

VILLAGE SURVEY RESULTS

Results of the village survey carried out in May 2014 to gauge residents opinion on whether to sell or retain the cheese wedge (land beside the Cricket and given to the Parish Council by Mid Suffolk District Council).

Questionnaires issued 241

Returned 154

Results

In favour of selling 53

In favour of keeping 95

Abstentions 6

Total:- 154

Comments received:-

Comments in favour of selling

- Buyer to retain hedge as screen and the best trees
- Buyer to keep trees with stiff penalties if removed – if enforcement not possible keep
- Sold with covenants not to build; no trees felled; or absorbed into garden
- Sell at a fair price to the first person who approached the Council
- Land should be sold but money not saved for rainy day
- Money should be divided as follows a) fence around play area b) used for “ specific need” at village hall c) small percentage set aside for second cut of footpaths or general footpath maintenance d) reduce precept
- Buyer to protect trees on site and no building allowed
- Buyer to retain trees but remove brambles

Comments in favour of keeping

- Use in imaginative way to enhance Cricket e.g. tree planting
- Develop more facilities for children
- Would only sell if the offer was in excess of £15k
- Happy to help with the maintenance
- Retain for benefit of children
- Retain for the wildlife e.g. turtle doves and goldfinch
- Retain the trees in good condition

Other Comments

- If sold use proceeds to reduce precept
- Not concerned
- No strong opinion
- Don't know
- Let the nearby resident rent and maintain land in good condition