

This questionnaire is your opportunity to have a real say on the future shape of Sandon parish. It is a key part of the process of producing a Village Design Statement (VDS) for Sandon Parish (which includes Howe Green and Butts Green).

The VDS is a document produced by the community, not by officialdom. It is intended to represent your views as to how the parish should evolve. It cannot affect **what** or **if** development will occur but can affect **how** any development will be carried out.

We anticipate that Chelmsford Borough Council will adopt the finalised VDS document. It will then be used as Supplementary Planning Guidance in the determination of planning permissions in the parish. By putting forward the views of the community in the VDS, we hope to ensure that any future developments in the parish produce changes that will be acceptable to the people who live here.

Copies of this questionnaire are being delivered to households and businesses throughout the parish. Copies will also be available at the Sandon Parish Annual Assembly in the village hall on 28th April 2008 (7.30 pm start). Please discuss the questions within your household and state in question 69 how many people were consulted and agreed in general with the answers given in this copy. If there are divergent views in your household, you can obtain extra copies from your collector, from any VDS committee member or you can download and print one from the SandonVDS web site. (On a downloaded copy, be sure to enter your name and address so that we can verify that you are a resident of Sandon Parish.) For **collection arrangements**, see page 10.

For more details on the Village Design Statement, go to our web site www.sandonvds.org.uk. If you have any queries, please contact any committee member or email info@sandonvds.org.uk.

VDS Committee:

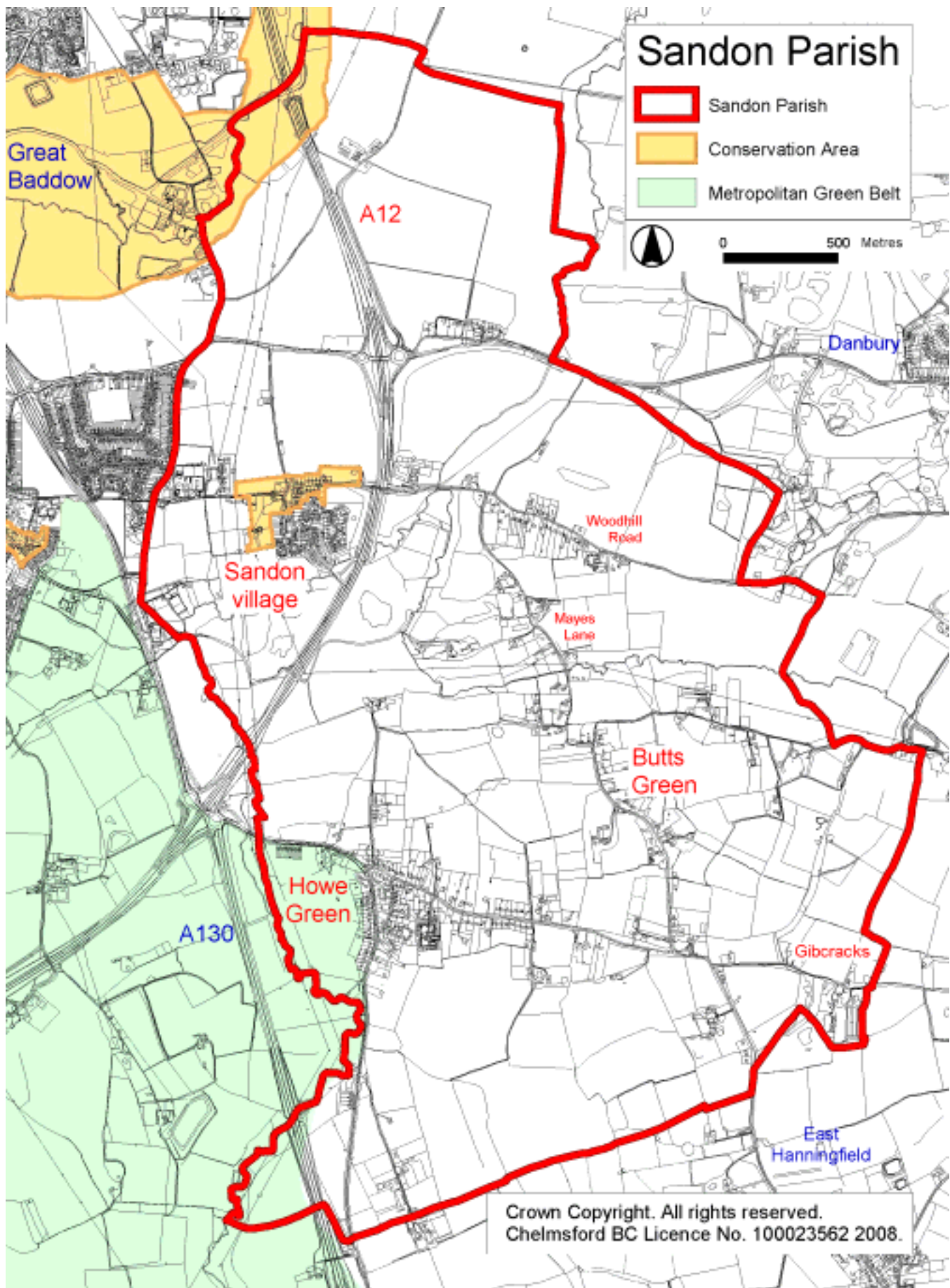
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Prize Draw

The more people who complete the questionnaire, the more credibility the final VDS document will have with the planners who will use it. Therefore, to encourage everyone in the parish to participate, all completed questionnaires returned by 19 May 2008, with names and addresses included, will be entered into a draw for your choice of voucher to the value of **£100**. The draw will take place in public at a parish council meeting. Maximum one entry per household. The result will be published in the Sandon Parish newsletter and on the web sites. Be sure to enter your name and address if you wish to enter the prize draw. All answers and comments will be treated in confidence.

Your name _____ Address _____

Telephone: _____ Your Collection Point: _____



A Household Information

1. Please enter your post code _____

2. Please enter the number of people in your household in each age group

Age	0 - 4	5 - 13	14-17	18-25	26-40	41-55	56-64	Over 64
Male								
Female								

3. How long has your family lived in Sandon parish

Less than a year		1 – 5 years		6 – 15 years		Longer	
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For each question, please tick the box that best reflects your opinion. Please answer as many questions as you can. Leave blank any question you cannot answer.

B Housing General

A Strongly agree B Agree C Disagree D Strongly disagree

- | | A | B | C | D |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 4. Mobile phone masts must be kept away from the school and residential areas. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Wiring to houses should be installed underground, because overhead wiring is unsightly and unreliable. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. The size of a property should be proportional to the size of the plot and in keeping with adjacent properties. For example, a property should not occupy the whole width of the plot. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. The colours and materials of roofs should be harmonized in an area rather than being varied. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. New properties should provide at least two spaces for off-street parking. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. Private exterior lighting of properties should not be intrusive, distracting for drivers or cause light pollution. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. Where a house or out-building is painted, subdued colours must be used . | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. Provision of facilities for producing renewable energy (e.g. solar panels and wind turbines) should be encouraged. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. Any further development should be restricted to housing for first time buyers. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If further development should take place in the village: | | | | |
| 13. The style of properties in an area should be uniform rather than varied. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 14. Properties should be clustered into estates rather than ribbon developed. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

C Housing Developments

Each housing development in the parish has its own character. Which character do you prefer for those listed below?

- A. **Open lawns** - Open plan with lawns only. No shrubs, trees, walls, fences or gates at the front of the properties.
- B. **Open shrubs** - Open plan with lawns and limited shrubs and trees.
- C. **Hedge borders** – Properties on the estate have hedge and tree borders.
- D. **Small walls** - Properties have bordering small fences or walls.
- E. **High walls** - Properties have bordering high fences, railings or walls with front gates.

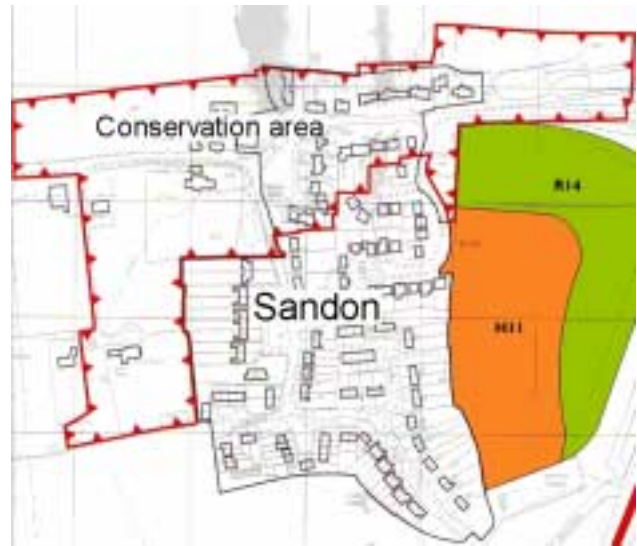
Tick all that are acceptable.		Open lawns	Open shrubs	Hedge borders	Small walls	High walls
15.	The Lintons, Sandon village	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input type="checkbox"/> C	<input type="checkbox"/> D	<input type="checkbox"/> E
16.	Gablefields, Sandon village	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input type="checkbox"/> C	<input type="checkbox"/> D	<input type="checkbox"/> E
17.	Hall Lane, Sandon village	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input type="checkbox"/> C	<input type="checkbox"/> D	<input type="checkbox"/> E
18.	Chalklands, Howe Green	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input type="checkbox"/> C	<input type="checkbox"/> D	<input type="checkbox"/> E
19.	Sandon Brook Manor, just outside Sandon village	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input type="checkbox"/> C	<input type="checkbox"/> D	<input type="checkbox"/> E
20.	Any future estate.	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input type="checkbox"/> C	<input type="checkbox"/> D	<input type="checkbox"/> E

D Ribbon Developments

The appearances of rural roads are determined mainly by the frontages of the properties. What kind of property boundaries would you like to see bordering the following roads:

Tick all that are acceptable.		None	Fence	Railings	Wall	Hedge	Trees
21.	East Hanningfield Road, Howe Green	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22.	Woodhill Road	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
23.	Mayes Lane	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
24.	Butts Green Road	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
25.	Southend Road, Howe Green	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
26.	Other. Please specify	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

E Sandon Conservation Area



A Strongly agree B Agree C Disagree D Strongly disagree

- | | | A | B | C | D |
|-----|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 27. | A. Enough is done to conserve the character and appearance of Sandon village. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | B. If not, please specify what needs to be done | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| 28. | The character of Sandon village green area should be respected. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 29. | The pond area at Gablefields should be improved and made a feature. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

F Industrial/Commercial Areas

30. Which of the following, if any, would you welcome more of in the parish?

Tick all that apply.

- A Offices
- B Light industry
- C Craft workshops
- D Hotels/B&B
- E Cafes/restaurants/bars

F Others, please specify:

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31. Are there industrial/commercial sites in the parish that need enhancement? If so, give details here

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A Strongly agree B Agree C Disagree D Strongly disagree

- | | A | B | C | D |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 32. The use of redundant farm buildings for light commercial use should be encouraged. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 33. Unsightly farm buildings and untidy equipment sites should not be permitted in the countryside. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

G Recreation Areas

The parish recreation facilities comprise the Village Hall, the Glebe playing field (behind the Village Hall), the playing field next to the Lintons, and the children’s play area on the Lintons estate.

34. Which of the following recreational facilities would you like to have in the parish?

Tick all that apply

- A Tennis courts
- B Putting green
- C Skateboard park
- D Other (please specify)

A Strongly agree B Agree C Disagree D Strongly disagree

- | | A | B | C | D |
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| 35. A More children’s play facilities are needed in the parish. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

B Where should any new play area be situated?
 It would need to be convenient for young children and not in an area where it could be subject to vandalism. For instance, if it were overlooked by houses, vandalism might be less of a problem.

36. What age group(s) should a recreation area be designed for?

A Strongly agree B Agree C Disagree D Strongly disagree

- | | A | B | C | D |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 37. A There is a need for a robust shelter where teenagers can congregate. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

B Where should such a shelter be located? (please print clearly)

A Strongly agree B Agree C Disagree D Strongly disagree

- | | A | B | C | D |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 38. It is important to have a village hall in the parish. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| 39. The village hall as it stands is of a sufficient standard for the parish. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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40. If not, what improvements or additions would you like to see? What option would you prefer:

Tick one only

- A Refurbish or extend C Other (please specify)
- B Replace

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41. What facilities would you like to see **AND WOULD USE** at the Village Hall? (This question is not required for the VDS. Your opinions will be passed to the Parish Council and Village Hall Committee of Management.)

- | Tick all that apply. | | Tick all that apply | |
|----------------------|--|---------------------|---|
| A | Kitchen/Catering Facilities <input type="checkbox"/> | F | PA System <input type="checkbox"/> |
| B | Bar <input type="checkbox"/> | G | Indoor sports e.g Badminton etc. <input type="checkbox"/> |
| C | Meeting Room <input type="checkbox"/> | H | Sports changing facilities <input type="checkbox"/> |
| D | Conference facilities <input type="checkbox"/> | I | Inductive loop <input type="checkbox"/> |
| E | Stage <input type="checkbox"/> | J | Shop/cafe <input type="checkbox"/> |

K Other (please print clearly)

42. What improvements, if any, should be made to the following open spaces (please print clearly)

A. The Lintons

B. The Playing field.....

H Sandon Quarry

Sandon quarry has been earmarked by the county council for rubbish disposal/treatment of some kind and we may not be able to influence this. However, we live in hope and still ask the question:

43. What would you like to see at Sandon quarry?

Select one only

- A Redeveloped as a leisure/recreational facility
- B Redeveloped as a golf course
- C Revert to farmland
- D Other (please print clearly)

I Roads, Street Furniture and Village Entrances

44. It has been proposed that a footpath be provided along the East Hanningfield Road in Howe Green. This would make walking along the road much safer but might detract from the rural appearance of the road. What do you prefer? (Tick one only.)

- A No footpath
- B Footpath from Chalklands to Alexander Mews only
- C Footpath from Chalklands to Chelmsford Nursing Home.

45. Would you like to see footpaths on the following roads rather than the current rural appearance?
(Tick for a footpath)

- A Butts Green Road
- B Mayes Lane
- C Woodhill Road
- D Brickkiln Road to Park & Ride site
- E Molrams Lane to Park & Ride site

A Strongly agree B Agree C Disagree D Strongly disagree

- | | A | B | C | D |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 46. Public footpaths in the countryside should be properly maintained. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 47. Where possible, buildings should be set back from the road. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 48. There are too many road signs. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 49. A The fence used to reduce the width of the Southend Road in Howe Green is unsightly and dangerous. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| B What alternative would you suggest? (please print clearly)
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| 50. Facilities such as electricity sub-stations, pumping stations, recycling points etc. should be concealed. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 51. The appearance of village entrances is important. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 52. A The white entrance 'gates' to Howe Green are a welcome feature. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| B If not, please suggest an alternative (please print clearly)
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| 53. Sandon village should have purpose-designed entrances. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 54. Lighting at the Park and Ride should be subdued. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 55. The size and visibility of the signage associated with the Park and Ride should be reduced. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 56. Bus shelters should be in keeping with the surroundings. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 57. Bus stops must include a space to stand, off the road. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 58. A The street lighting in the parish is adequate. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

B. If not, where are extra street lights required. (please print clearly)

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A Strongly agree B Agree C Disagree D Strongly disagree

A B C D

59. A There is adequate public parking in Sandon.

B If not, please suggest a site for an additional car park. (please print clearly)

60. A Enough is done to conserve trees.

B If not, please specify what needs to be done and where (please print clearly)

61. A Enough is done to conserve verges

B If not, please specify what needs to be done and where (please print clearly)

62. A There is a need for measures to reduce traffic speeds.

B If so, please state what type and where

63. Hedgerows and coppices should be preserved for the benefit of wildlife.

J Conclusion:

64. What would you most like to protect in Sandon parish?

65. What, if anything, would you like to change about the parish?

66. If development were to take place in Sandon parish, where should it be placed?

67. If development were to take place in Sandon parish, where should it **not** be placed?

68. Please enter any comments or ideas that you would like to contribute in the space below or on the blank page or a separate sheet.

69. How many people in your household have been consulted and agree with the answers given in this copy?

Please continue on the blank page or on a separate sheet if you wish but do indicate the question number to which your comment refers and make sure you attach any separate sheet securely to your form before returning it.

Your Parish Council

These are not VDS questions. Your answers will be passed to the parish council.

70. Your parish council has some limited powers to improve life in the community. If there is something specific that you would like your council to do, please enter it here.

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71. Your parish council comprises a group of volunteers devoted to helping the community. There is currently a vacancy on the council that must be filled if the Quality Status it has achieved is to be maintained. If you would like to apply to join the team, please tick the box. Be sure to enter your name, address and phone number on page 1 so that Sue, the clerk to the council, can contact you.
The council web site is www.sandon.info.

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. Please ensure that it is returned to us by the closing date so that your views can be taken into account in the VDS document.

The results of this questionnaire will be published on the VDS web site www.sandonvds.org.uk and copies will be available from VDS committee members on request.

Our thanks to the Rural Community Council of Essex and Sandon Parish Council for their generous sponsorship.

Collection Arrangements

Please complete the questionnaire as soon as possible. It will be collected between 5th and 12th May 2008. If it has not been collected by 12th May, please be sure to include your name and address and return it by 19th May 2008 to the collection point shown at the bottom of the front page or to any committee member. Completed questionnaires can also be returned at the Annual Assembly in Sandon Village Hall on 28th April (from 7.30 pm).



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