

What Do You Think?

To help us help you, please take a few moments to complete this survey and return it **FREE** to:

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Dear resident,
I hope you will find the time to complete this survey. This is your chance to tell us what you think - do you have something to say about your street, your area, or your country? All replies will be read and we will make every effort to deal with your concerns.
Lynda McWilliams
In Touch Editor

1. What are the 3 most important national issues affecting you or your family at the moment ?

Transport/congestion <input type="checkbox"/>	Education <input type="checkbox"/>	Health Service <input type="checkbox"/>	Crime <input type="checkbox"/>
Europe/Single Currency <input type="checkbox"/>	Pensions <input type="checkbox"/>	Rising Taxation <input type="checkbox"/>	Unemployment <input type="checkbox"/>
Asylum/Immigration <input type="checkbox"/>	Economy <input type="checkbox"/>	Climate Change <input type="checkbox"/>	Terrorism <input type="checkbox"/>
Iraq/Afghanistan War <input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____		

Do you believe the Labour Government is tackling your concerns adequately? Yes No

2. What are the 3 most important local issues affecting you or your family at the moment (please give details below)?

Anti-social behaviour <input type="checkbox"/>	Council Tax <input type="checkbox"/>	School standards <input type="checkbox"/>	Condition of roads & footpaths <input type="checkbox"/>
Vandalism/Graffiti <input type="checkbox"/>	Refuse collection <input type="checkbox"/>	Leisure facilities <input type="checkbox"/>	Facilities for young people <input type="checkbox"/>
Street Cleaning/Litter <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Transport <input type="checkbox"/>	24 Hour drinking <input type="checkbox"/>	Housing <input type="checkbox"/>
Other _____			

3. In your view, which one of the following would make the biggest difference to:

a) Crime <input type="checkbox"/>	More Police <input type="checkbox"/>	Tougher sentences <input type="checkbox"/>	More CCTV <input type="checkbox"/>
b) Schools <input type="checkbox"/>	Cut teachers' paperwork <input type="checkbox"/>	Fewer exams <input type="checkbox"/>	Stronger discipline <input type="checkbox"/>
c) Hospitals <input type="checkbox"/>	More new hospitals <input type="checkbox"/>	Cleaner hospitals <input type="checkbox"/>	More nurses <input type="checkbox"/>
d) Immigration <input type="checkbox"/>	An annual limit <input type="checkbox"/>	24-hour surveillance at ports <input type="checkbox"/>	ID cards <input type="checkbox"/>
e) Tax <input type="checkbox"/>	Raise higher rate threshold <input type="checkbox"/>	Double Stamp Duty threshold <input type="checkbox"/>	Scrap Inheritance Tax <input type="checkbox"/>

Crime & Policing


4. Which, if any, of the following, do you think are serious law and order problems in your area?

<input type="checkbox"/> Burglary	<input type="checkbox"/> Graffiti
<input type="checkbox"/> Car theft	<input type="checkbox"/> Vandalism
<input type="checkbox"/> Anti-social behaviour	

Other _____

5. Have you been a victim of crime in the last 5 years?
 Yes No

6. Do you think the area has enough Police Officers?
 Yes No



Tendring Council

7. Do you receive *Tendring Matters* - Tendring Council's colour newspaper?
 Yes No

Council Tax & Investment

8. Are you happy that over 10% of your Tendring Council Tax has been spent on building toilet blocks in Clacton and Frinton?
 Yes No

Rubbish & Recycling

9. Do you know of any local roads/areas which have a litter or fly-tipping problem?
 Yes No
 If yes, where? _____

10. How do you feel local recycling facilities could be improved? _____

Please continue overleaf...

With Great Bentley



District Council U-Turn on Employment Land

Plans for a major new industrial development at Horsley Cross, including an industrial recycling centre, 80 bedroom hotel and truck stop, were recently granted by Tendring Council's Planning Committee.

Councillor Sarah Candy said, "Tendring Council did not allocate any land for Industrial use at Horsley Cross when drawing-up the Local Plan. In fact, they spent tens of thousands of pounds of Council Tax payers money on barristers defending this position against developers who wanted to use the site. Despite this, the Council's Planning Committee have now agreed to a 25-acre industrial development there next to the A120".

"As the decision goes against national, regional and local planning policy, the application now has to be considered by the Government Office for the East of England".

If you want your views heard on this proposal, please contact Go East or Bernard Jenkin MP



Meet the Editor... Lynda McWilliams



In Touch editor, Lynda McWilliams (left), has lived in Great Bentley with her husband Bobby for 30 years. Their children, Helen and Robert, were both born here and attended the Primary School and The Colne School.

Always fully involved in village life, Lynda currently serves as Secretary of the Great Bentley Village Hall Management Committee and was instrumental in securing two grants, one for a Community Resource Centre and another to refurbish the main kitchen.

Lynda recently volunteered to represent Great Bentley on the local Neighbourhood Action Panel (NAP), where she will be working with the Police, District Council and other volunteers in deciding how best to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour in Tendring District. She has also agreed to help the football club seek funding for a new club house.

Lynda said, "Until recently, I was very privileged to have served as a Parish Councillor for fifteen years with six of those years proud to have followed in my father's footsteps as Chairman. Whilst on the Council, I encouraged the formation of a Youth Forum in the village, which gave younger children the opportunity to participate in a number of varied sporting activities. The Parish Council also asked me to prepare the application for grant funding to repair the outer area of the War Memorial at present, we are waiting to hear as to whether the application has been successful".

Here to help:

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Simmons Yard Development: What do you think?

The Parish Council recently agreed terms with Bovis Homes regarding the sale of a piece of land that will allow access to Simmons Yard, a brown field site on which Bovis plan to build a minimum of 40 properties (including a percentage of affordable housing).

Let us know what you think about the proposed Simmons Yard development by returning our the survey included with this leaflet.

MP To Chair Problem Motorcycle Gathering Meeting

Bernard Jenkin MP recently met representatives of the Parish Council to discuss the problem of mass gatherings of motorcycles on the Great Bentley Village Green.

"This is a difficult problem, because nobody in the motorcycling world wants to take responsibility for organising these gatherings. It is therefore difficult for the the police or the Council to regulate this problem", said Bernard. **Bernard has been invited to chair a public meeting to discuss this issue in Great Bentley Village Hall on Friday 23 March at 3pm.**

Bathside Bay Plan A120 Impact

Fears that the Bathside Bay development plans will have a devastating impact on the local road infrastructure are being tackled by your Conservative team.

The £300 million container terminal will make Harwich potentially the second largest container port in the UK, almost doubling the total quay length to 3000 metres and creating over 770 jobs.

A study conducted to assess the impact of the port expansion on the surrounding road network concluded that highway alterations would need to take place at the Ramsey Bridge roundabout, Wix (A120/Harwich Road jnc), the Horsley Cross roundabout and the Crown Interchange.

Local campaigner, Matthew Patten, said, "There is a concern that the current local access to the A120 will be changed or reduced. I am working with Bernard Jenkin to ensure it is retained as a local road with local access for local people".



A133 ACCESS



Following a number of concerns expressed by local residents, Lynda has contacted the Highways Authority about the right hand access from Heckford Road onto the A133 and related problems at the junction of Shair Lane and the A133. Although the matter has not been satisfactorily concluded as yet, we will keep you informed of our progress.

Planning

11. Do you think there should be a new town built adjacent to the A120?

Yes No

12. Do you support the construction of a major industrial site at Horsley Cross, including truck stop and industrial recycling centre?

Yes No

13. Following the Bathside Bay decision, do you believe the A120 should be upgraded?

Yes No

14. Do you support the proposed construction of approximately 40 properties on the land known as Simmons Yard, on the railway side of the Trees Estate?

Yes No

15. Do you have any additional comments about the Simmons Yard development? _____

Public Transport

16. Which form of transport do you use most?

Car Bus
 Motorcycle Train
 Bicycle Walking

17. Are you satisfied with public transport in this area?

Yes No

Roads & Traffic

18. Is speeding traffic a problem in your area?

Yes No

19. Please tell us about any unsafe or poorly maintained roads and footpaths in your area: _____

Local Improvements

20. What improvements, if any, would you like to see made in your local area? _____

About You

21. Age range:

Under 20 20 to 29
 30 to 39 40 to 49
 50 to 59 Over 60

22. Are you a parent or guardian of school-age children?

Yes No

23. Which Party do you usually vote for at elections?

Conservative Labour
 Lib Dem UKIP
 Other Don't vote

24. If your chosen Party did not have a candidate standing at an election, for which Party would you vote?

Conservative Labour
 Lib Dem UKIP
 Other Don't vote

25. Would you, or anyone in your household, like to vote by post or proxy at future elections?

Postal Proxy (Permanent)
 No Proxy (One Election)

26. Would you be willing to deliver *In Touch* leaflets?

Yes No

27. Would you like to meet your local Member of Parliament, Bernard Jenkin?

Yes No

What have we forgotten?

Please use this space to let us know about any other issues that are concerning you (feel free to use an additional piece of paper if required).

Where does your Council Tax go..?



Council Tax goes up, but very little is spent in rural locations. £500k, some 10% of your Tendring Council Tax, has now been spent on new toilet blocks for Frinton and Clacton!

Lynda McWilliams said, "The District Council spent £½ million on replacing a toilet block in Frinton, but has allocated very little for the more rural areas like Great Bentley. Much more must be done to support older people and to create things for our young people to do".

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr/Other _____ E-mail _____

Address _____ Post Code _____

Home Tel. No. _____ Mobile Tel. No. _____