



## Long Stratton Neighbourhood Plan

### Analysis and Results of public consultation on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> June 2018

<b>Summary of the event - Public Consultation</b>	
<b>Purpose</b>	To establish the themes and objectives drafted, along with the vision for the Neighbourhood Plan.
<b>Date and Location</b>	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> June and Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2018 – 10am until 4pm  St Mary's C of E Junior Academy, Swan Lane, Long Stratton
<b>Consultees</b>	Roughly 240 attendees
<b>Publicity</b>	Flyers were posted through all residents and businesses in Long Stratton and parts of Tharston. Advertised on Long Stratton Parish Councils website Advertised on Long Stratton Neighbourhood Plans website Advertised on the front page of the Sextons Wheel magazine Posters displayed around the village
<b>Preparation</b>	Steering group meetings Preparation of boards and questionnaires Leaflet printing
<b>Event details</b>	Drop In session Sign in sheet All themes and objectives displayed with space for comments Neighbourhood Plan Vision displayed with space for comments Maps on the central table Questionnaires Children's colouring table Teas, coffees, biscuits

## Comments collected via post it notes on consultation boards

### Community and facilities

#### Youth

- Include focus on the youth of the village in our community specifically as well
- Scout and Guide specific facilities for the youth of the village to develop them within our community - already around 200 young people involved. Need own space to develop further with increasing village population.
- More consideration for young people within the community - not just through schools. What do they want? Nearly 200 young people engage with Guiding and Scouting locally. Opportunities for them within the new Neighbourhood Plans? Own land/building/facilities to develop and increase provision and opportunities for our young people, adult volunteers and wider community.
- Community Infrastructure to work alongside current community groups - need for own specific space for Guiding/Scouting Groups so that facilities can be used by young people of the community and wider village. Huge benefits and opportunities from having own space within village.
- Scout and Guide specific facilities for the young people in our village to grow and develop as rounded citizens within the community. Opportunities this offers to them and wider community - We have Kayak, Archery, rifle shooting, climbing instructors, and equipment but no base to deliver these within the current village. With our own space can increase opportunities. Around 200 young people already involved - Need to have own facilities within growing village community.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Youth facilities - Guide/Scout specific land/ building - opportunities for young people of village and wider community. Huge benefits to having own facilities.</li> <li>● Opportunities for young people to have indoor activities</li> <li>● Opportunity for space between E3 Employment area and Southern roundabout not allocated for housing to be developed for community use Potential for Scout and Guide specific facilities.</li> <li>● Drop in café for all ages. Youth facilities. Safe space for youngsters to socialise.</li> <li>● Need to consider youth facilities, specifically Scout and Guide provision. Land for developing headquarters with growing village.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Improvements to the village centre</b></p>	
<p><b>Better outdoor public spaces</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Long Stratton needs a proper park, before all the green spaces goes to concrete. The playing field is not fit for purpose.</li> <li>● Open spaces for older residents where they can sit and walk in a park environment</li> <li>● A little play area for kids close to the heart of the village would be lovely - where parents can come, shop, sit in the park etc</li> <li>● A playfield for children with a shallow pool (for hot days)</li> <li>● We need not just green spaces, but a park like environment where the elderly can sit and have picnics, to meet with friends.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Footpaths in Long Stratton to link up with long distance footpaths such as the Boudicca Way</li> <li>● Underutilised public spaces. Are green spaces and not all green spaces need to be used. Seating is there, Christmas tree.</li> <li>● Memorial Garden - Could be improved as a green open space</li> <li>● New play areas needed in new developments and close to village centre.</li> </ul>
<b>Improvements to A140 in village centre</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Gentrification and pedestrianize the A140. Too much pollution, noise even at night.</li> <li>● Pretty up or even better remove and pedestrianize the road in town</li> <li>● Noise issue - can we pedestrianize and have speed bumps to slow cars</li> <li>● Agree that overall aim should be to make village centre safe and pleasant to walk around. It is neither at present with sections of narrow pavements and not enough safe crossings. Proposals big step forward.</li> </ul>
<b>Bigger/more facilities needed as village expands</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Surgery, chemist and parking a nightmare now add 1800 house occupants</li> <li>● A modern community building in a central location</li> </ul>
<b>More local shops/markets</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Would love to see more local and craft shops or markets</li> <li>● Market would be good</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Space for a little market and seating outside cafes lovely!</li> <li>● The notion of a market place is good. What certainty do you have that stall holders will use it?</li> <li>● Market would be good</li> </ul>
<p><b>More vegetation in village centre</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● More trees in historic area once bypass built</li> <li>● Plant more trees and flowers in village centre</li> <li>● Enter Long Stratton in Village in Bloom. Councillors could contribute their £1,000 (given each year) to this cause.</li> <li>● Plant daffodils. Plant flowering cherry trees. 5,000?</li> <li>● New planting and greening of centre of village suggestions look ok</li> <li>● Tidy land in front of library and develop as planting</li> <li>● More planting of trees, shrubs etc where ever possible in and around village.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Protecting and enhancing the historic core</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Highlighting the Historic Areas more in the village - Ice House, Old Fire Station, Old Manor House location etc</li> <li>● Ensure changes reflect and enhance the historic buildings. The centre of the village could be really pretty - maybe a little heritage trail and frame historic buildings well.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Support plan for new commons within the development. Setting and design of new housing should sit well with the local historic setting and historic countryside (as set out in historic landscape study).</li> </ul>
<b>Swimming pool</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Swimming pool</li> <li>● Swimming pool would benefit all</li> </ul>
<b>Street lighting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Make sure there is street lighting</li> <li>● Street lights should be modern low lights as surrounding countryside is a dark skies area - we should promote and value this.</li> <li>● Fire Station/Swan Lane - Better lighting for this well used crossing point (please!)</li> </ul>
<b>Concerns regarding St Michaels Road</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● What about us on St Michaels Road. 4 bed houses and all that comes with it. Right up to our boundary. Considered – not.</li> <li>● Integration is one thing, but St Michaels Road is a PRIVATE estate, and do not want to have any link to new estates. Elderly residents need some peace.</li> <li>● There is a link road/ footpath from phase 1&amp;2 estates to St Michaels Road. This needs to be stopped. St Michaels Road is a PRIVATE estate. No access to anywhere else.</li> </ul>
<b>Other comments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Consider us before newcomers. We have paid our council tax for years.</li> <li>● We - old residents choose to live in a village not a town</li> <li>● Why take our open spaces and replace them with green open spaces for new residents</li> </ul>

- Needs strict control on drinking/events in town centre. Families first!
- A study to determine what facilities the community would use and need, should be carried out. This should be subdivided to ensure all groups needs are met.
- Care home should not be next to the sewerage works!
- Why put a care home by the sewerage works. How can the residents get to the village? No bus, just stench!
- Cut grass verges regularly (all cut at different times). Can't people living nearby have the job and therefore take a pride in their work.
- Leisure centre ok for people who can afford it, but for many young families this is out of the question - what is there for them?
- Village Hall - Needs signposting within the village
- Reduce alcohol licensing in town centre - too much noise and drinking
- Fire station is a real opportunity - unsure what for!
- Is the telephone exchange another opportunity? Why is it here?
- How will 6th form space be provided with all the new houses?
- Need to retain the strong community feel for Long Stratton
- More local entertainment opportunities

## Transport

### Car parking

- If we want to promote the village and to encourage people to come here, we need more car parking facilities
- Car parking
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- Car parking needs to be addressed
- Car parking! None on East of Village. Church would benefit from a car park down Hall Lane :)
- More car parking around the schools (and leisure centre) - safety of young people
- Car parking
- Parking considerations round the schools - can they be improved?
- More parking areas in village centre-spaces along main road
- Parking is very difficult for residents, if emergency services are needed, emergency vehicles may have problems getting through.
- Surgery, chemist and parking a nightmare now add 1800 house occupants

<p><b>Environmental concerns</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Long queues at Flowerpot Lane junction every morning and evening now. Will become much worse with new plan. How does this improve the environment?? Even more local pollution.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Safety issues</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Stop late night speeding - safety issue</li> <li>● While it's a good idea to have a market there will still be lorries and traffic on road</li> <li>● Should be under 30mph ideally 25mph</li> <li>● Ipswich Road junction - Hall Lane should be pedestrianised. Very dangerous Road. Traffic comes out thinking they have right of way.</li> <li>● Parking on residential paths is becoming an issue for children and residents on buggies</li> <li>● A140 junction area round Flowerpot Lane - difficult to cross safely - consideration in that area</li> <li>● I use a wheelchair, cars parked on pathways are a big problem. Uneven paths are also horrendous.</li> <li>● All crossing points should be controlled</li> <li>● Speeding in Francis Road needs looking into</li> <li>● 20 mph limit through the village. Extend 30 mph area to the north.</li> <li>● Enforced speed limits via traffic control</li> </ul>

<p><b>Concerns over new development design regarding the roads</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Current planning application needs to be re-thought. Industrial estate too great an impact in historic countryside and too much lighting in dark skies area.</li> <li>● The 'by-pass' is badly designed and will be a feeder road to the new estates. Too many roundabouts - long delay on A140 will not make Long Stratton attractive to industry and centre of Long Stratton will be as busy with vehicle traffic as now.</li> <li>● Access area point to employment space off bypass ideally, rather than the quieter road from Long Stratton (Traffic has to go via southern roundabout)</li> <li>● The proposal to block the southern end of A140 will cause all existing properties, householders - as well as new ones - who need to travel towards Diss/Ipswich etc to access the bypass via Hall Lane against the flow of bypass traffic. Congestion is assured.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Improvements for cyclists</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Cycle paths etc</li> <li>● Cycle paths need to be shown along A140, Swan Lane and Flowerpot Lane</li> <li>● More bike racks in village centre please</li> <li>● Junction at Hall Lane into village difficult by bike and car. Hard to improve though.</li> <li>● A140 north and south of centre - need cycle path</li> <li>● Better access for cyclists at Swan Road and Flowerpot Lane - mini roundabouts</li> <li>● Cycle path also would be good (on A140)</li> <li>● Agree with changes. Worth having meeting with local cyclists - village not easy for bikes! Enhanced road junctions etc would be good.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Improvements to footpaths</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Footpath needed from Trafalgar Lodge and Nelson Lodge into village</li> <li>● Need a footpath along Swan Lane as far as public footpath on corner</li> <li>● Footway to Swan Lane footpath excellent idea</li> <li>● Narrowing of A140 to wider paths to improve pedestrian experience</li> <li>● Pedestrianize A140 from Swan Lane to Flowerpot Lane similar to centre of Diss where access by service vehicles is allowed.</li> <li>● Improvement to path/pavement south side of village towards water tower</li> <li>● Narrow A140 and widen pavements</li> <li>● Widening of narrow areas of footpaths and outside church would be good</li> <li>● Pavement very narrow between Welford Court and Stratton Motors</li> <li>● Footpath widening needs to extend up the hill (Coopers Court to Edges Lane)</li> <li>● Foot/cycle link between Hall Lane and proposed pedestrian gateway opposite Ice House court</li> </ul>
<p><b>Crossings needed/improvement</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Also, safe crossings at all other footpath crossings.</li> <li>● Pedestrian lights</li> <li>● Footpath suggested to come out opposite co-op should have pedestrian crossing opposite. People will not walk down to existing crossing links accidents.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Possible pedestrian signal at Flowerpot Lane junction over Ipswich Road</li> <li>● Pedestrian crossing or similar south side of village - perhaps round St Marys/Village Hall area</li> <li>● Belisha Beacon crossings rather than Pelican crossings, shows traffic</li> <li>● Need more crossings up the hill. Shut top of St Michaels Road.</li> <li>● More pedestrian crossings</li> <li>● Proposals look good. Improve crossing for pedestrians/cycles at Edges Lane - drop curbs etc</li> </ul>
<b>Pedestrianize areas</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Motorists coming from Hall Lane think they have right of way. This should be a pedestrian area only.</li> <li>● Gentrification and pedestrianisation</li> <li>● Noise issue - can we pedestrianize and speed bumps to slow cars</li> <li>● A pedestrianised area would be great on the main road through the village</li> </ul>
<b>Industrial traffic's need for direct access to bypass</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Better access to bypass also needed and need to consider access of Tharston Ind Estate to bypass.</li> <li>● Industrial traffic needs direct access to the bypass</li> <li>● Access point into the employment area site needed off the bypass also</li> </ul>

<p><b>Buses</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Bus stop at the end of Manor Road is an accident waiting to happen maybe change where it stops</li> <li>● More bus stops on estates</li> <li>● Move bus stop from Manor Road to Francis Road - much safer</li> <li>● Move Manor Road bus stop - Improvement needed in that area (i.e. schools)</li> <li>● Bus stop on Manor Road is dangerous and buses are staying for 15 minutes (engines on)</li> <li>● Allowing buses to wait for prolonged periods outside the old bank is downright dangerous for cars exiting Star Lane. Vision to the right is totally obscured this happens several times a day.</li> <li>● Bus stop restricts movement along pavement</li> <li>● Bus stop opposite Sturmy Road on Francis Road is not on map</li> </ul>
<p><b>Concerns regarding junction of Flowerpot Lane and A140</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Junction of Flowerpot Lane/A140 very difficult to cross safely</li> <li>● Need to improve crossings at Flowerpot Lane/A140 both ways</li> <li>● Dangerous crossing at the junction of Flowerpot Lane and A140. Lowered pavements to encourage crossing but no pedestrian signal and crossing is always a gamble!</li> <li>● Pedestrian crossing needed at Flowerpot Lane junction at A140</li> </ul>
<p><b>Bridge/access over bypass to countryside</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Bridge across the bypass for pedestrians and cyclists to have access to the countryside, or underpass.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ensure bridge for bikes/ walkers over bypass and links to wonderful footpath network beyond.</li> <li>● Bridge over bypass at Edges Lane is essential. For pedestrians and cyclists.</li> <li>● Cyclists need infrastructure to go beyond the centre of the village. Proper junctions past bypass for cyclists and pedestrians.</li> <li>● Proper crossing points need to be put in to enable people to get to the countryside</li> <li>● Footbridge including for cyclists to go from Edges Lane over the bypass to the countryside</li> <li>● Access from housing to east of village by foot/bikes needs consideration. Lots of people walk and cycle out there. Look at longer circular walks east of the village and where access in village might be easier.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Concerns regarding Flowerpot Lane</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Take proposed Spur Road to back of Tharston Industrial estate rather than traffic going up Flowerpot Lane Ind Est</li> <li>● Traffic on Flowerpot Lane is already heavy with increasing volumes of commercial vehicles. 20mph is ignored. Will the new development worsen an existing problem?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Other comments</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● There will still be heavy traffic flow in village centre. (Residents and business traffic)</li> <li>● The idea in principle is sound but the application given this highway is still in VSG may be difficult to achieve</li> <li>● Hall Lane will need widening to allow for increased traffic flow from bypass to village centre</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Wider roads on new estates for ease of traffic movement. Especially if people park on roads.</li> <li>● Better control of traffic (heavy lorries) outside co-op area - very narrow roadway</li> <li>● Would removal of bus stop/widening of pavement restrict the access of bin lorries. What about truckers wanting to use chip shop/ effect in trade.</li> <li>● Bypass before houses</li> <li>● Narrowing of existing A140 in village centre must still allow adequate access for lorries (removal lorries, heavy traffic for Stratton Motor Company, industrial estate etc)</li> <li>● Agree that overall aim should be to make village centre safe and pleasant to walk around. It is neither at present with sections of narrow pavements and not enough safe crossings. Proposals big step forward.</li> </ul>
<b>Housing</b>	
<b>Affordable housing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Affordable housing/2 beds for those starting property ladder and want to own house</li> <li>● Affordable housing</li> </ul>
<b>Self-build space</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Space for self-build needed</li> <li>● Self build plots would be good.</li> </ul>
<b>Off road parking</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● There must be room for 2 vehicles - off road parking</li> </ul>

<p><b>Buildings in keeping with Long Stratton design</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Churchfields estate is attractive and reflects the historic building well - really integrated. New housing should be similar, with parks, greens and sensitive building.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Importance of conserving historic buildings</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● How can we prioritise the conservation of historic buildings that are privately owned? Do we give grants for people to improve their property?</li> <li>● Setting and design of new housing should sit well with the local historic setting and historic countryside (as set out in historic landscape study).</li> <li>● What chance of prioritising historic buildings when the Ice House was demolished against public vote?</li> <li>● Render on listed buildings needs to be looked into</li> <li>● Some properties look awful as listed/conservation and expansion to maintain. Can council help?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Other comments</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● With 1800 new homes being built 132 'affordable' homes is too lower number. We need to be helping young people NOT JUST DEVELOPER PROFITS.</li> <li>● Room in garden for shed!</li> <li>● Support plan for new commons within the development.</li> <li>● Housing per hectare in plan is too dense</li> <li>● What new house want to smell of sewerage and chickens. Good selling point – not.</li> </ul>

**Economic Growth**

- Agree it would be good to have more local shops etc and an attractive, vibrant village centre
- Consider how to attract business into the town centre to make it vibrant once the traffic has gone.
- Support more local businesses within New village centre
- More local entertainment opportunities
- Would love to see more local and craft shops or markets
- Space for a little market and seating outside cafes lovely!

**Employment**

- Employ full time litter picker
- Cut grass verges regularly (all cut at different times). Can't people living nearby have the job and therefore take a pride in their work.

**Health and Wellbeing**

- Bigger DR's surgery or another clinic?