

Recommendations

The Working Group, following its analysis of the views expressed by residents, recommends the following actions to the Parish Council.

1. In planning matters, Council to use all its powers to maintain and preserve the green character and open appearance of the village, confident that it can point to the strength and weight of local opinion to support it in this regard. [p.12]
2. Traffic volume being the issue of most concern to residents, Council should consider, before taking decisions on any matter, whether it is likely to improve, worsen or make no difference to the traffic situation. [p.25]
3. Council to apply all efforts (a) to the County Council to fulfil its preferred route policy for traffic between the A12 and Maldon to be on an alignment similar to the existing B1019 and (b) for the Highways Agency then to declassify the existing A414 through Danbury. [p.25]
4. Council to obtain more effective enforcement of existing parking regulations from the Borough Council, particularly around Eves Corner. [p25-6]
5. Council to work with the appropriate statutory bodies to achieve a practical and effective means of preventing motorists parking on pavements and green verges within the village. [p.26]
6. To discourage speeding, Council to get (a) County Council to apply the Ring-fence Villages to 30 mph policy to Danbury and (b) Borough Council to impose 20 mph restrictions on selected roads, notably those with no footways. [p.26]
7. Council to take steps, via Borough or County Councils if necessary, to ensure all roadside footways are of adequate width for safe pedestrian use. [p.26]
8. Council to take appropriate action to ensure hedges do not encroach on public highways or footways. [p.27]
9. Council to resist large-scale development with all its powers, (a) to maintain Danbury as a separate village not a suburb of Chelmsford and (b) to ensure the existing Village Envelope is not expanded. [p.27-8]
10. When considering planning applications, the Council will (within planning law) pay due regard to the expressed wishes of the community with respect to how they wish to see the village develop and the type of housing stock identified as being required. [p.27]
11. Council to take account of (a) wide concern about backland and infill development and (b) the preference for conversion and adaptation of existing buildings. [p.28]
12. Council to support the preparation of Supplementary Planning Guidelines so that local views are incorporated in the planning process at higher levels of government. [p.29]
13. Council to consider how to satisfy residents' concerns about security through lobbying and dialogue with Essex Police or through its own efforts by, for example, installing CCTV, holding anti-crime surgeries and supporting Neighbourhood Watch. [p.30]
14. Council to remind residents of the nuisance that bonfires and noise may cause to others and to set out complaints procedures. [p.31]
15. Council to provide additional litter bins, to maintain those already in place and to ensure through the Borough Council that all are emptied regularly. [p.31]
16. Council to use *Danbury Times* and newsletters to keep residents informed of progress in implementing these recommendations. [p.32]
17. Council to budget for a follow-up village survey within five years of this report.

End of Recommendations - January 2004.