

The Future of Saxmundham – a Student’s Eye View

With thanks to the students of Saxmundham Free School who worked on it, based on their survey of 135 of their colleagues.

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The Future of Saxmundham

- Local government is planning to build 800 new homes in Saxmundham over the next ten years.
- The local council wants to know the opinions of the young people of Saxmundham, as the future is yours.
- Please help by answering the following questions.

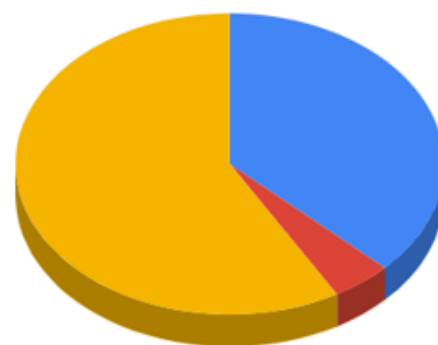


Would you like to see Saxmundham get bigger?

Over 50% of students would like to see Saxmundham stay the same size which could be why some want to leave as Saxmundham loses its village feeling

Would you like to see Saxmundham get bigger?

- Bigger
- Smaller
- Stay the same



Where do you think they should build more houses in Saxmundham?

- A: South of SFS
- B: The Layers
- C: North East Fields
- D: West of the A12 Fields

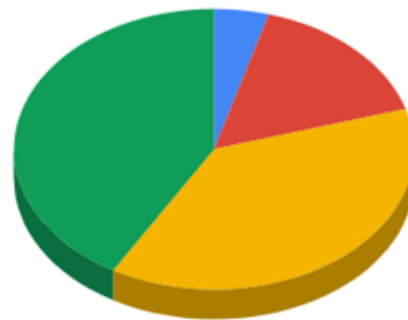


Where do you think we should build more houses in Saxmundham?

The largest percentage (40%) believed that building the new development west of the A12 would be optimal for Saxmundham.

Where do you think building should take place in Saxmundham?

- The Layers
- South of SFS
- North East Fields
- West of A12 Fields

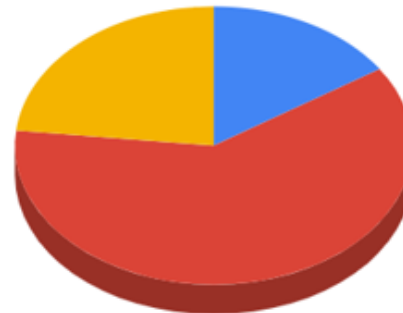


Are these pupils going to stay in Saxmundham in the future?

Over 60% of the average 135 students surveyed would not like to remain in the Suffolk/Saxmundham area.

Do you see yourself living in or around Saxmundham in the future?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know



There are many things wanted in the future in saxmundham yet these are some of the most important and most wanted facilities.

- A lot of people want fast food restaurants as they are easy and cheap and this also appeals greatly to teenagers e.g MacDonalds or KFC
- Also a lot of people want proper restaurants as they are a nice thing for families and they are also appealing to tourists.
- People also want more leisure places with things such as sports halls, swimming pools and gyms as this could be appealing for tourists and also is a nice thing for families and friends.



Building 800 new homes in Saxmundham.

Advantages:

- Better for the economy
- Bigger school
- Better infrastructure
- More Places to live
- Cheaper and more affordable
- Attracts more industry

Disadvantages:

- More people could lead to crime
- Less countryside to walk in
- Tesco's will be too small
- Congestion
- Change Village dynamic
- Change community spirit
- Crammed area
- Traffic jams
- More noise pollution
- More emergencies

The points we thought were the best.

Some points we thought were the most key is that on the advantages was that building 800 houses is that it's better for the economy, on the disadvantages is that there would be more emergencies so therefore more stresses on police and ambulances.



Better for the economy

Building 800 houses would be better for the economy because there would be more houses for people to live in, also it means Saxmundham would be more populated and be a bigger and a better town for people to live in. Bringing money and jobs to the area.

A different thing is that there are local schools for people to go to.

More emergencies

With building 800 more houses means that there would be more emergencies as there is more people to get hurt, there is only a limited amount of people to come out and help people, as already sometimes the police or medical team can't get there in time to help people. The closest hospital is 30minutes away in Ipswich.

Also there would be more people hurting other people then resulting in more people getting hurt and more people going to prison. The nearest holding area for criminals is Martlesham.

How can Saxmundham help build a better environment for the future?

- Pedestrianise the high street.
- Create more areas for nature.
- Be more Bike friendly
- Ensure future housing is eco friendly and does not damage the environment.



- Pedestrianise the high street - By pedestrianise the high street it means that less emissions are produced into the town centre.
- Plant more trees, create biodiverse habitats for nature and stop habitat destruction by protecting an area, like Minsmere- Planting more trees means that more CO₂ that has been released will be taken in and it makes the place look eco-friendly
- More bikes for hire- Instead of cars you can use bikes to get round the town without producing any emissions. Increase the amount of cycle paths and routes locally.
- Reduce the amount of building- it means less emissions are being produced when building, for example cranes, diggers etc...
- Housing made should be low carbon emissions and use modern techniques to ensure they use renewable energies.

If Sizewell C is built how will it affect Saxmundham?

Advantages

- Better economy
- More jobs for the area
- Possibility of more infrastructure built
- Better transport connections
- Jobs
- Need for social venues (pubs)

If Sizewell C is built how will it affect Saxmundham?

Disadvantages

- Influx of workers could lead to more crime
- Radiation
- More trucks and traffic
- Ruin the landscape
- Destroys wildlife
- More congestion
- Less parking
- Violence increase?

What jobs do people think we need in Saxmundham?

- Builders
- Bartenders for a new bar
- Hotel staff for a new hotel
- Lawn mowers
- Deliveroo drivers
- Tech companies
- Musicians
- Scientists for a new lab