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In what capacity are you responding to this	Town/Parish Council
Do you know what Section 106 (often referred	Yes
Do you know how to make a request for	NO
Have you requested or been involved in S106	NO
How did you find the process to complete the	
Do you understand the process after submitting	
What if any challenges did you encounter with the S106 funding request process?	
Do you feel that you received adequate	
Are you aware of any examples in your local	Yes
Please select from the available options how the planning contributions were spent.	Healthcare Community Facilities
Do you feel engaged on how planning	NO
Do you feel engaged on how planning	NO
How should planning contributions be prioritised and spent?	P1 Community Facilities
	P2 Healthcare
	P3 Open Space, Play Areas and Sports Facilities
	P4 Education
	P5 Highways
	P6 Transport infrastructure
	P7 Waste and Recycling
	P8 Affordable Housing
	P9 Public realm
Would you like to raise any comments regarding the current S106 planning contribution mechanism?	

ID	2
In what capacity are you responding to this	Housing Association
Do you know what Section 106 (often referred	Yes
Do you know how to make a request for	NO
Have you requested or been involved in S106	NO
How did you find the process to complete the	
Do you understand the process after submitting	
What if any challenges did you encounter with the S106 funding request process?	
Do you feel that you received adequate	
Are you aware of any examples in your local	Yes
Please select from the available options how the planning contributions were spent.	Affordable Housing
Do you feel engaged on how planning	Yes
Do you feel engaged on how planning	Yes
How should planning contributions be prioritised and spent?	P1 Affordable Housing
	P2 Healthcare
	P3 Transport infrastructure
	P4 Education
	P5 Community Facilities
	P6 Open Space, Play Areas and Sports Facilities
	P7 Waste and Recycling
	P8 Highways
	P9 Public realm
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Do you know what Section 106 (often referred	Yes
Do you know how to make a request for	Yes
Have you requested or been involved in S106	Yes
How did you find the process to complete the	Hard
Do you understand the process after submitting	No
What if any challenges did you encounter with the S106 funding request process?	Lack of communication, unsure what is not accepted
Do you feel that you received adequate	No
Are you aware of any examples in your local	No
Please select from the available options how the planning contributions were spent.	
Do you feel engaged on how planning	No
Do you feel engaged on how planning	No
How should planning contributions be prioritised and spent?	P1 Open Space, Play Areas and Sports Facilities
	P2 Healthcare
	P3 Highways
	P4 Transport infrastructure
	P5 Waste and Recycling
	P6 Community Facilities
	P7 Public realm
	P8 Education
	P9 Affordable Housing
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Do you know what Section 106 (often referred	NO
Do you know how to make a request for	
Have you requested or been involved in S106	
How did you find the process to complete the	
Do you understand the process after submitting	
What if any challenges did you encounter with the S106 funding request process?	
Do you feel that you received adequate	
Are you aware of any examples in your local	No
Please select from the available options how the planning contributions were spent.	
Do you feel engaged on how planning	Yes
Do you feel engaged on how planning	Yes
How should planning contributions be prioritised and spent?	P1 Affordable Housing
	P2 Healthcare
	P3 Highways
	P4 Education
	P5 Waste and Recycling
	P6 Transport infrastructure
	P7 Open Space, Play Areas and Sports Facilities
	P8 Community Facilities
	P9 Public realm
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Do you know what Section 106 (often referred	Yes
Do you know how to make a request for	Yes
Have you requested or been involved in S106	Yes
How did you find the process to complete the	Hard
Do you understand the process after submitting	Yes
What if any challenges did you encounter with the S106 funding request process?	Before the Feb 2023 SPD s106 claims by our parish council were based on a tariff system that was straightforward. After Feb 2023 NHC no longer accepted this approach. Ashwell Parish Council made contact with NHC in order to clarify how the s106 claim process should work in the future. There was a considerable degree of uncertainty about this on NHC's part - though it did seem that NHC's planning officers were making best efforts to help in a situation where the new process was unclear. After Feb 2023 Ashwell Parish Council did make a s106 claim that was acceptable to NHC as part of its agreement with the developer but it did involve a considerable amount of research in order to put it together. Having gone through the process Ashwell Parish Council is now much more confident about making claims but at the time it was working very much in the dark.
Do you feel that you received adequate	No
Are you aware of any examples in your local	Yes
Please select from the available options how the planning contributions were spent.	Open spaces, Play Areas and Sports Facilities Transport
Do you feel engaged on how planning	Yes
Do you feel engaged on how planning	Yes
How should planning contributions be prioritised and spent?	P1 Open Space, Play Areas and Sports Facilities
	P2 Affordable Housing
	P3 Waste and Recycling
	P4 Healthcare
	P5 Community Facilities
	P6 Public realm
	P7 Education
	P8 Highways
	P9 Transport infrastructure
Would you like to raise any comments regarding the current S106 planning contribution mechanism?	More communication about the acceptability and progress of s106 claims would be helpful to Ashwell Parish Council. Regarding this survey... Prioritization: please note that Ashwell Parish Council is not able to prioritize the categories listed in the previous section. Priorities will vary depending on the specific needs created by a planning application for which s106 funds are claimed. Prioritization will also vary from time to time, will depend on projects scheduled and how funds from previous s106 claims have been applied. Yes/No answers: for many questions the survey requires simple 'Yes' or 'No' answers. In some, if not all, cases neither option allows an accurate response. It would have been helpful to have an additional comments box.

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Do you know what Section 106 (often referred	Yes
Do you know how to make a request for	Yes
Have you requested or been involved in S106	Yes
How did you find the process to complete the	Fine
Do you understand the process after submitting	Yes
What if any challenges did you encounter with the S106 funding request process?	Time scale of the response
Do you feel that you received adequate	Yes
Are you aware of any examples in your local	Yes
Please select from the available options how the planning contributions were spent.	Open spaces, Play Areas and Sports Facilities Community Facilities Highways
Do you feel engaged on how planning	No
Do you feel engaged on how planning	No
How should planning contributions be prioritised and spent?	P1 Open Space, Play Areas and Sports Facilities
	P2 Healthcare
	P3 Community Facilities
	P4 Education
	P5 Waste and Recycling
	P6 Affordable Housing
	P7 Public realm
	P8 Highways
	P9 Transport infrastructure
Would you like to raise any comments regarding the current S106 planning contribution mechanism?	There needs to be full and open transparency as soon as S106 has been agreed. On new developments the local community have little initial input.

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Do you know what Section 106 (often referred	Yes
Do you know how to make a request for	Yes
Have you requested or been involved in S106	Yes
How did you find the process to complete the	Very Hard
Do you understand the process after submitting	No
What if any challenges did you encounter with the S106 funding request process?	A few years ago, we carried out a local survey into road safety issues in Weston. Based on this, we developed proposals and, in anticipation of the GA1 and GA2 developments, obtained cost estimates from Herts Highways. At that time, we were advised to submit our request for Section 106 funding to NHC promptly, so that the requirements would be known to the Planning Department. When we did so, however, our submission was returned with the instruction to resubmit once a planning application had been lodged. Accordingly, when the GA1 application was submitted, we put forward our Section 106 request. Since then, we have received no feedback or communication from NHC. I attended the NHC Section 106 training session, where the negotiation process after submission was mentioned, and I therefore expected that WPC would be involved at some stage. To date, this has not happened. Instead, the planning application has been approved, including the applicant's proposal for a "monitor and manage" approach with an up-front Section 106 contribution of only £400k. While I am not a highways engineer, it is evident that this sum is likely to be inadequate to cover even the mitigation works required in the immediate vicinity of the development, and can quite easily see circumstances where Weston and Gravelly will be short-changed on the significant impact to our communities of having 96 new dwellings on the road leading directly to our communities, where the only alternative is along Calder Way, a single track road that was deliberately designed to deter vehicles from using it. Furthermore, I am not aware that Highways have provided, or been asked for, any details as to how they came to the conclusion that the figure of £400k would be sufficient. A wider flaw in the Section 106 process is its demand for accurate cost estimates while providing no assistance to Parish Councils. Developers, with their substantial resources and financial incentives, are well placed to present their case. Planning authorities have resources but cannot assist parish councils without compromising their position. Parish Councils, however, are voluntary bodies with very limited means, yet are still expected to provide detailed costings. This is not an isolated problem. In the case of the Forge End development, NHC secured another inadequate contribution from developers for low-cost housing. My understanding is that four affordable properties were originally proposed, but only two were delivered due to insufficient funding. Around £80k was left unspent. Because of the rigid and illogical hypothecation rules, these funds could not be reallocated, and the money was effectively wasted. In summary, the Section 106 process appears ill-conceived, opaque, and ineffective. It fails to ensure that adequate mitigation is secured for the communities most affected, leaving Parish Councils disadvantaged and local residents short-changed. As the Chairman of a local Parish Council, it seems to me that, once again, the needs of the smaller rural communities is an after-thought for the County and District Councils, despite the fact that we are the people who have to live with the consequences of these decisions.
Do you feel that you received adequate	No
Are you aware of any examples in your local	Yes
Please select from the available options how the planning contributions were spent.	Affordable Housing Open spaces, Play Areas and Sports Facilities Community Facilities
Do you feel engaged on how planning	No
Do you feel engaged on how planning	Yes
How should planning contributions be prioritised and spent?	P1 Highways
	P2 Open Space, Play Areas and Sports Facilities
	P3 Affordable Housing
	P4 Waste and Recycling
	P5 Healthcare
	P6 Community Facilities
	P7 Public realm
	P8 Education
	P9 Transport Infrastructure
Would you like to raise any comments regarding the current S106 planning contribution mechanism?	<p>1. Questionnaire Design -The question "What, if any, challenges did you encounter with the S106 funding request process?" provides only a single line for a response. This format is not appropriate for capturing considered feedback. Our fear is that our submission may be truncated or reformatted in ways that undermine the contribution.</p> <p>2. Misunderstanding of S106 Purpose -The question "How should planning contributions be prioritised and spent?" suggests a fundamental misunderstanding of the process. S106 agreements are not about discretionary prioritisation but about mitigating the impacts of development. Framing the issue in terms of "priorities" risks misrepresenting the legal and policy framework making responses to this question meaningless.</p> <p>3. Consultation Approach - Rather than relying on narrow surveys, we strongly recommend that officers and members engage directly with parish councils. Such discussions would highlight the depth of concern, lack of transparency and the disillusionment with the S106 process.</p> <p>4. GA1 Case Study - We also urge you to review the GA1 situation as a case in point. The "monitor and manage" approach appears to have been adopted despite the fact that many impacts can already be anticipated. The earmarked budget of £400k for this element lacks transparency as there has been no clear explanation of how this figure was calculated or why it is considered sufficient.</p> <p>Conclusion -Without a more robust, transparent, and participatory process, confidence in the S106 system will continue to erode. We urge you to take these concerns seriously and to redesign engagement in a way that reflects the purpose and importance of S106 obligations.</p>

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Do you know what Section 106 (often referred	Yes
Do you know how to make a request for	NO
Have you requested or been involved in S106	Yes
How did you find the process to complete the	Hard
Do you understand the process after submitting	No
What if any challenges did you encounter with the S106 funding request process?	Receiving sufficient funding. It would be helpful to know what the allocated amount of money is. Knowing what you can spend money on. Finding out what is left in funding pots.
Do you feel that you received adequate	No
Are you aware of any examples in your local	Yes
Please select from the available options how the planning contributions were spent.	Community Facilities Open spaces, Play Areas and Sports Facilities Transport
Do you feel engaged on how planning	No
Do you feel engaged on how planning	No
How should planning contributions be prioritised and spent?	P1 Community Facilities
	P2 Open Space, Play Areas and Sports Facilities
	P3 Transport infrastructure
	P4 Waste and Recycling
	P5 Healthcare
	P6 Public realm
	P7 Education
	P8 Highways
	P9 Affordable Housing
Would you like to raise any comments regarding the current S106 planning contribution mechanism?	We feel that a lot of S106 money is spent elsewhere and not in villages. There should be more transparency on what money is left for villages when S106 money has been allocated elsewhere e.g. into Education and Highways.

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Do you know what Section 106 (often referred	Yes
Do you know how to make a request for	Yes
Have you requested or been involved in S106	Yes
How did you find the process to complete the	Fine
Do you understand the process after submitting	Yes
What if any challenges did you encounter with the S106 funding request process?	The length of time taken to make a decision.
Do you feel that you received adequate	Yes
Are you aware of any examples in your local	Yes
Please select from the available options how the planning contributions were spent.	Open spaces, Play Areas and Sports Facilities Transport
Do you feel engaged on how planning	No
Do you feel engaged on how planning	No
How should planning contributions be prioritised and spent?	P1 Affordable Housing
	P2 Open Space, Play Areas and Sports Facilities
	P3 Highways
	P4 Transport infrastructure
	P5 Healthcare
	P6 Community Facilities
	P7 Waste and Recycling
	P8 Public realm
	P9 Education
Would you like to raise any comments regarding the current S106 planning contribution mechanism?	It can sometimes take a number of weeks to receive s106 monies once a project has been paid for by the Parish Council. With larger projects this can impact on the cash flow of the Parish Council.

ID	10
In what capacity are you responding to this	Other
Do you know what Section 106 (often referred	Yes
Do you know how to make a request for	Yes
Have you requested or been involved in S106	Yes
How did you find the process to complete the	Fine
Do you understand the process after submitting	Yes
What if any challenges did you encounter with the S106 funding request process?	Answering with waste, leisure and greenspace colleagues - not sure about the process i.e. is there actually a form? Feels a bit ad-hoc. For waste we just check applications and get set price for bins, but no steer on whether we can claim for anything else e.g. new depot, litter bins, etc. We get emails from planning teams related to specific applications and asked if we have any suitable projects in the area that we could seek a contribution - so not sure if there is a form as such? Lack of capacity in teams to respond to requests from planners.
Do you feel that you received adequate	Yes
Are you aware of any examples in your local	Yes
Please select from the available options how the planning contributions were spent.	Open spaces, Play Areas and Sports Facilities Waste and Recycling
Do you feel engaged on how planning	Yes
Do you feel engaged on how planning	Yes
How should planning contributions be prioritised and spent?	P1 Waste and Recycling
	P2 Open Space, Play Areas and Sports Facilities
	P3 Affordable Housing
	P4 Highways
	P5 Transport Infrastructure
	P6 Education
	P7 Healthcare
	P8 Community Facilities
	P9 Public realm
Would you like to raise any comments regarding the current S106 planning contribution mechanism?	We feel it needs to be clearer what teams can actually request contributions for. e.g. are there any climate related things we can request, also for leisure what is eligible. Needs to be some training for staff involved in the process.

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Do you know what Section 106 (often referred	Yes
Do you know how to make a request for	Yes
Have you requested or been involved in S106	Yes
How did you find the process to complete the	Hard
Do you understand the process after submitting	Yes
What if any challenges did you encounter with the S106 funding request process?	Lack of Transparency and Consistency:
Do you feel that you received adequate	No
Are you aware of any examples in your local	No
Please select from the available options how the planning contributions were spent.	
Do you feel engaged on how planning	No
Do you feel engaged on how planning	No
How should planning contributions be prioritised and spent?	P1 Open Space, Play Areas and Sports Facilities
	P2 Transport infrastructure
	P3 Highways
	P4 Waste and Recycling
	P5 Education
	P6 Healthcare
	P7 Affordable Housing
	P8 Community Facilities
	P9 Public realm
Would you like to raise any comments regarding the current S106 planning contribution mechanism?	A new system is designed to be simpler, more transparent, and more consistent, like the Infrastructure Levy

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Do you know what Section 106 (often referred	Yes
Do you know how to make a request for	Yes
Have you requested or been involved in S106	NO
How did you find the process to complete the	
Do you understand the process after submitting	
What if any challenges did you encounter with the S106 funding request process?	
Do you feel that you received adequate	
Are you aware of any examples in your local	No
Please select from the available options how the planning contributions were spent.	
Do you feel engaged on how planning	No
Do you feel engaged on how planning	No
How should planning contributions be prioritised and spent?	P1 Open Space, Play Areas and Sports Facilities
	P2 Waste and Recycling
	P3 Affordable Housing
	P4 Healthcare
	P5 Community Facilities
	P6 Highways
	P7 Public realm
	P8 Education
	P9 Transport infrastructure
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Do you know what Section 106 (often referred	Yes
Do you know how to make a request for	Yes
Have you requested or been involved in S106	Yes
How did you find the process to complete the	Hard
Do you understand the process after submitting	Yes
What if any challenges did you encounter with the S106 funding request process?	It is a source of great grievance in Reed that an allocated site development of 12 houses resulted in no allocation to needs specific to the village. From the Parish Council standpoint an anticipated bid for 106 monies was pre/empted by Universal Undertaking agreed between the Authority and the developer. The Parish Council was not invited to bid and the monies all went to County Council and District provisions (middle school education, waste, libraries. All worthy but not Reed specific and the things parishioners contribute to by their council tax. No doubt the Reed PC was naive. It was however a drastic loss to a village of 140 dwellings.
Do you feel that you received adequate	No
Are you aware of any examples in your local	Yes
Please select from the available options how the planning contributions were spent.	Footpath signage;
Do you feel engaged on how planning	No
Do you feel engaged on how planning	No
How should planning contributions be prioritised and spent?	P1 Community Facilities
	P2 Affordable Housing
	P3 Transport infrastructure
	P4 Open Space, Play Areas and Sports Facilities
	P5 Highways
	P6 Education
	P7 Waste and Recycling
	P8 Healthcare
	P9 Public realm
Would you like to raise any comments regarding the current S106 planning contribution mechanism?	Please note our experience of the opacity of the process in the past. And the loss of provision to our village. Nobody has ever explained or justified where a "universal undertaking" agreement fits in the planning and 106/CIL process. Parish councillors are not planning experts and are entitled to better communication and guidance from officers in this respect.

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Do you know what Section 106 (often referred	Yes
Do you know how to make a request for	Yes
Have you requested or been involved in S106	Yes
How did you find the process to complete the	Hard
Do you understand the process after submitting	No
What if any challenges did you encounter with the S106 funding request process?	Our local requests are mostly subsumed into a mor general plan so a feeling is it worth it as there is alot of work for volunteers in Parish's to do to submit request
Do you feel that you received adequate	No
Are you aware of any examples in your local	Yes
Please select from the available options how the planning contributions were spent.	Education;
Do you feel engaged on how planning	Yes
Do you feel engaged on how planning	No
How should planning contributions be prioritised and spent?	P1 Open Space, Play Areas and Sports Facilities
	P2 Community Facilities
	P3 Transport infrastructure
	P4 Education
	P5 Affordable Housing
	P6 Public realm
	P7 Waste and Recycling
	P8 Healthcare
	P9 Highways
Would you like to raise any comments regarding the current S106 planning contribution mechanism?	S106 funds should be allocated to the Parish in which the development occurs . For example to support the St Ippolyts School and not general schools in North Harts . If the contribution is localised the residents and developers can see the direct benefit

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Do you know what Section 106 (often referred	Yes
Do you know how to make a request for	No
Have you requested or been involved in S106	Yes
How did you find the process to complete the	Fine
Do you understand the process after submitting	No
What if any challenges did you encounter with the S106 funding request process?	often refused for not meeting a very strict criteria despite often having a large impact or improvement to an area in the direct locality to the area affected by the building works
Do you feel that you received adequate	Yes
Are you aware of any examples in your local	No
Please select from the available options how the planning contributions were spent.	
Do you feel engaged on how planning	No
Do you feel engaged on how planning	No
How should planning contributions be prioritised and spent?	P1 Healthcare
	P2 Transport infrastructure
	P3 Open Space, Play Areas and Sports Facilities
	P4 Affordable Housing
	P5 Highways
	P6 Education
	P7 Waste and Recycling
	P8 Community Facilities
	P9 Public realm
Would you like to raise any comments regarding the current S106 planning contribution mechanism?	Local needs for the communities most affected by the developments , such improvements to highways, local projects or societies improvements. Often in rural areas S106 monies is often spent many miles away from the impact of the development.

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Do you know what Section 106 (often referred	Yes
Do you know how to make a request for	Yes
Have you requested or been involved in S106	Yes
How did you find the process to complete the	Fine
Do you understand the process after submitting	Yes
What if any challenges did you encounter with the S106 funding request process?	For a village suggestions to have more priority as the S106 monies have been raised in the village. Currently our suggestions have been turned down and monies spent else where in the district. Very Unfair.
Do you feel that you received adequate	No
Are you aware of any examples in your local	No
Please select from the available options how the planning contributions were spent.	
Do you feel engaged on how planning	No
Do you feel engaged on how planning	No
How should planning contributions be prioritised and spent?	P1 Community Facilities
	P2 Open Space, Play Areas and Sports Facilities
	P3 Healthcare
	P4 Education
	P5 Affordable Housing
	P6 Transport infrastructure
	P7 Public realm
	P8 Highways
	P9 Waste and Recycling
Would you like to raise any comments regarding the current S106 planning contribution mechanism?	I think that there has to be greater consultation between a Parish and North Herts Council. To often, regrettably, decisions agreed are changed without any consultation. Heritage projects that are of historic importance should be considered. Especially as not only is it important to protect the heritage , but remembering that the S106 monies we are talking about where raised in the village. To often I hear at planning & public meetings "The village should be grateful to receive this S106 monies", in reality it never is our decision with no guarantee that we would receive any S106 money. That has to change.

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Do you know what Section 106 (often referred	Yes
Do you know how to make a request for	No
Have you requested or been involved in S106	No
How did you find the process to complete the	
Do you understand the process after submitting	
What if any challenges did you encounter with the S106 funding request process?	
Do you feel that you received adequate	
Are you aware of any examples in your local	No
Please select from the available options how the planning contributions were spent.	
Do you feel engaged on how planning	
Do you feel engaged on how planning	no
How should planning contributions be prioritised and spent?	P1 Healthcare
	P2 Transport infrastructure
	P3 Highways
	P4 Education
	P5 Waste and Recycling
	P6 Community Facilities
	P7 Open Space, Play Areas and Sports Facilities
	P8 Public realm
	P9 Affordable Housing
Would you like to raise any comments regarding the current S106 planning contribution mechanism?	