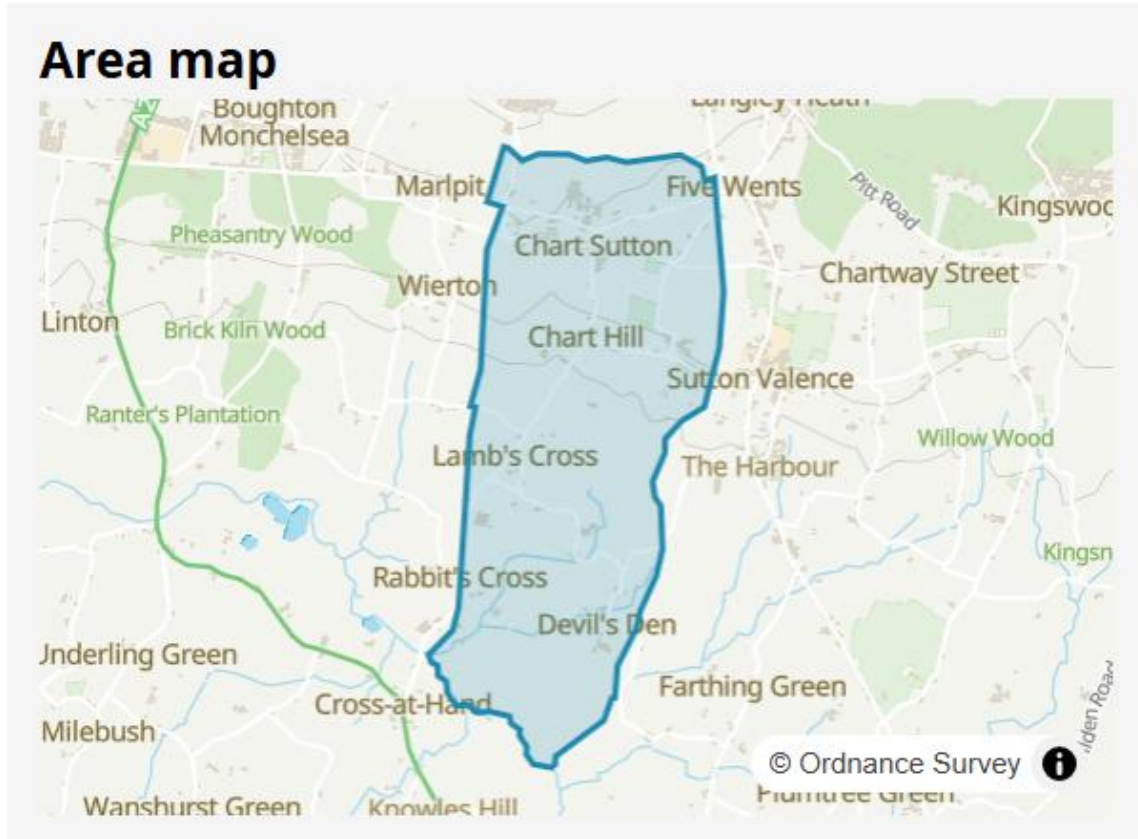


# A Neighbourhood Plan for Chart Sutton

## Summary of survey findings to date (March 2025)



<https://www.chartsutton-pc.gov.uk>



# Survey findings - Housing

- **Housing for families/ younger people – encourage younger people in**
- **Housing for older people**
- **Mix of homes**
- **Affordable**
- **Only with the supporting infrastructure**
- **Downsizing**
- **Homes with smaller number of bedrooms**

## **Actions:**

- **Sites work**
- **Housing needs study**

# Survey findings - Design

- Weatherboarding (white timber?)
- Reclaimed materials – red brick
- Kent tiles
- Local stone / ragstone
- Off-road parking
- Eco homes inc. solar panels, well-insulated
- 1-2 storeys max
- Rural heritage feel
- Minimal fencing – natural instead?
- No ‘cookie cutter’ homes
- No uniform style, so reflect the ‘mix’

## Actions:

- Local walkabout
- Photographs
- Design Guidance for the parish



# Survey findings - Heritage

- Village Hall
- Orchards
- Hertsford Bridge
- Farmhouses
- Village sign
- Fingerposts
- The Old Forge
- Oast houses
- Pilot crash memorial
- Rural lanes, Roman Road

## **Actions:**

- Local history group?



# Survey findings – Important Green Spaces

- Village green
- Orchards – any specific?
- Recreation ground and play area
- Village Common at south of Amber Lane?
- Greensand Ridge
- River Beult
- Ivan's Field
- Churchyard

## **Actions:**

- Assess green spaces against government criteria
- Photo
- Map



# Survey findings – Views and viewpoints

- Views of Vale of Kent (in between Chart Sutton and Marden etc.)
- Views across the Weald
- Views from the ridgeline

## **Actions:**

- **Description**
- **Map**
- **Photo**



# Survey findings – Biodiversity

- Retain hedgerows (mixed hedges) for birds etc.
- Bird species – inc. yellowhammers
- Wildflower areas inc. along verges? Roads
- Orchards
- Woodlands – coppice to encourage wildlife?
- Greensand Ridge
- Farmland
- Bats, foxes, rabbits, badgers
- Lakes/ponds (but no public access to those south of ridge?)
- Bat/swift/bird boxes on new homes and public areas
- More planters in public areas

## **Actions:**

- Photos
- Wildlife corridors?
- How to improve biodiversity?

# Survey findings – Employment

- Better broadband – work from home
- Protect agriculture
- Roads not suited to commercial traffic
- Smaller workshop units?
- Post Office, village shop, café
- Shared workspace
- Not a priority?
- Better mobile signal
- Tourism – need more for walkers to stop here for – café?
- Promote the footpath network/ Greensand way
- More events? Activities? Craft market?
- Village needs a central focus





# Survey findings – Community spaces

- Move the shop to permanent location and expand the village green
- More greens? Ivans Field? Plough Wents Road field? Add ponds?
- Improve sports pavilion. Clubhouse?
- More events at the Recreation Ground?
- Find space for a community orchard?
- More parking for the recreation ground
- An outdoor space to serve the village hall
- Somewhere to walk the dogs
- Pre-school meet ups
- More activities at village hall – visiting GP? Clubs?
- Cafe at the village green?



# Survey findings – Getting Around

- **Better footpaths along main lanes (Warmlake Road)**
- **Reduce speed limits into and through the village**
- **More signage on blind bends**
- **Better, more regular/rescheduled/rerouted bus services**
- **Pavement from the shop to the park**
- **Create cycle lanes?**
- **More bridleways**
- **More promotion of routes/ signage**
- **Repair broken stiles/ clear paths**
- **Too many potholes**
- **Traffic unsafe for riders**
- **More footpaths**
- **cycle/pedestrian path along Plough Wents Road between Sutton Road and Brishing Road B2163?**
- **Promote more local horse rides**
- **Cycling facilities/ toilet etc.**

# **Survey findings – Flooding**

- **Blocked drains (Amber Road)**
- **Water draining off surrounding fields**
- **Back Lane, near the riding school**
- **Pond at junction of Warmlake Rd and Norton Rd floods**
- **Chart Hill Rd, esp. by the bridge**
- **Marshall's Place**
- **Warmlake Road between green and eastwards**
- **Need to keep roadside ditches clear**