis by privately owned companies, we are not in a position to directly improve this service.

Q12. Is there anything that you would add to this policy? 26 responses

Yes 26.9% (7) No 73.1% (19)



If so, why? (Traffic and Transport)

- The Manor House pub are attracting a large number of motorbikes. This has an impact on noise (very frustrating when putting a toddler to bed) but also the Manor pub is no longer being managed for the village and is now controlled by this crew. I do not doubt they do great things for charity but they are taking over a previously family orientated dwelling. They were removed from Coundon and Fillongley Social Club for trying to take over. It is a shame they are doing it to the villages central pub.
- Maybe we should encourage and enable alternative transport instead- cycling, electric bike hire, car sharing, etc?
- As the parish council you can still work with these companies, 2 buses a day mid morning and mid afternoon gives no chances to any commuters to use public transport. The lack of use of buses could be put down to the pointless times they come through the village.
- Speeding on Coventry, Meriden, Tamworth and Nuneaton road is still a problem, especially at rush hours. Accidents at the crossroads still occur despite the improved street furniture. Some physical traffic calming would help. If it's possible in Meriden then why not in Fillongley
- Improved flow at the crossroads
- I think it's important to maintain a public transport system for the village, as most facilities have now closed and travelling into Coventry is needed.
- Fillongley is a village for car owners, sadly.
- Would there be a facility for a Ring and Ride Service?
- Again, strict rules should always be modified by individual circumstances

- signage to limit size of vehicles on rural roads which are unsuitable for their use eg Gorsey Green Lane. 38 ton Artic vehicle using this road.
- Few properties occupy a plot large enough to facilitate turning of vehicles without using the public footpath &/or road. Great care is needed to avoid use of even more impermeable surfaces for parking and turning, because that compounds the "run-off" problem for storm drains through the loss of gardens.