



**BURBAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DROP-IN
EVENT**

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CONSULTATION RESULTS



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1. Background

a) Project Brief

Yourlocale was commissioned by Burbage Parish Council to assist the Steering Group in the delivery of a drop-in event on Neighbourhood Planning at the Memorial Hall on Saturday 12 November 2014 between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm.

The aim of this event was to help inform the community on Neighbourhood Planning and to gain some initial feedback from residents on their views about a range of areas that the Neighbourhood Plan hopes to impact upon – including Local Green Space and environment; heritage; facilities and services; traffic and transport; housing and design; business and shops and leisure and community facilities.

It was also hoped that named individuals would come forward as a result of the consultation exercise and express an interest in joining either the Steering Group or one of the Theme Groups as the process continues.

b) Publicity

The drop-in event was promoted in a variety of ways:

- Leaflets and flyers were produced and circulated through the Village
- Steering Group Members attended the Farmers Market on 1 November and distributed leaflets about the event
- Steering Group members attended the Firework Display on 2 November and distributed leaflets about the event
- Articles about the Burbage Neighbourhood Plan appeared in the November editions of the Hinckley Times and the Borough Council newsletter
- The event was promoted on the Burbage Parish Council website
- Banners and posters were placed across Burbage in the lead-up to the event.



2. Format of Event

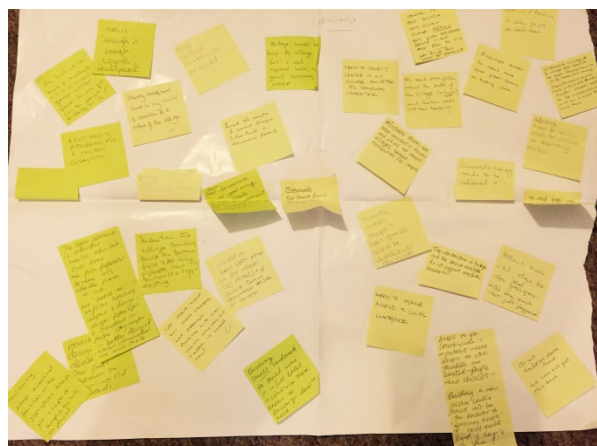
a) Process on the day

Sign in	Steering Group members welcomed attendees on arrival and asked them to complete a contact sheet which recorded details of where the individual lives and sought expressions of interest in the various topics.
Introduction	Information sheets about Neighbourhood Planning were available for participants and copies of the community questionnaire were available to complete on the day or to take away.
Background	The first displays introduced Neighbourhood Planning and described the process that is being followed by Burbage Parish Council.
Consultation on key issues	<p>A series of display boards were spread across the room, each of which focussed on a different topic related to planning and development, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Local Green Space and Environment ▪ Housing and Design ▪ Businesses and Shops ▪ Heritage ▪ Traffic and Transport ▪ Leisure and Community Facilities <p>Having read the displays, attendees were asked to comment on each topic using post-it notes and to place them on flip-chart paper under each display.</p>
Visual maps	Attendees were given the opportunity to record local green space of importance to them by placing 3 green dots on a map of Burbage that represented an area valued for its visual amenity and 3 blue dots on sites valued for their recreational use.

Display Boards



Post-it comments



3. Results

Employment – businesses and shops	
Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is business development needed? • Are shops/businesses in the right place? • Should employment sites be protected? If so, which ones? • Where might new business development be located? • Is the balance of shops right?
Total responses	31
Comments	

- Keep our library
- Keep Burbage Library open
- What happened to the post office?
- Keep Burbage a village. Small independent shops, no Tesco local!
- Parking is dreadful. Lacking toilet facilities.
- Introduction into the national forest scheme would encourage agricultural jobs.
- In order to preserve old Burbage centre, balance of shops is ok.
- Any business is welcome in Burbage.
- Village centre soon will have no life. Co-op gone, post office gone, and then what?
- We need more shops/facilities in the village. Empty premises need to be filled and not left empty. More local jobs would be a bonus.
- Loss of Co-op/post office corner to older residents who struggle to reach Spar
- Small local business should be encouraged and developed. No more fast food outlets in Windsor Street
- We do need toilet facilities in Burbage.
- Need to maintain a core of shops and facilities in Village centre.
- Sad lack of parking for shops. Market (farmers).
- Businesses need parking and easy access to their premises. How do you get that in Burbage, If full of parked vehicles?
- Small businesses only please. No large businesses.
- Maintain Burbage library. Offer an apprenticeship with training to help staff it.
- Burbage village is no more. It's a mess. Parking is terrible!
- We have too few shops and services to support any more housing in Burbage.
- In the village signage should be in keeping with the village.
- Shops in the middle of old Burbage have gone, why? We need them again but we also need parking.
- Parking is difficult in areas already. New houses require additional parking facilities for both housing and businesses.
- I actually live in Featherstone drive, but my mother lives in Moat House and I have spent many a happy hour walking around what I consider to be the "village centre". I even used to come to the local post office to enjoy the wonderful, personal and friendly service. I am so sad to see it go. I am vice chair of tenant's panel, and we

are trying to encourage communities to come together as it used to be when I was a child, but all this constant building is KILLING COMMUNITIES!

- Insufficient retail (attractive) in village – needs promoting and support for existing.
- Keep Burbage library – offer: stay and play, story time, homework help, board games, clubs etc.
- We should encourage more cultural businesses – arts within the village optimise the BCAF connections. Co-op building could be an ideal location.
- Allocate a suitable area (access/parking etc.) for a new larger doctor’s surgery up to and including a small hospital facility.
- Lack of parking puts off people coming into village ‘centre’ more.
- Re post office closure. A good place for a new post office would be facing the church. Turn the wide pavement area into a very short term car park. Diagonal entry.
- 3 pots/Sketchley areas need more shops and businesses.

Open Space and Environment	
Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please tell us what land in Burbage you think is special
Total responses	48
Comments	

- Quality of life is important for the present and future generations.
- Bullforlong lane is used many walkers/dog walkers and needs to be kept as open space. Where will the wildlife go?
- Protect rare landscapes such as Burbage flood meadow/swamp land wood gate area.
- Protect local wild life sites and sites of interest.
- Protect local wildlife sites around wood gate.
- Protect open Green land all around Burbage.
- Please save our Green Spaces around our “village”
- Any housing built in this day and age should be carbon neutral.
- Colts Close Park should be protected. Also there should be no further building on the Britannia field’s area.
- Protect areas of natural interest such as Burbage, flood meadow and swampland and wood gate area.
- Burbage woods should be expanded and protected and included as the national forest.
- Expand Burbage woods and common. Can it be included in the national forest?
- The environment around Burbage woods and common needs preserving – houses overlooking those sites would be criminal for humans and animals wellbeing.
- Burbage suffers from excess pollution from A5 and green and open space to the N/W assists to mitigate this.

- Protect our green wedge and encourage the extension of Burbage Woods.
- Protect Lutterworth Road – A5 – Village centre. Excellent access views.
- We need to encourage farmers to diversify successfully – Better Eu cap – stewardship schemes protect good habitat from development.
- Land around village provides important Buffer. Burbage woods – good mixture of grass land supporting eco systems – we should protect this.
- We could encourage ‘Wildlife Trusts’ to take over land for stewardship.
- Available land has low Bio diversity value and ‘Making a place for nature’ Government/paper is not being promoted.
- They could plant to extend Burbage woods and make some boxes for; deer, fox, hedge hogs and all other animals that live in Burbage Woods to live in.
- It is important to protect our open spaces for recreation and quality of life.
- ‘Open Spaces’ there will soon be none!!
- Protect green corridor along motorway – linking to A5/Burbage woods area. Horse pool/Pughes paddock. Brilliant.
- Trees (Groove Rd Junior school) – alongside Rec, footpath beautiful. Rec beginning to improve.
- Protect all green spaces. Parks and wildlife areas of equal significance to the village. Both provide value and enjoyment to residents.
- Can Burbage woods be expanded, the community is growing but the open space is being reduced.
- Protect green wedge areas. These are nature’s corridors.
- Green space improves the quality of life for local residents. Need areas for dog walkers, parks, playing areas for kids and local wildlife walks.
- More ‘proper’ wildlife areas not just fields, and in the village area within walking distance – not just Burbage common. How about a ‘monks walk’ following the old trail of monks from Burbage to Wolvey for heritage and environment.
- We need to protect allotment areas. These need to be a registered asset of community value. For areas as sustainable growing of healthy food and exercise. When they have gone they have gone.
- Leave Burbage common alone also Pughes paddock.
- Burbage is FULL. Surely we have reached our quota of new houses?
- Can Burbage woods be included in The National Forest?
- Stop any development behind Sapcote Rd from Elm tree drive wood gate, Wynn’s garage and encroaching on Burbage common and woods.
- Stop back land development. Protect open space we have.
- We need to increase our green space – not reduce it.
- Do not build anymore houses on our green spaces.
- Please protect Lutterworth Road. The beautiful fields are the charm of entering the village with its character properties Lego style houses will give a different opinion HERE HERE!!
- Please don’t allow any more development to the rear of Britannia Fields or near Bullforlong lane.
- Open spaces improve the quality of life for local residents.
- Green wedge country Park needed (like Brockhill between Oadby/wigston) on the land behind Welbeck close.

- Ensure the wildlife sites around Wood gate are protected.
- We need to protect our parks. We don't have many, so we can't allow any type of building on these highly important areas.
- Burbage must keep its separation from M69. This is important for health and sport issues.
- Open spaces should be left alone. Enjoy them. Not fill them up with metal or concrete.
- Green belt of Wood gate Road to be protected. Wildlife needs to be considered.
- Pughes Paddock a must

Housing and Design	
Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please tell us what you think about housing and design issues
Total responses	35
Comments	

- When is 'enough is enough' regards development?
- Need to improve access to local countryside.
- Limit the number of current design Solar Panels on domestic housing.
- Historic centre. Vital shops, but also 'real' green spaces within easy reach – Not just "playgrounds".
- Do not build on park land. We cannot get this back.
- Access to open countryside is important where access to over facilitation are limited – people want CHOICES – Building a new leisure centre should not be the answer to 'removing access to good quality rights of way and open spaces.
- We need proper size roads/ footpaths and decent space between houses rather than stuffing as many in as possible!
- Affordable homes for newlyweds, for instance are desperately needed.
- Encourage builders to adopt more open green spaces on building plans.
- Specialist housing for older people - we need more.
- Closeness to countryside and village feel needs to be kept. Development on A134 takes this away. Sapcote Road cannot cope with more houses. Traffic studies need to be independent and un-biased to show this.
- Renewable energy needs to be integral to ALL new housing!

- Encourage small land owners to build more in infill areas incentivise these areas to encourage development here....
- Schools, doctors, shops and open spaces need to be integrated into new builds.
- Affordable homes are more needed in towns and cities not small villages. Nearer amenities for people.
- We need more parking around the middle of the village, (schools) and better roads into new housing.
- The infrastructure in Burbage and the services available do not support any further housing development in any area. This would need to be addressed before we look at where potential new housing is best placed.
- Need to keep open space in the village (e.g. Ai43) and if building then on brownfield sites or on edge.
- Need to protect centre of old village and retain its semi-rural character.
- Crucial to add doctor and school places before any new residents arrive – we are full as it is also LAR access also must be addressed.
- Materials – Red brick finish throughout.
- Main road infrastructure is not good enough to date. Needs significant improvement for increased housing developments.
- No more need for more houses. Not enough parking with new houses any way and traffic is awful now!
- Maintain the village boundary and build on brown field sites only. Promote new business and supply existing.
- New housing, perhaps recreational facilities on the green spaces. Perhaps just a couple of swings so the kids can play out.
- Housing design is too dense! This puts pressure on existing old roads.
- We need to improve housing layout and design. Large room sizes and gardens – people stay longer in better designed houses, communities are more stable.
- The new housing is attractive whilst new but over time the poor proportions became a less attractive place to live.
- Burbage is a desirable place to live hence why developers are interested. If character isn't enforced in this development the village will lose its charm.
- Burbage needs to keep its village feel; and not expand into a giant housing estate.
- Housing development should be very limited to maintain the nature of the village.
- More sheltered bungalows are needed.
- Keep housing appropriate for a village community.
- Need better infrastructure to support expansion.
- The land at the back of Welbeck is a vital green corridor – please do all you can and prevent building on it.

Leisure Facilities

Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are some services important to you? Which ones?
Total responses	18
Comments	

- Keep our library
- With all the new and proposed housing where is the infrastructure such as schools, Doctors etc. being located.
- Please please re-instate the skate park in Britannia Fields. A lively 13yr old.
- New school is badly needed!! Two schools over crowded.
- What about Doctors? No permission to expand but more and more houses being built, less facilities.
- We need to allocate space for a new Doctors surgery.
- New doctor's surgery needed. And also space allocated for this.
- Better nursery facilities.
- Build a new school and Doctors surgery to cater for extra households.
- Improve the children's play areas at Grove Road and Britannia Fields.
- Lots of new family houses – where are the new schools and doctors surgeries to accommodate the new increased resident numbers. Congestion on Britannia Road is awful and not enough parking.
- Why can't developers be required to build same infrastructure? -Schools – surgeries.
- Doctors and schools are full – must be sorted before any new developments are approved.
- Nursery provision – is ever more important for working parents – where?
- Lack of play provision for older kids. Multi use games areas!
- We need a new Doctors, and a school for young children (4.5 -11)
- Almost 200 children started school this term, more schools required with new builds. Also doctors surgery.
- A completely new additional surgery – possibly adjacent to the Mill Hill – for central Burbage.

Transport and Highways

Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you have views on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Quality of Public Transport ○ Congestion ○ Car parking ○ Jitties and alley-ways
Total responses	52
Comments	

- Pavement parking is now endemic and is blight to pedestrians and particularly disabled people – hazardous.
- What scope do we have to lobby regarding opening up J2 of M69 to Coventry bound/incoming traffic? This is the most significant highways issue affecting Burbage as all traffic has to come through the village to get to the motorway.
- Minimise half to 1 day short term parking in residential areas. This may require a small number of local parking lots with limited e.g. 5 hour parking badges.
- Frequency of transport for Burbage is getting poorer, especially when they don't turn up.
- Some of the larger lorries/Juggernauts need keeping out of the centre of Burbage unless delivering.
- Restrict most of the roads to 20 miles per hour. Allocate minimum number of through ways.
- Coventry road – parking on the road on week days is a nightmare. Needs yellow lines/permits outside the tarragon business centre and down to the Sycamores. Parking along Sketchley at Coventry Road is a nightmare!
- Build wider roads on new estates.
- M69 junction 2 south exit. –Ease traffic jams in and around Burbage planning from 30 years ago is not up to date anymore.
- Parking on pavements should be prohibited! Pavements are for walking only.
- Pavements – make sure people trim their hedges back to their boundary and not overgrow over the footpath – e.g. top of Victoria Road / Salem Road.
- Jitties and alleyways are dirty and always covered in dog poo. Especially by St. Catherine's. Are there any traffic wardens enforcing parking restrictions? Play facilities for all ages in every park please.
- There should be much more restriction on parking in the road. They are very congested.
- Parking on the pavement at Victoria Road/Salem Road junction is unsafe – needs yellow lines.
- Parking on Coventry Road and pavements are very narrow making it unsafe for both pedestrians/drivers.

- Severe congestion outside Co-op. Shops and surgery when Lorries delivering to Co-op and other shops. Parking also hopeless at certain times.
- A bridge over railway and 1 way on Queens Road would help.
- Open M69/J2 as a full junction.
- Burbage Methodist car park is effectively the Windsor Street car park. Is it fair that the members have sole responsibility for maintenance?
- The “jitty” from the top west of Tilton Road playing fields through to railway station is an important cycle/footway. More litter picking needed on it.
- Parking on Lutterworth Road is causing traffic problems morning and evening also speed limit of 30 miles per hour adhered to.
- Sort out the dangerous parked cars and obstacles in Cotes Road being used as a short cut.
- More fines for people parking on pavements.
- Buses into Hinckley must be available to alleviate the ever increasing congestion.
- If we are to encourage the support of old Burbage centre shops to thrive, we need an off street car park!!!
- Access from and to Sapcote Road to Winchester Driver is a real problem – it must be sorted before any new houses are built.
- Traffic will never change until we have an outlet or ‘bleed points’ on Sapcote M69 and Brookside to A5.
- Clear jitties of overgrowing trees/bushes. Wesley walk is half the size in some places.
- Build bigger garages for new houses. Keep cars off roads and in garage.
- Stop people parking on double yellow lines.
- Large development (SUE) in Barwell will drastically increase traffic through Hinckley/Burbage (to M69) which is already overloaded with congestion.
- A Bypass around the village would be useful. M69 junction – Sapcote – A5 is far too congested. Rugby Road, Hinckley Road also congested.
- Traffic control measure through central village locations.
- Please stop cars BTC parking on pavement and double yellow lines.
- No. 7 bus service needs improvement. Appreciate problems on A5 but waiting an hour for a bus is not on.
- Over the last 10 years our road network has been getting busier and busier, and more akin to large cities congestion at times, rather than a village.
- Speeding/parking by the Spar and junctions close by.
- Keep footpath clear.
- Traffic problems on Coventry Road, Burbage especially between Salem Road and where Victoria Road joins Coventry Road. Double yellow lines on the left hand side as you head into Burbage centre would help.
- Stop cars from driving on the pavement rather than waiting for traffic in other direction in Coventry Rd/Windsor Str.
- Traffic problems on Sketchley Road. Chaos caused by parking, both sides. A nightmare.
- Britannia Road is far too busy – No on road parking and more through put, people are now driving on footpath by garages to pass each other!

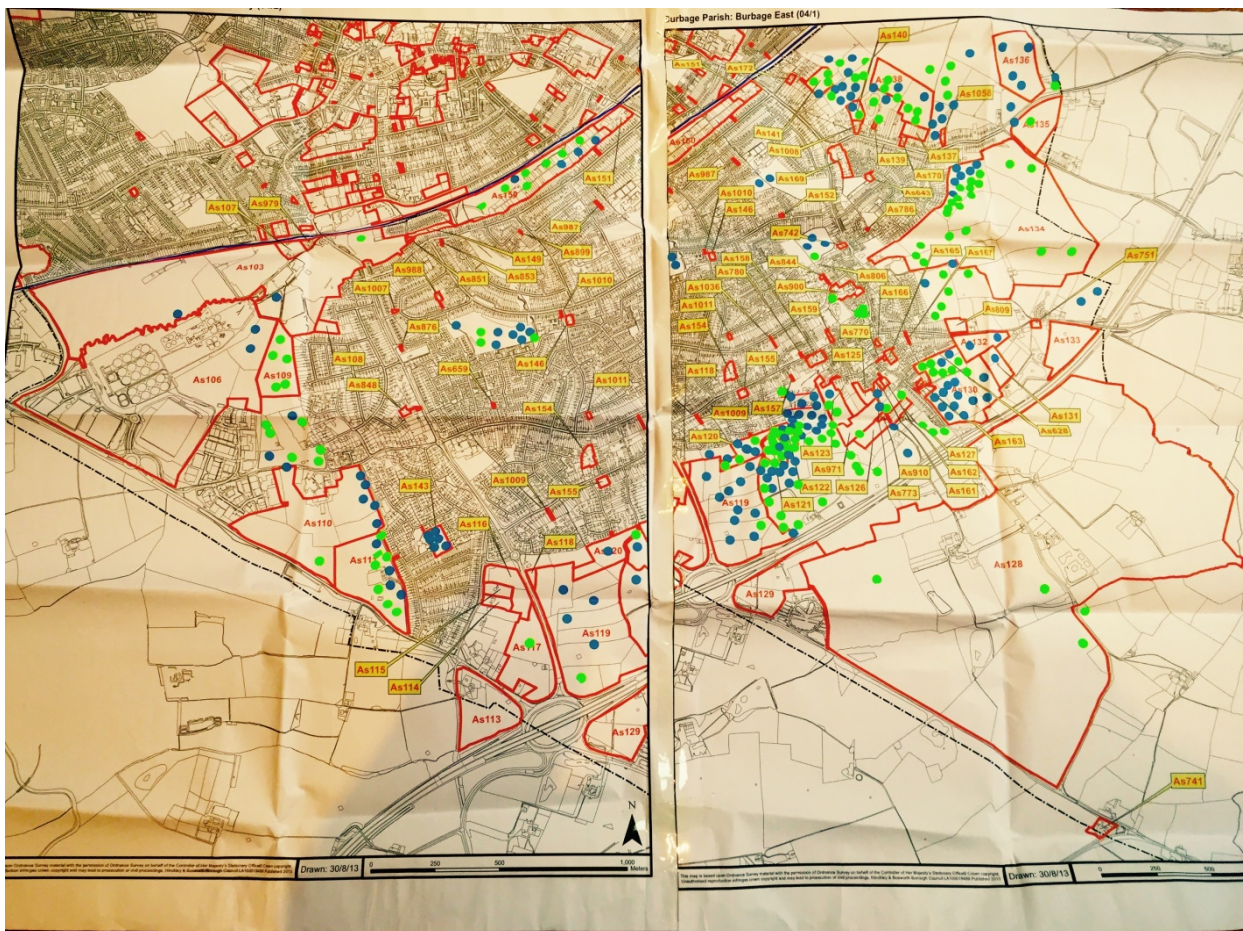
- Congestion around the Hinckley council offices on Rugby Road causes back up congestion in Burbage and along Brookside. No more development until road system is sorted out.
- More development in Burbage will only make current traffic issues worse. “stop the over development” please!
- Coventry Road. Ridiculously narrow for traffic movements. Dangerous.
- Why don’t residents park their cars on drives in Sketchley Rd/ Twycross Rd? It causes many problems for drivers and pedestrians.
- Improve main routes/add new routes between Hinckley and Burbage.
- There are only 2 main road networks between Burbage and Hinckley. Have we looked at putting a third in over the current pedestrian bridge in the middle of Brookside? This would help congestion in the area.
- Cotes Rd is used as a rat run, traffic management is needed.
- Parking around Tilton Road, shops and surgery.
- Coventry Road needs no parking both sides.
- Need to create more off road parking.

Heritage and Conservation	
Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are there any other buildings that the Plan should seek to enhance or protect?
Total responses	13
Comments	

- Options appraisals for improving buildings- to promote minimal intervention to heritage in line with usages – where is funding.
- Protect on countryside. Keep Burbage as a “Village”.
- Methodist church – keep the frontage (red brick) as part of Burbage heritage. Build behind by all means.
- Has anyone considered in all this massive proposed house building. The other structures that will also need to be in place i.e. schools, shops, and green spaces (parks) where all these prospective families can take their families? How much more squashed up are we expected to take.
- You show us all these prospective plans, but we already know that a lot of these are going to happen, with or without our input? So this is really just a tick box exercise, to make it look as if what we say matter!!!!
- Keep the look and feel of Burbage as it is today – let’s not ruin what we have.
- Burbage Methodist church – car park issue used (misused as public car park) chip shop turning circle. Overnight parking running of car businesses.
- Protect “Burbage the village” stop the developments.
- Grove Road – infant school.

- Hinckley and Bosworth could consider a town scape heritage initiative to put back heritage features.
- Wear and tear of car park – burden to church members – verbal abuse.
- Is there building or spaces outside of conservation area that need protection?
- What can we do to protect countryside around Burbage?

Green Spaces	
Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place up to 3 blue stickers on the map in an area of open space that is important for leisure and up to 3 green stickers in a place with a good or important view
Results	



the burbage ideas tree



Madelaine Kruger – winner of the Quality Street prize

The young people (and a couple of older ‘young people’) filled the ideas tree with leaves of their thoughts whilst the grown-ups wrote on square post it notes!

The young people’s ideas were mostly about parks and open spaces in and around Burbage - showing how important the outdoor environment of the Parish is to Burbage’s next generation of adults.

These are the ideas they had ...

I like the big park best even though I'm only five

Make a hut where you can play all games that were in the 16th century to now

Nature walks for children and they try to find different things like a treasure hunt

A lake where you can swim away you can control remote control boats

Make a fishing lake where people learn how to fish

Make more bird watching towers

Maybe put tree ladders on a tree so children can play in the tree

Plant more trees to extend Burbidge Woods

Animal boxes for deer, foxes, hedgehogs, birds etc.

Make climbing apparatus for Burbage Woods

More paths for people who walk dogs and more bins for disposing of dog mess

I'd like to see more organised events

Swimming pool, all-weather sports pitch, better play areas

Don't knock down the trees

Small play slides for little children in the park here

Everything is nice at the park, it is fun - Tigger's Park is best

Tigger's Park is best because of the spiders web

I like it when the sun comes out

More parks and swings x2

We would like a zip wire at Tigger's Park please

Our house is my favourite thing in Burbidge, the swings are best in the park

We need a swing for toddlers with a safe seat, so they don't fall off

More playthings

More facilities in parks

Don't build on parks

No more houses but more nature x2

No more houses but don't knock down the old houses and maybe turn them into a museum

A roller-skating rink

Build a train station in Burbage