



Long Stratton Neighbourhood Plan

Open Space & Community Centre Questionnaire

Q1: Would you like areas planted with trees? If yes what type of trees?

Dense wood or sparsely planted? Sparse = 2 Dense = 1 Both = 1

Would you like a community orchard? Yes = 5 No = 2

Comments:

- A mix of trees and evergreen
 - Quiet places to sit and reflect
 - Visit with local school children (to watch things grow/be involved in gardening)
 - Mix of trees, try to re create 'woodland trust' woods for recreation as well as CO2
 - Yes, trees would be good, all types
 - Trees to be managed to allow children to reach leaves, flower and fruit – educational use
 - Anything that's good for biodiversity
 - Deciduous trees please, oak, ash, walnut etc
 - Who would be allowed to pick the fruit
 - Yes, mixture of densely and sparsely planted woodland with native species, grassland areas, flower meadows
 - Would be a nice idea, no dogs so able to relax there
 - Mix of fruit trees and native trees
 - Apple trees
 - Who looks after it? People can't look after an apple tree in their front garden!
- Example – Rodent problem in Lime Tree Avenue
- Who is responsible for taking care of this. Possible increased rodents/vermin from fruit that drops off. I don't feel the village would use it. If it was linked to something like a school or church then possibly but can not see people looking after it otherwise
 - Trees which are natural to UK and benefit wildlife. Ask Woodland Trust for advice
 - Various types of trees, mix of sparse and dense planted areas
 - Trees such as indigenous species, also we need to replace ash trees
 - Some areas of dense wood, if you fence an area of land for 50 years it will naturally be a dense forest.
 - Community orchard is a good idea, food for free!
 - Traditional English trees (a mixture)
 - No sycamores!

Q2: Would you like an area specifically for dogs to run free? Yes = 4 No = 2

Would you like an area where dogs can be walked on a lead? Yes = 5 No = Don't mind = 2

Comments:

- Plenty of space and plenty of dog bins – emptied frequently please
- Surely dog walkers will choose where to walk to be suitable for them and their dogs temperament
- Dog walking areas work on caravan club sites as long as the dog muck is picked up and put in bins
- Small fenced dog area to let dogs off spread around village
- Keep other open spaces dog free!
- Don't have a dog
- Yes great idea for dog areas
- Don't own a dog but definitely need an area just for dogs. People still ignore all signs in current park for dogs to be kept on leads!
- Always on a lead
- I feel that dogs should be taken further afield ie. Tyrrells Woods to run free. Yes to an area for dog walking but not everyone likes dogs so needs to be a safe, contained space if off lead
- Dog fowling a problem wherever (and I own 3 dogs!)
- Dogs should have an area to run free but only if people clear up after them

Q3: Where would you like a community games field?

What would you like?

Formal marked pitched? Yes = 5

Free games area? Yes = 5

Permanent goals for free use? Yes = 6 No = 1

Would you like a trim trail around the village? E.g. a piece of equipment in each play area. (see map) Yes = 5 No = Maybe = 1

Comments:

- Opportunities for local school children to use facilities
- East side
- Cricket pitch, rugby pitch
- All are good but they must be supervised or they get vandalism such is life
- Formal marked pitches need to be different sizes for child use. Spread around village
- Yes near a school
- Whatever will keep most people safest from traffic
- Skate park, bowling alley

- No more need for football pitches – enough has been spent on the one at the leisure centre
- More for younger (5-10 years) children and a separate area for teenagers
- Don't we already have one – playing fields
- Facilities to have a 'park run' group
- Permanent goals for free use on the current field, the other one should be on the other side of the village
- No, already got a playing field, not really used in the middle!
- No, this should be what the playing fields are for, not just football
- A trim trail possibly instead of just children's play areas but consideration of vandalism/who will maintain etc.
- Any community games space (ie. Playing field) should consider other sports, not just football
- What ever is chosen it must have a permanent maintenance plan
- Permanent goals tend to get worn out unless 3G pitch
- Community games field central
- Boules, boating pond
- 5km trim trail
- Equipment needs to be carefully chosen so it can not be easily vandalised and also fits in with the natural environment eg made of wood

Q4: Would you like a community vegetable garden? (an area where you could plant and tend some vegetables and reap what others have sown) Yes = 3 No = 2

Do we need additional allotments? Yes = 5 No = 1

Comments:

- Link with the local schools please
- Is there a demand? It would be a good idea to improve community spirit, across the ages. Concerned it may be misused
- Community vegetable garden is good. If the houses had higher gardens would want allotments!
- Small allotments half and quarter size plots spread around village
- Probably more allotments but more accessible/central than currently
- Our garden is enough
- More allotments would be a good idea, this would create a community space within green space and help self sufficiency too
- The allotments run by St Michaels Church are already over subscribed. We are currently looking to expand but with houses there will be need
- Nice idea but not sure on how well will be used, could be vandalised or people take but not contribute. Location would need to be considered – who would be responsible etc
- Smaller allotments closer to the housing so they are more likely to be used. Lots of small allotment spaces rather than one big one

Q5: What uses could be made of a community building?

Café? Yes = 7 No = 2

Cinema? Yes = 4 No = 3 Maybe = 1

Public Toilets? Yes = 8 No =

Baby weighing/changing area? Yes = 5 No = 1

Conference facilities? Yes = 5 No = 1

Where should this building be located? (see map)

Comments:

- Multi purpose rooms for hire
- East side
- Toilets, kitchen/bar (like Hempnall), indoor sports eg. Pilates, badminton
- Look at Hempnall Hall it's a very good space
- New small community rooms in eastern development
- And meeting rooms, library and worship
- Where the fire station currently is
- Not worried where
- Where fire station is or on south east side, community hub area
- A community centre east of the village is really important.
- Public toilets likewise
- No need for café or cinema – would be a waste of funds
- Easily accessible nearer to the community
- Dementia café
- Easily accessible, adequate parking, Wi-Fi throughout building
- Toilets could be separate building
- People need to be able to get to it easily within the new housing areas
- May take the use away from the village hall, church halls – so loss of income
- Land for scout/guide hut for village who could manage their own hut is another idea – would be well used by the community
- Café and cinema already in village spaces, who would run these? Who would profit?
- Toilets don't need to be in community building as such
- Baby weighing/changing could be in health centre/GP surgery/library
- Conference facilities could be in village hall/S N Council etc
- Where is the centre of the village? Community centre needed? Have village hall, church halls etc, this could impact their income etc
- Developers funding/support could be better used to support provision of land/space for development of Scout and Guide Headquarters which would have additional community use but also have management committee in place to run the building
- Café run by people with a learning disability
- Village hall to do more cinema/current films
- Also need facilities for education
- Yes to all but only in the right area

Q6: Do you think we need to improve the access around the village for pedestrians and cyclists?

Comments:

- Wide pavements on new developments
- Yes some footpaths are very narrow, little in way of cycle ways
- If parking on footpaths was stopped this would help. There is no cycle path in Long Stratton
- Improve access to area outside village – Wacton, Tharston for non car use
- Yes, A140 is too busy and difficult to cross. Some areas at the village are very dark and lack oversight so are, or feel, unsafe to walk, especially in the dark (eg. Recreation ground footpath and footpath from upgate to dr surgery)
- Cycle paths are a good safety feature
- Yes and ensure good bus routes, fast reliable service to encourage use
- Yes more cycle paths – clearly marked out though!
- More public walk path to Wacton
- Yes more cycle paths, safer routes to schools to encourage walking
- Would object to removal of traffic lights on A140 to zebra crossing, A140 will still be busy especially at peak times even when by pass is there
- Cycle paths NOT lanes
- Continue where new houses are built
- Yes needs to be fully considered with additional growth so that community can travel around safely and easily access what the new town will offer
- Yes, do not make roads and paths the same colour!
- Yes, stop cars parking on pathways! Mobility scooter/wheelchair users discriminated against by no action taken against such illegal parking
- Definitely, it should be made easier to get in on foot or cycle than it is to drive in
- Yes