

Strengths Strong rural character - Peace and quiet. - Dark skies in northern part of parish https://www.nightblight.cpre.org.uk/maps/ Rich Heritage - Conservation area and attractive village centre including Grade I St Mary's Church and surrounding open space - 42 listed buildings in parish - 3 Locally listed buildings (The Old Vicarage, Grange Lane, The Old School House and Priory Farmhouse and 1 to 2 Priory Cottages, The Street (including wall to Priory Farmhouse)) - Below ground heritage Some good amenities: - Good bus service for a rural area - Village recreation ground Getting around - Extensive network of public rights of way - Flitch Way country park - Good road access to airport, M11 and London Sense of Community - Everybody knows each other. Monthly socials	Weaknesses Limited amenities - No comfortable adequate meeting space - No primary school, health facilities or shop Parking - On street parking issues along the Street, especially when restaurant is open (now closed and seeking new owner) - Limited parking at Flitch Way. Can be a problem during busy periods. Traffic - Many residents comment that Station Road is very busy and dangerous ¹ Getting around - Pavements are neglected - No cycle paths - Pavements are overgrown Uncertain planning policy context - Out of date Local Plan (2005) means that Policy S7 clarifying the countryside status is being repeatedly questioned and undermined as planning applications come in.
Opportunities Address shortfalls - Develop an adequate community hub and lobby for car park. Explore both on site off the Street Strong rural character - Protect green spaces, important views, characterful village entrance points, settlement gaps where they contribute to setting. Getting around - Improve cycle connections to Dunmow Housing: - Ensure that if development comes the existing needs in the parish are met through this development	Threats Level of developer interest (see UDC call for sites) and uncertainty with respect to Local Plan response: - Development will swamp us and impact rural character, views of the vale of Chelmer and surrounding villages - Existing inadequate road infrastructure including parking - Coalescence with Flitch Green - New development will threaten existing inadequate education, and health infrastructure and impact our accessibility to supermarket EXPLANATION REQUIRED

¹ Safer Essex Road Partnership records one slight accident here in Feb 2020. See <https://www.essexworkstraffweb.org.uk/rtc/main.html>

- Promote a rural exception site? Addressing climate change challenges - Community led renewable energy scheme?	- Vandalism and antisocial behaviour - Not uncommon on the recreation ground Insensitive development threatening sense of place - Recent housing development do not reflect prevailing character of Little Dunmow (Flitch Green, Cromwell Place, Moorfields)
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