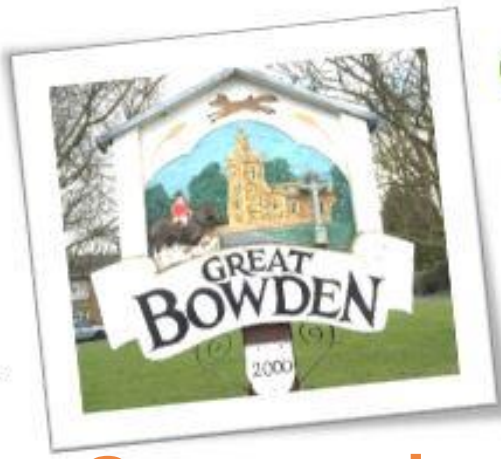
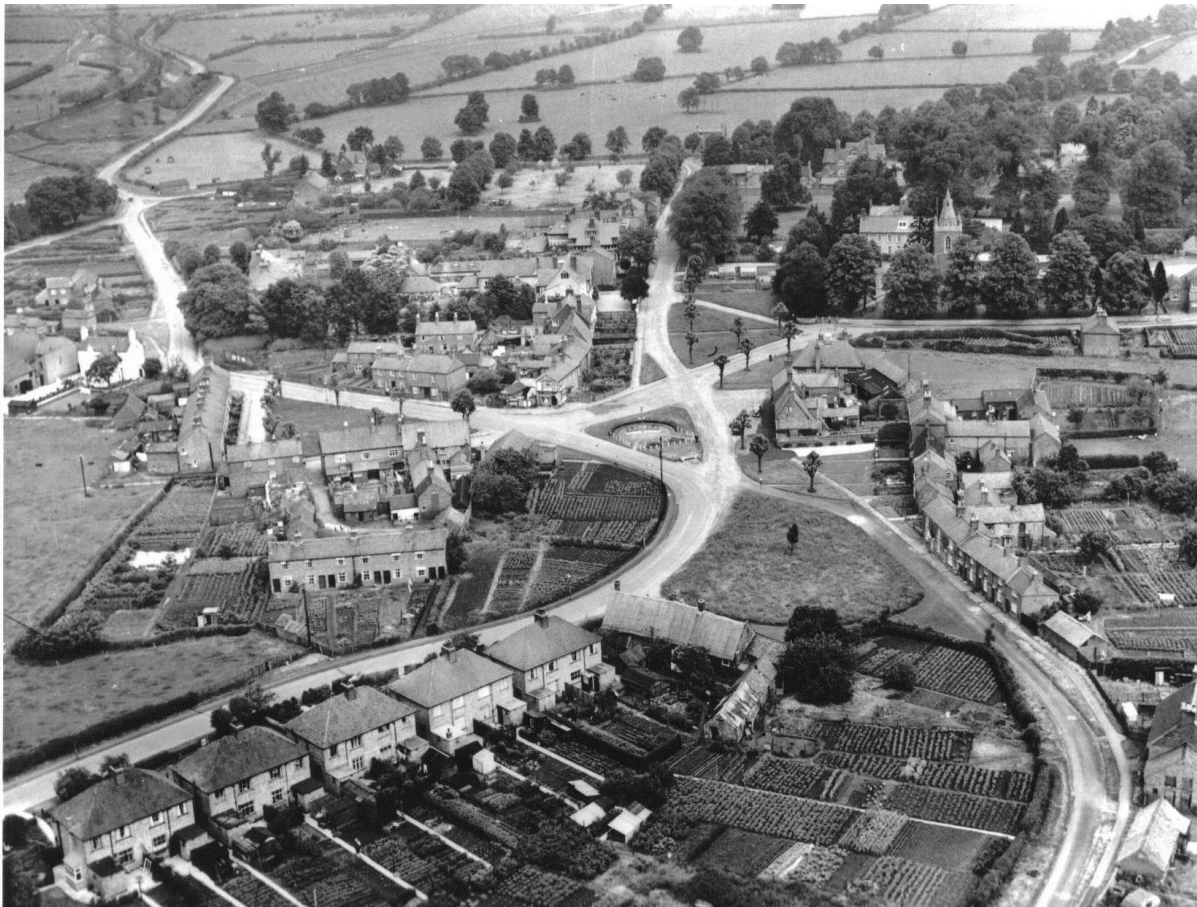




Great Bowden's
Neighbourhood Plan
Our Neighbourhood
Our Future

Community Questionnaire



Great Bowden in the 1940's..... but what's it going to be like in 2026 and beyond?

This is your opportunity to help shape its future!

Please help our Neighbourhood Plan to reflect what you would like to see by completing this questionnaire

Thanking you in advance

GBNP Questionnaire July 2016

Your village needs you!

As you are probably aware, Great Bowden is in the process of developing a Neighbourhood Plan.

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

Neighbourhood Planning is part of the central government's initiative to make planning policy less remote for communities such as Great Bowden by involving them in the important decisions that can shape the future of their parish.

A Neighbourhood Plan can cover future housing development with regard to type and location, community facilities, transport, traffic and the protection of important spaces and buildings.

A Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Group has been formed by Great Bowden Parish Council to act on behalf of the Council to develop Great Bowden's Neighbourhood Plan.

The process has three broad stages:

- The community is consulted about its wishes and preferences
- A Draft Plan is created
- A referendum is held in which voters in the parish decide by simple majority whether to accept the Plan or not.

Completing this survey

We would encourage you to complete this survey so that we can be confident that our Plan is being created on behalf of the whole community and its stakeholders. You should allow about 20 minutes to complete it.

There are two ways in which you can complete the questionnaire. It is available online at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GreatBowden.

If you prefer to complete the paper version, it can be returned to your local co-ordinator, whose address is given on the accompanying leaflet, or to a collection box at Welton's.

Finally, we are also interested in the views of young people in the parish, even though they will not be able to vote in the referendum. There is a short questionnaire for 11-18 year olds which can be completed online at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GreatFuture. We would be very grateful to receive opinions from this age group, which will also be incorporated into the Draft Plan.

If further paper copies of the survey are needed they too can be obtained from Peter Mitchell.

If you need any help completing the survey, have any questions about the process or would like to help in developing the Plan, please feel free to contact Natalie Holmes, Jim Culkin or Tony Hipgrave, who are all members of the Advisory Group.

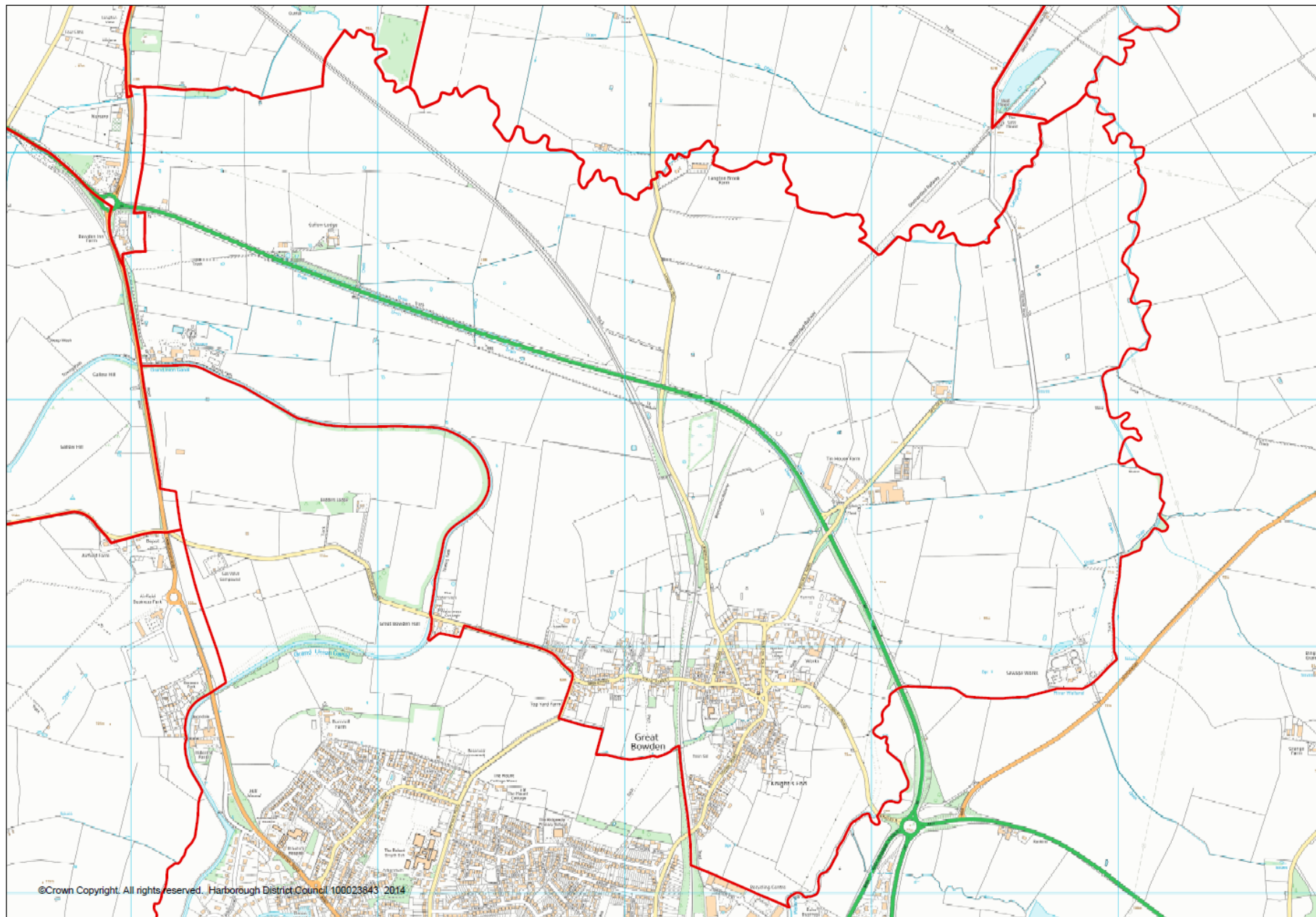
Thank you in advance for your participation.

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Other members of the Advisory Group are: Paul Claxton, Anne French and Richard Henwood

Great Bowden Parish Boundary Map

Great Bowden parish



Information

How does Great Bowden compare to Market Harborough?
Here are some statistics to put our settlement structure into context.

Local Housing Information			
Great Bowden		Market Harborough	
Population	1,017	Population	22,911
Houses	449	Houses	10,026
(+ access for 50 just passed on Welham Lane)			
47% detached		48% detached	
34% semi-detached		29% semi-detached	
20% terraced		15% terraced	
3% 1 bed		6% 1 bed	
30% 2 bed		22% 2 bed	
41% 3 bed		37% 3 bed	
21% 4 bed		26% 4 bed	
9% 5 bed		9% 5 bed	
78% owner occupied		78% owner occupied	
9% rented – affordable, owned by housing association		8% rented – affordable, owned by housing association	
10% private rent		10% private rent	

Did you know that...

Great Bowden has “separation land” to the south between Great Bowden and Market Harborough to stop the settlements merging.

We are surrounded by fields of historic ridge and furrow.

We have 56 Listed Buildings within Great Bowden and more that could be added, as they predate 1800.

This Questionnaire has been compiled with information, ideas and feedback from the public Open Event, which was held on May 6th/7th where 127 people attended and expressed their views.

Please complete the questionnaire as soon as possible: **Deadline 23rd July**

- Online at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GreatBowden
- Drop off at your local co-ordinator
- Drop it into Weltons
- Call Peter Mitchell on 01858 466234 for an additional paper copy or if a paper copy of the young person's survey is required.

General Village Characteristics

Please tick the box which reflects your own view on each of the items below as being important to your vision of Great Bowden.

	This is very important in defining the village	Nice to have, but not critical	This is of relatively low importance
Is clearly separate from Market Harborough	☐	☐	☐
Feels like a rural village	☐	☐	☐
Has pubs and shops	☐	☐	☐
Has a community feel	☐	☐	☐
Has green spaces	☐	☐	☐
Has play areas for children	☐	☐	☐
Has a range of types of housing	☐	☐	☐
Has a strong sense of heritage	☐	☐	☐
Access to countryside for leisure	☐	☐	☐
Has its own Post Office	☐	☐	☐
The recreation ground for leisure/sport	☐	☐	☐
Church	☐	☐	☐
Church Hall	☐	☐	☐
Village Hall	☐	☐	☐
Community Pavilion	☐	☐	☐
Offers employment possibilities (including self-employment)	☐	☐	☐
Has local clubs and societies	☐	☐	☐

Below please write any additional positive characteristics which you think are important in defining the village:

Demographic Information

Your responses will be treated in strict confidence and you will never be identified personally in the data which is produced.

Your Road: _____

What is your connection and/or interest in the village of Great Bowden? Please tick all that apply.

☐	Resident – Home Owner	☐	Resident – Social Housing	☐	Developer / stakeholder
☐	Resident – Renting Privately	☐	Resident – Shared Ownership	☐	Landowner / stakeholder
☐	Resident – Farming Agricultural Home	☐	Land renter – Grazing or Arable	☐	Business owner / stakeholder
☐	Other stakeholder, please specify				

Number of adults living in your household	1 ☐	2 ☐	3 ☐	4 ☐	5 or more ☐
Number of children under 18	0 ☐	1 ☐	2 ☐	3 ☐	4 or more ☐
Number of adults aged	18-20	21-40	41-60	61-80	Over 80
Number of children aged	Under 2	2-5	6-10	11-15	16-18
How many adults in your household share your responses to this questionnaire	Just myself ☐	2 ☐	3 ☐	4 ☐	5 ☐

Business and Employment

	Yes	No
Do you work in Great Bowden?	☐	☐
Do you run a business in or from Great Bowden?	☐	☐
Are you thinking of setting up a business in Great Bowden?	☐	☐
Do you think that Great Bowden needs to expand business or employment opportunities?	☐	☐
Do you think that any new housing developments should be designed with local employment opportunities (including self-employment) in mind?	☐	☐
Would the village benefit from a central facility with internet, a meeting room etc. specifically aimed at businesses, clubs, societies etc.?	☐	☐

If you answered Yes to any of the above questions, what facilities do you think need to be improved, or introduced to the parish, in order to make Great Bowden more business-friendly?

Housing Type / Need

Please indicate the type of property you currently occupy by ticking the appropriate box.

☐ Detached	☐ Terraced	☐ Bungalow
☐ Semi-detached	☐ Sheltered Housing	☐ Flat

What type of homes do you think we need? Please tick a maximum of 5

☐ Bungalows	☐ Luxury Exec Housing	☐ Retirement Homes – 55's and over
☐ Starter Homes Smaller for first time buyers	☐ Eco Friendly Homes	☐ Whole Life Homes (adaptable for lifetime needs)
☐ Small Family Homes up to 3 bed	☐ Flats	☐ Sheltered Housing
☐ Large Family Homes 4+ beds	☐ Rented – affordable, owned by a housing association	☐ 50% shared ownership–affordable, owned by a housing association

Important issues for future housing developments. Please tick all that are important to you.

☐ They blend with the village, style as per the *Village Design Statement	☐ Have gardens/outdoor space	☐ Encourage community integration with a mix of housing size
☐ They have off-road parking	☐ Built to a high standard	☐ School can accommodate pupils within the village
☐ Other, please specify		

Do you feel there is a need for more rental properties within Great Bowden?

☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Don't Know
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Do you feel there is more need for retirement properties within Great Bowden?

☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Don't Know
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Do you feel there is more need for 'Whole Life' homes which can be modified as the occupants age and their needs change?

☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Don't Know
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Might you, or a member of your household, be looking to move to another property in Great Bowden in the next 10 years?

☐ Yes	☐ No
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If Yes, please specify type from below.

☐ Bungalows	☐ Luxury Exec Housing	☐ Retirement Homes – 55's and over
☐ Starter Homes Smaller for first time buyers	☐ Eco Friendly Homes	☐ Whole Life Homes (adaptable for lifetime needs)
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- Village Design Statement of 2000 is available to view on the Village Website.
www.greatbowden.org/GreatBowdenContacts

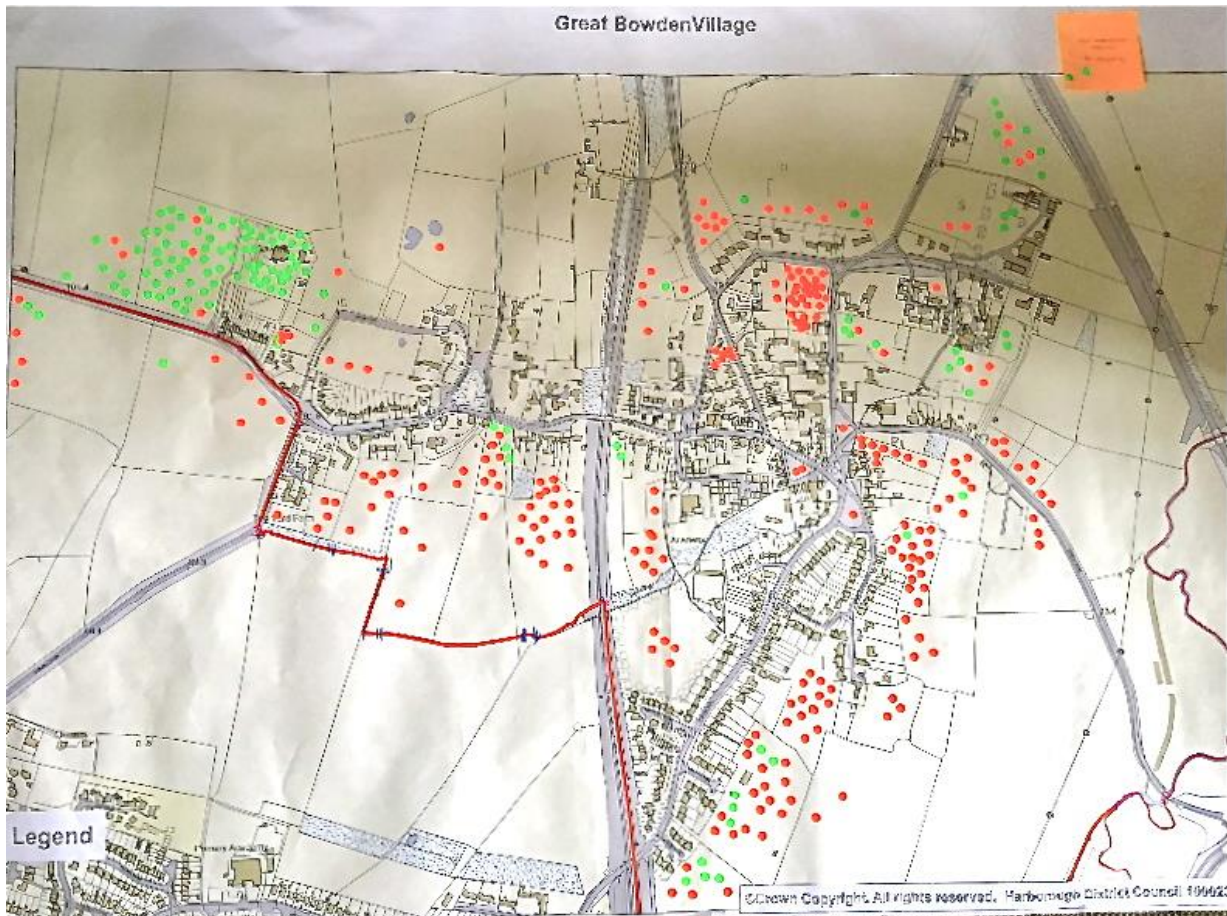
Housing Location

Great Bowden will have to take its share of new housing development over the next 15 years.

In this section we will ask you to give an indication of where in principle you think new houses should be built in Great Bowden, irrespective of any current or recent planning applications.

The map at the beginning of this questionnaire shows the extent of the parish of Great Bowden which includes J G Pears, Gallow Hill Works, Leicester Road. We have also included a map in Appendix 1 that shows a number of sites in and around Great Bowden which landowners say may be available for possible development in the future and are included in Harborough District Council's Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA). These sites are also listed in Appendix 1.

There will always be other sites in and around Great Bowden that could become available for development that have not been included in the SHLAA. Accordingly, we feel that it would be better to identify specific areas for future housing development in the Neighbourhood Plan as can be seen from the following maps. It should not be assumed that these areas (A – J) contain sites, other than those identified in the SHLAA, that have been offered by landowners for future development. We are simply interested in determining where the preferences are for future housing development in the parish.



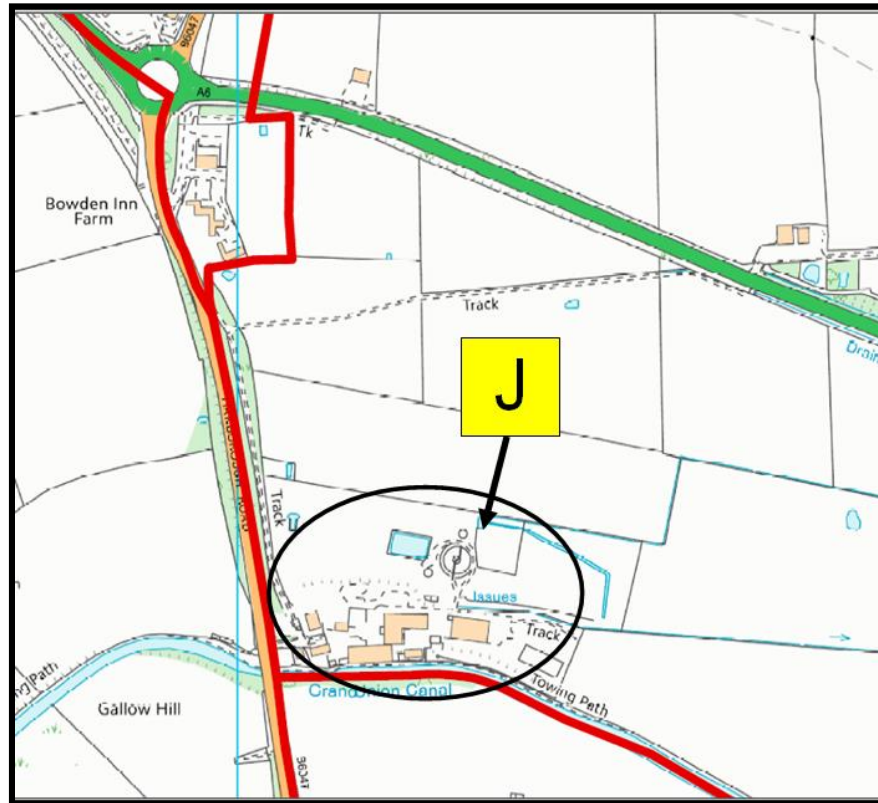
This is a map that was displayed at the Open Event in May 2016. People placed green dots on the areas that they preferred for future housing development and red dots in areas that were not preferred.

Please look at the maps on the following page and score the areas, individually, for future housing development in order of your preference. Tick 1 for the area(s) that you think would be most suitable down to 5 for the area(s) that you think would be least suitable.

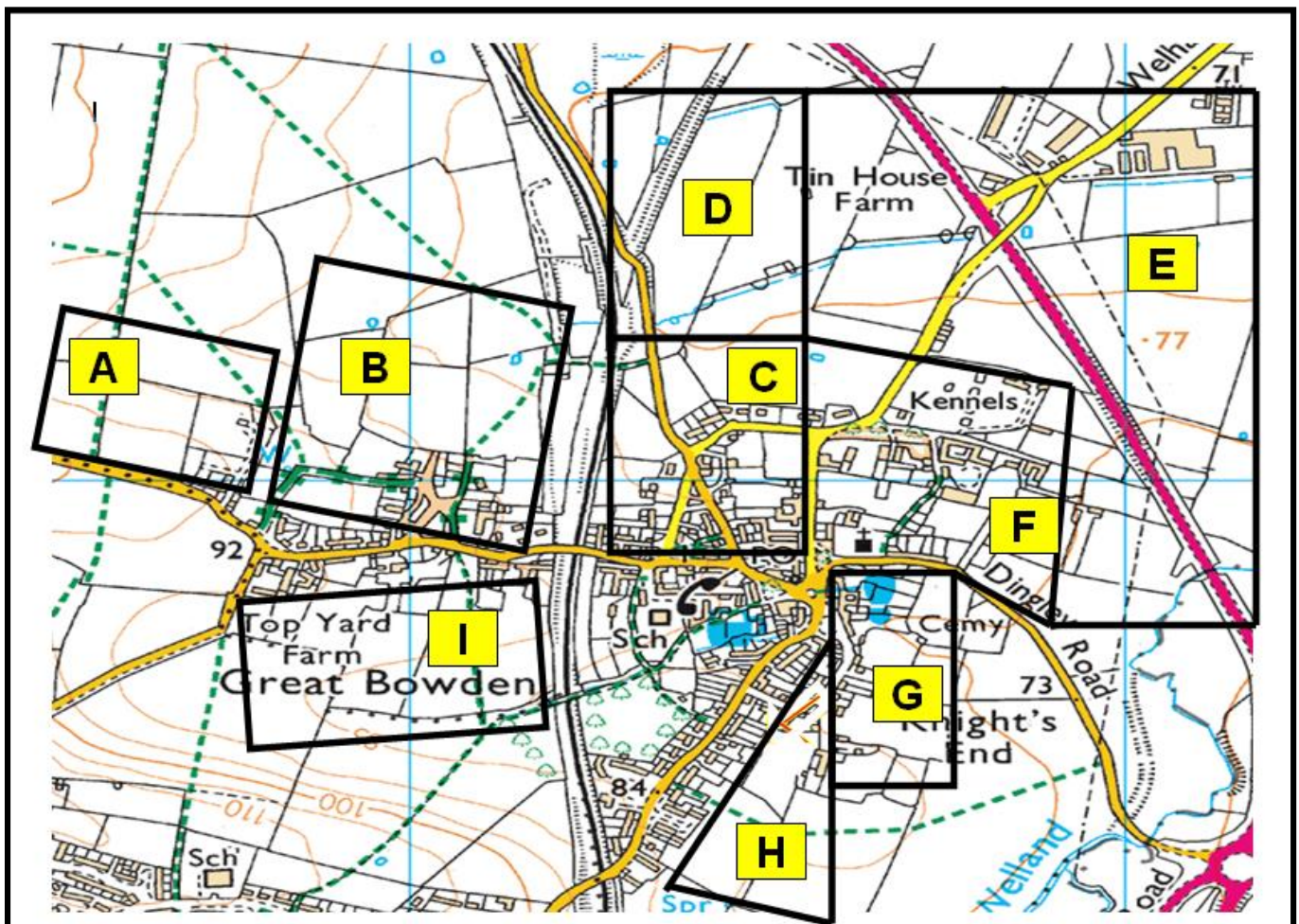
Area Reference & Description	1 (Most suitable)	2	3	4	5 (Least suitable)
A: North of Leicester Lane. Adjoins the western edge of GB					
B: North of Main Street & runs north into open countryside, west of the railway line					
C: Central north: inc Welham Road/Sutton Rd paddock & the paddock adjacent to Langton Road & behind Welham Rd					
D: North of area C into open countryside					
E: East of area D into open countryside including the old mushroom farm site					
F: Central east: north of Dingley Road & adjacent to the eastern edge of GB					
G: South east: south of Dingley Road, running behind Knights End Road					
H: South east: inc land off Berry Close and Bankfield Drive					
I: South of Main Street & west of the railway line					
J: J. G. Pears is closing down. They have indicated that the site will be available for Brownfield housing development in the future.					

If you have any further comments then please them here.	
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J. G. Pears site off Leicester Road



Various sites in and around Great Bowden



Transport, Traffic and Access

Transport

What form of transport does your household use to access the following activities out of Great Bowden? (tick the appropriate box)

	To shop	To go to work	For leisure	School Run
Bus	☐	☐	☐	☐
Taxi	☐	☐	☐	☐
Car	☐	☐	☐	☐
Cycle	☐	☐	☐	☐
Walk	☐	☐	☐	☐

If you use a car to travel to and from work, which route do you normally use?

Tick whichever applies

Welham Lane to join the A6 travelling in the direction of Kettering	☐
Welham Lane to join the A6 travelling in the direction of Leicester	☐
Dingley Road	☐
Station Road	☐
Main Street/Burnmill Road	☐
Main Street/Leicester Lane	☐
Langton Road	☐

Road Congestion

An obvious way to relieve road congestion is the provision of off road parking spaces. Some options, from our open event, are provided below. Please indicate the level of priority that you would give to each of the following.

	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Against
A central car park on land available off Dingley Road.	☐	☐	☐	☐
Develop the large verge in front of the houses in Main Street for Main Street residents' parking	☐	☐	☐	☐
Develop the open land situated between Langton Road and Manor Road for parking	☐	☐	☐	☐
Close off the slip road in front of the village hall that connects Dingley Road with Station Road.	☐	☐	☐	☐
Increase the parking facility at the community pavilion	☐	☐	☐	☐
Any other suggestions where off Road Parking could be provided in Great Bowden?				

Traffic & Road Safety

Speeding traffic on the roads in Great Bowden is a major concern. Please indicate the level of priority that you would give for traffic calming on the roads indicated below.

	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority
Dingley Road, entering the village	☐	☐	☐
Main Street, coming into Great Bowden particularly between the railway bridge and Gunnsbrooke Close	☐	☐	☐
Langton Road both leaving and entering the village	☐	☐	☐
Leicester Lane, entering the village	☐	☐	☐
Station Road between the railway bridge and the recreation ground.	☐	☐	☐
Entering the village down Burnmill Road towards the junction with Leicester Lane/ Main Street	☐	☐	☐
Any other hot spots? Please name.			

	Yes	No
Would you support the closure of Welham Lane to 4 wheeled vehicles at the bridge but allowing cyclists, horse riders and walkers to pass? Those residents and businesses situated on the far side of the A6 that need access to Great Bowden using a 4 wheeled vehicle would be given access, for example, sinkable bollards activated electronically from their vehicles.	☐	☐
Do you think that double yellow lines should be used in the village to control parking?	☐	☐



There are various ways of providing traffic calming at the entrance roads to our village. Would you support gateways/entry points and/or dragons teeth for the following roads

	Yes	No
Dingley Road	☐	☐
Langton Road	☐	☐
Leicester lane	☐	☐



Pedestrian Safety

As a pedestrian, we would like your opinion on the safety of crossing the following roads in Great Bowden (please tick as appropriate)

Road & Position	Hazardous	Requires Some Caution	Safe
Dingley Road crossing to and from the Village Hall to Weltons			
Dingley Road crossing to and from the Village Hall to the green east of Sutton Road			
Leicester Lane/Main Street crossing to and from Burnmill Road			
Main Street crossing to and from Bowden Stores to Weltons			
Main Street crossing the road near the school.			
Main Street crossing between the south and north side at Upper Green			
Are there any other road crossing points that you consider are hazardous?			

Environment

Conservation Area:

- **Map in Appendix 2**

Do you think the Conservation Area covers the most important part of the village?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Undecided ☐

Do you think the Conservation Area should include the whole of the village?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Undecided ☐

Do you think there should be additional smaller Conservation Areas in the village?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Undecided ☐

Common Land:

There are areas of Common Land within the village that are privately owned, open for public access and protected from development. Common Land is protected by law and is registered with LCC.

Do you think Common Land should be given additional protection by including them within the Neighbourhood Plan?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Undecided ☐

Would you agree to Common Land status being removed if the owner sought to do so?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Undecided ☐

Open Spaces:

Would you be in favour of having a village community bowling green on the paddock at the corner of Welham Road and Sutton Road, if the land became available?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Undecided ☐

Wild Life:

Do you think all new developments should provide Green Ways and Tunnels to allow small species wild life to migrate and sustain their populations?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Undecided ☐

Fly Tipping:

Fly tipping of professional waste is increasing in Welham Lane.

Would you support the enforcement of locked gates allowing farm vehicle, cycle, pedestrian and horse access only beyond the Game Bird farm. The gates are already installed.

Yes ☐ No ☐ Undecided ☐



Trees, Hedges and Landscaping:

Which of the following do you think new developments should have.

- | | | | |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| • Only indigenous type trees and hedges | Yes ☐ | No ☐ | Undecided ☐ |
| • Only Leylandii and ornamental type trees and hedges | Yes ☐ | No ☐ | Undecided ☐ |
| • A mixture of Leylandii and indigenous type trees and hedges | Yes ☐ | No ☐ | Undecided ☐ |
| • Native landscaping for wildlife nectar and seed sources | Yes ☐ | No ☐ | Undecided ☐ |

Other types: Please specify _____

Street Lighting:

Do you think new developments should have to have LED energy saving street and footpath lighting.

Yes ☐

No ☐

Undecided ☐

Do you think lighting on new developments should be managed to encourage wildlife.

Yes ☐

No ☐

Undecided ☐

The Village in its Setting:

With exception of Station Road, the roads leading to village are lined with native hedges and show the village set within the countryside. How important are these views to you:

Very ☐

Not Very ☐

Neutral ☐

The footpaths around the village also show the village set within the countryside. How important are these views to you:

Very ☐

Not Very ☐

Neutral ☐

Development within the Parish:

Would you agree to limited housing developments in other parts of the parish on brownfield sites if they became available?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Undecided ☐

The Canal:

There are a limited number of established houses and developments next to the canal. Would you agree to additional canal side development on brown field sites?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Undecided ☐

Do you think the canal should remain set within the countryside as a leisure facility for walkers, cyclists and anglers?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Undecided ☐

Other Issues:

This is your opportunity to influence the environment of your village into the future. Please record here any other measures you believe we should take to enhance or safeguard the environment of our village.

Amenities & Facilities

What Amenities/Facilities do you use within Great Bowden? Please tick all that apply.

☐	School – Great Bowden Academy	☐	Weltons – Shop & Cafe	☐	Village Hall
☐	Pre-school	☐	Weltons – Post Office/Cash Point	☐	Community Pavilion
☐	St Peter & St Pauls Church	☐	Bowden Stores – Grocers & General Store	☐	Church Hall
☐	Public Footpaths across Fields	☐	Shoulder of Mutton	☐	Recreation Ground
☐	Tennis Club Courts	☐	Red Lion	☐	Sustrans Cycle Route along Welham Lane
☐	Bridle Ways	☐	Community Wood	☐	Playground
☐	Bus Route 33	☐	Bus Route 44	☐	Allotments
☐	Mobile Library	☐	Other, please specify		

What other Amenities/Facilities, if any, would benefit Great Bowden existing and future residents. Please tick all that apply.

☐	Chemist or prescription collection point	☐	Residential Care	☐	Car park to alleviate the centre
☐	More seating / benches around the village	☐	More seating / benches in the recreation ground area	☐	Book share point
☐	More public footpaths / bridleways	☐	Bowling Green/Club corner of Sutton Road	☐	Footpath along Leicester Lane to canal path
☐	Expansion of primary school	☐	Welham Lane becoming designated a quiet lane – cycling, riding, runners and walkers - vehicle access to farmers'/emergency services only. Sinkable bollards on bridge.		
☐	Public toilets at recreation ground open	☐	An additional community hall		
☐	Other suggestion, please specify				

Do you attend a regular group or club within the village? If Yes, how many per month?

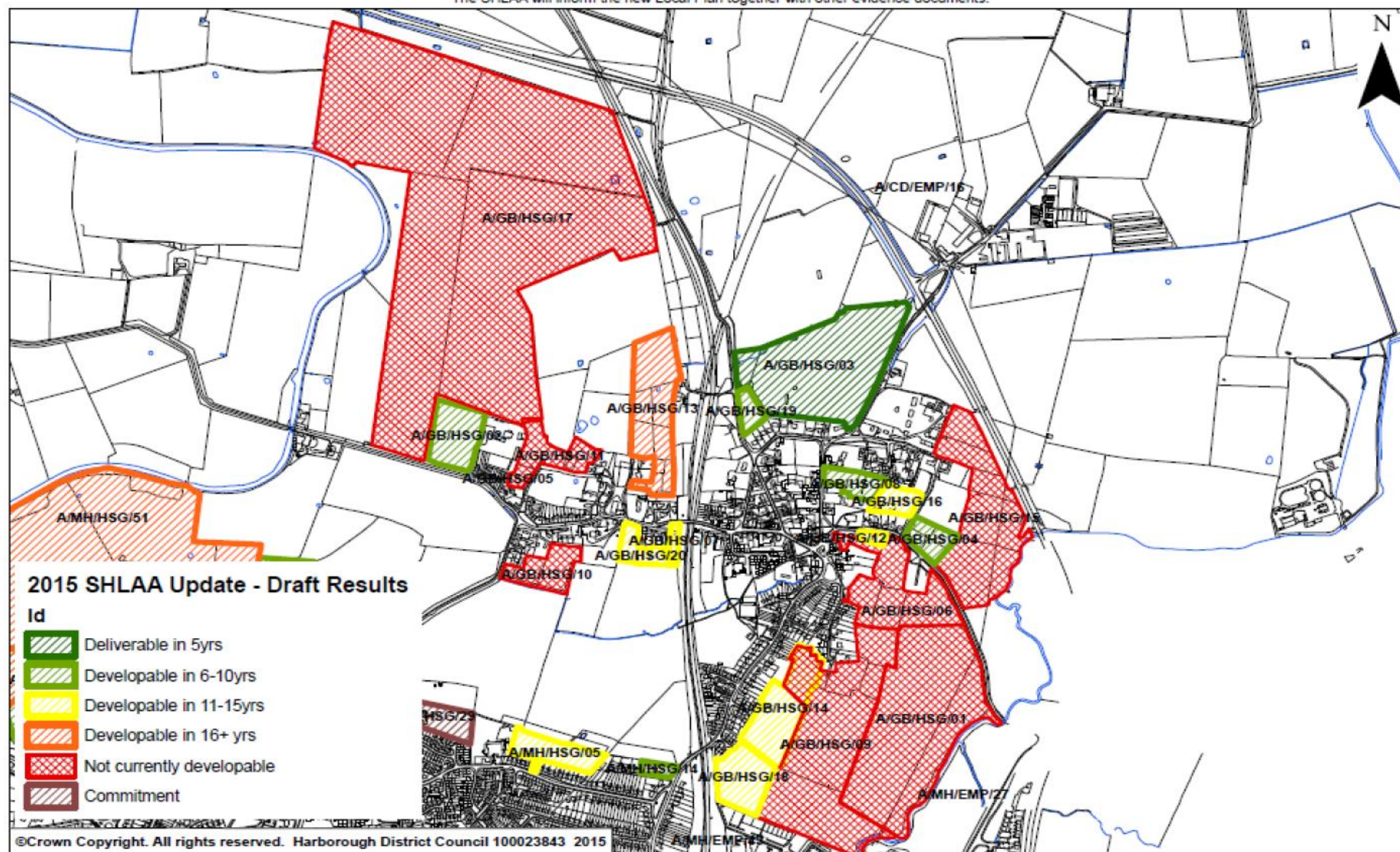
☐	Yes	Qty, please specify	☐	No
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Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

*Appendix 1

SHLAA 2015
Great Bowden Sites - Draft Results

The SHLAA does not allocate sites or pre-empt future plan making or related decisions by Harborough District Council.
The SHLAA will inform the new Local Plan together with other evidence documents.



*Appendix 1 – description of sites

Site Reference	Site Description	Status	Comments
(1) A/GB/HSG/02 - Land north of Leicester Lane	Adjoins the western edge of GB	Agricultural use	Estimated Capacity: 34 dwellings
(2) A/GB/HSG/03 - Land off Welham Lane	Adjoins the eastern side of Welham Lane	Access only planning permission given	50 houses proposed
(3) A/GB/HSG/04 - Land north of Dingley Road,	North of Dingley Road adjacent to the eastern edge of GB	Agricultural paddock	Estimated Capacity: 19 dwellings
(4) A/GB/HSG/07 – 41 Main Street, Great Bowden	Dwelling & garden. Agricultural land to the south. Railway to the east		Estimated Capacity: 5 dwellings
(5) A/GB/HSG/08 - Land off Sutton Road	Land in the centre of GB	Planning permission for one dwelling given	
(6) A/GB/HSG/12- Land south of Dingley Road		Now superseded by a planning application.	Estimated Capacity: 29 dwellings
(7) A/GB/HSG/13- Land off Upper Green Lane	Adjoins GB & runs north into open countryside, west of the railway line		Estimated Capacity: 73 dwellings
(8) A/GB/HSG/14 - Land off Berry Close.	East of Berry Close	Under appeal	Separation Land. 70 houses proposed.
(9) A/GB/HSG/16 - Land off Nether Green	To the rear of properties on Dingley Road.	Paddock	Concern over access from Nether Green. Estimated Capacity: 16 dwellings
(10) A/GB/HSG/18 - Land off Bankfield Drive,	East of Bankfield Drive	Agricultural land between GB and MH	Separation land. Estimated Capacity: 51 dwellings
(11) A/GB/HSG/19 - Land off Langton Road	Bounded by Langton Rd to the west & the Welham Lane development to the east	Paddock	Access onto Langton Rd considered hazardous. Estimated Capacity: 13 dwellings
(12) A/GB/HSG/20 - Land south of Main Street,	Frontage onto Main Street & runs eastwards to the rear of established houses to the railway line	Agricultural use	Separation land. Estimated Capacity: 19 dwellings

Appendix 2.

Conservation Area Map of Great Bowden



Figure 3: The extent of the Great Bowden conservation area (Copyright Edina Digimap)