



Long Stratton Neighbourhood Plan

Analysis and Results of public consultation on 16th and 17th March 2019

Summary of the event - Public Consultation	
Purpose	To gain public opinions on open space, community centre, housing, sustainability and the draft neighbourhood plan document
Date and Location	Methodist Church, Manor Road, Long Stratton Saturday 16 th March 2019 10am until 4pm Sunday 17 th March 2019 10am until 4pm
Consultees	89 attendees over both days
Publicity	Leaflets left in various businesses Advertised on Long Stratton Parish Councils website Advertised on Long Stratton Neighbourhood Plans website Advertised in the Sextons Wheel magazine Posters displayed around the village Advertised on Facebook
Preparation	Steering group meetings Preparation of boards, questionnaires and documents Leaflet printing
Event details	Drop In session Sign in sheet Notification of photos being taken at the event and opt out included Draft policies on boards with comments sheets Open space questions on boards along with questionnaires Community centre questions on boards along with questionnaires Housing questions on boards along with questionnaires Sustainability questions and information on boards along with questionnaires Footpath maps

	Open space maps Draft policy documents available to view Housing needs assessment available to view Children's colouring table Teas, coffees, biscuits
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89 people attended over the two days. Not all filled in a sign in sheet. But, for those that did the results are below.

Do you live in the Long Stratton NP Area? If so, for how long have you lived here?							
0 – 5 years	2	6 – 10 years	10	11 – 15 years	1	16 – 20 years	2
21 – 30 years	9	31 years or more	11	I don't live here, I only work here.		I don't live or work here.	
How old are you?							
Under 18	1	18 – 29	2	30 – 44	8	45 – 59	5
60 – 74	18	75 and over	5				
Please tell us roughly where you live							
A) North East (North of star lane, East of A140)	4	B) North West (North of Swan Lane, West of A140)		6	C) South East (South of Star Lane and east of A140)		9
D) South West (South of Swan lane and West of A140)	15	E) Tharston		2	Out of area		2
How did you hear about this event?							
Sextons Wheel	17	Website		1	Facebook		8
Poster	6	Word of mouth		9	Other		11

Attendance Sat 16th March 2019		Attendance Sun 17th March 2019	
10-11am	9	10-11am	2
11-12pm	9	11-12pm	13
12-1pm	8	12-1pm	11
1-2pm	3	1-2pm	5
2-3pm	11	2-3pm	5
3-4pm	10	3-4pm	3
Total	50	Total	39

Comments collected via post it notes on consultation boards

Open space

- Create more parklands/woodland walks, flower meadows
- Nature woodlands
- Not fruit trees. More Oak, Horse chestnut and hedgerows
- Trees should be planted (traditional English trees)
- Tree planting – use local varieties. See East of England Orchards project for fruit trees
- Community orchard
- Do planting and set spaces aside before any building starts
- Create wild meadows, community woods and orchards – involve local people in their care
- Create new commons to look like the old commons – people could gather fruit and hazel poles instead of bamboo
- Flower meadows and woodland walks
- Yes to trees in the town but not to orchard – who would look after?
- Tree planting with woodland down inside of bypass

- Let some areas develop instead of planting – much better for wildlife
- Areas of dense wood and sparsely planted – we need space for wildlife as well as humans

- Tharston has no allotments but does have a need
- Allotments are messy
- More allotments

- Kids fenced play areas
- Games area – table tennis
- Play areas for children
- Community games field – playing fields already

- Consideration for links to Tyrells Wood area/access to that open space (walking/cycling)
- Improvements for pedestrians and cyclists
- Dedicated crossings/footbridges over new road to allow safe access beyond boundaries of road for dog walkers/walkers/cyclists
- Cycle paths/routes – NOT cycle lanes
- Need to improve access for pedestrians and cyclists from the existing and new housing into the town centre and out into the countryside – but separate cycle paths, not sharing the road with cars

- Dog space excellent idea
- A dog 'field' fully enclosed so dogs can be let off the lead safely
- Dedicated dog areas so non-dog lovers don't have to mix with them

- New 'commons' at Picton and either side of Hall Lane
- Who maintains the open space – who's responsible

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Protect open space on Bayspole Road pocket park ● Add open space off Frances Road on west between Francis Road and Manor Road ● Edges Lane needs to be closed to through traffic early in the development process at the end of Hill Farm Road ● Keep green space at Blyth Green – the bit grown up on the corner and create walking routes from Haynton’s Lane ● Promote open spaces in nearby parishes – Wacton and Wood Green ● Open space on edge of village – should be some open space in main part of town as well
<p>Public rights of way</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There needs to be better access across new road from Edges Lane/Hill Farm Road to countryside beyond for pedestrians and cyclists. No provision for safe access seems to be proposed in draft plans ● Footbridge over bypass essential

- These rights of way have existed for hundreds of years. The early maps of Norfolk show them. Rather than stopping them they should be re-directed along new public rights of way to safe crossing points on the bypass
- Thinking of pedestrian safety – walkways over/under bypass nearer the village centre
- Agree with re-direction of paths along bypass to safe crossings – no to loss of public rights of way!

- Why extinguish footpaths?
- The access to Stratton St Michael from the bypass (as proposed) looks very awkward
- Need to develop and maintain bike routes through the village
- At least one safe crossing at all roundabouts
- Fully support route for walkers and cyclists along inside of bypass through trees
- Bypass wrong side of Long Stratton – won't be any good for industry or jobs
- Circular 'dog walks' from housing
- Not enough public rights of way to replace those discontinued

Community Centre

- Public toilets
- Public toilets needed
- Need to keep public toilets in centre of village
- Public toilets
- Public toilets needed – they are well used
- Need public toilets, located centrally near the shops
- Public toilet needs to be in village centre

- Tharston needs a community centre but not in the area shown
- Location – where is the centre of the new town going to be??
- Centrally located to include Tharston (Jermyn Way area)
- New community centre to be placed SE side 'community hub'. Eventually when all new houses built will need a larger building. Create one area – perhaps even more fire station and create a central hub on that site now

- Community centre should be linked with sports ground. Changing facilities and community area, under one roof, reduces the need for separate buildings
- Is there a need for a community building? Many spaces used well i.e. Church halls/village halls for most of these ideas (and school halls)
- Make more of existing community centre! Do we need a new one?
- No more big community centres – village hall and chapel good sized small venues – use school hall for larger events. Poss new small rooms in eastern development
- Community building needs to be available for adult education
- Community Hall
- Who would be responsible for such a building? Would this need additional volunteers on management committees?
- All other ideas already in operation in village
- School places for local children – will there be enough throughout ALL age groups i.e. Primary and High School

- Youth club for the youngsters and a meeting place for people on their own
- Dementia café
- Adult learning courses
- Baby groups
- Land to be made available for scout hut and other uniformed groups needing outdoor space
- Social club, community centre, young mental health, youth club, army cadets hut
- Centre should be run by people with learning disabilities
- Swimming pool!!!
- Yes to baby changing, occasional cinema space – but need to think how works with existing facilities
- Adult learning – GCSE, Maths, English etc
- Multipurpose rooms for hall hire/dance mirrors/tables and chairs/kitchen/projector etc (like Gissing)
- Focal point for cultural events – art exhibitions, films, drama and music
- Somewhere wipe clean to change and weigh babies
- More activities for children

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Visit Bawdeswell Village Hall as a model● Need to develop a central/community area in new development. Not a building but outdoor space for people to gather● No cinema – they are closing down due to new technology● Social club
Housing	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● The new housing estate must have provision for 'Co Living'● Agree with: co-living for younger and older people ● Affordable housing option for young people● Affordable housing● Affordable housing is a preferable solution compared to social housing● Starter homes which are affordable for young people

- More single storey accommodation – more 1 bed accommodation
- Agree with: smaller single/1 bed accommodation
- Affordable dwellings, not just social housing, esp. as 1 and 2 bed homes
- More 1-bedroom accommodation
- Affordable homes 1,2,3 beds
- 1 bed starter homes for young people

- A good mixture of housing required including bungalows and smaller accommodation for first time buyers
- Long Stratton needs a mixture of all types of housing but not with the effects of separating parts of the community e.g. Bungalows, flats and 2-4 bedroomed houses in same development
- Norfolk people prefer houses to flats – specify by bedroom not property type
- Bungalows, more detached housing, no flats
- A town needs individual/interesting homes as well as those on estates which are all very similar

- Housing development must have adequate parking for two vehicles per dwelling – minimum for safety of driving

- Off road parking essential

- More car parking spaces for each house, most houses have 2 plus cars

- Adequate space for people to park their cars so roads don't become a car park

- Agree with: self-build space

- I support self-build and custom build plots

- Independent dwellings/assisted needs also should be well provided for

- Senior housing communities/sheltered accommodation – needs to be a priority and well provided for

- Housing for older people with wardens available
- Housing for an aging population
- Older people homes,

- Roads which are wide enough to get emergency vehicles through when people have parked on the road
- In new developments leave room in roads to accommodate residents' cars – wider roads

- New estates are like Victorian tenements, door to door, up against pavements, narrow roads, no parking, pathetic play areas
- You must have a choice when it comes to your internet provider – recent housing development do not
- Schools over capacity – doctors over capacity
- Most important – Energy efficiency especially for association housing – these should be net zero carbon emissions

- Access to efficient bus routes to Norwich/Ipswich
- Not all crammed together, houses all over looking each other
- Include hedgehog highways, swift boxes and bat boxes on all new housing
- Decent sized gardens! Permeable surfaces, small green spaces with trees – e.g. Village green as on Manor Road
- Maintain housing with a ‘green views’, keep trees, we are in the countryside
- Permeability so there are multiple ways in and out of housing estates, including for pedestrians
- I worry about the behaviours of ‘some’ (not all) people in social housing – personal experience I’m afraid
- Decent materials – not cheap, faux timber cladding panels. Brick, timber, render to match existing. More variety so they don’t all look the same
- Dr’s and dentists, schools – to accommodate more people
- What about the infrastructure Dr’s, schools etc, it’s difficult now to get a GP appointment
- Mix the housing up a bit – don’t have an ‘us’ and ‘them’ culture. Lime Tree Avenue estate (9 years old) is very sectioned and should be more mixed in

Overall design

- No street lighting, keep Long Stratton in dark skies
- Yes to footpaths and street lighting
- No street lighting – keep the dark skies and tell people about them
- Minimal street lighting in proposed development to west of A140 to preserve the lovely night skies in Tharston, Brands Lane, St Mary's Church Tharston
- Lighting is already poor and dangerous in places. Lime Tree Avenue (one of the newer estates) has very little street lighting walking down a dark alleyway
- Avoid light pollution
- Develop green infrastructure through development with gardens and pathways – for wildlife and people
- Green areas, cycle paths
- Better links for cycle paths/footpaths
- Suggestion: on the edge of LS: community wood/nature reserve – parking for this and informal park and ride

- Yes, formal recreational areas with areas of wilderness and wildlife too
- Follow ideas for planting and green space set out in green infrastructure plan and Shiels Flynn masterplan
- More spaces to walk, cycle and for recreation away from cars
- Wildlife corridors with paths for people to cycle and walk within nature

- Road width?
- Parking spaces
- Parking
- Roadways on new developments to be wide enough so residents do not have to park on pathways. Disability scooters and wheelchair users have many 'no go' areas in Long Stratton because of parking inconsiderably – this their being discriminated against
- Police existing areas of Long Stratton to make people more aware of problems of parking on paths! Sheer stupidity and ignorance in many cases needs stronger enforcement
- Better parking outside houses, people often have 2 to 3 cars

- Query need for playgrounds as only limited use/audience – green space – or other use better
- More play areas
- Playgrounds and open spaces where people are allowed to kick a ball, or sit and have a picnic
- A little shallow pool for children (open space) to play in during summer. A set of water spouts so that children can play in them
- Playgrounds, zip wires
- Our main play area is dated and broken – in disrepair. For the number of children it serves we need new equipment – zip wires/wooden
- Formal playgrounds and grassed areas are fine as long as they are regularly permanently maintained
- Better play areas, especially if we are to have more housing here!
- I would like a zip wire because other villages have them but not ours – local child age 7

- Adequate land drainage important
- Must deal with the drainage problems
- Swimming pool!
- Definitely a swimming pool and sauna and wet room in leisure centre, swimming is one of the basic life skills
- I do want a swimming pool
- We need a working swimming pool! At the moment we are not able to provide our children with local swimming lessons in year 2 and year 6 as the national curriculum says
- I don't want a swimming pool
- Whilst there is a joint parish council – there are no parts of this which are in Hapton
- Secondary school – more places will be essential. Can the current school be increased or does a new site need to be created?
- Recycling bins

- Decent running track/route
- More dog bins
- Mixed housing – not all looking the same, nice street scenes, not too close together, built around green areas, overlooking parks/greens, street lighting
- More cycle paths
- I like the idea of different coloured buildings similar to those found in Sweden
- More speed humps to restrict speeding vehicles
- Find ways to avoid an east/west divide with new development or that feels like new estates tacked on
- Single lane bypass a waste of money. A140 needs duelling and any new single lane roads are useless – there will be no relief
- Do we really need all these new houses?
- Town square – pedestrianised – a la ‘Grand Place’ in continental Europe
- No mention of high school places being increased? In 10 years time this will be imperative!
- Bypass seems to fall short, why not Hempnall turn to existing south exit
- We need more councillors who are more committed to Long Stratton’s future and who work together LESS EGOS

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Plans for three industrial estates to fractured – unattractive to employers like me
Sustainability	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parking for mobility scooters and cycles ● Is 60 years a viable time factor in the life of a house?
Draft policies	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Transport issues along Chequers Road? ● Employment policy E10 – Further employment uses off Chequers Road need to be carefully controlled to manage HGV and other vehicles movements. Also to ensure that part of the village doesn't become the forgotten 'tradesman's' entrance to the village ● Access for large vehicles to Tharston Industrial Estate is a concern – will still go through village and up Flowerpot Lane unless there is another link road ● Where would the Fire station go ● What is happening to Fire station? Is it expected to be moved or closed?

- Schools – oversubscribed already at capacity
- For future generations a 6th form centre is essential

- Restrict the length of time parking in Long Stratton and fine those that overstay their welcome
- Increase long parking in LS for visitors to use to walk in surrounding countryside – village businesses for refreshments
- Co-op car park likely to be inadequate – need more parking spaces unless public transport improved
- Re: ‘Satisfactory provision of off street parking ensuring that any scheme does not result in inappropriate ON street parking in the village centre’ – Please plan for more car parking around the Co-op shop area – will be needed when many more houses are built. I suggest the existing fire station area when it becomes available

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Improved public transport from local villages into Long Stratton● We already have a village hall with room to expand at the back – investment into the existing hall and other community meeting spaces (e.g. Methodist church) should be a priority
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Comments on the draft policies:

- Access to the Tharston Industrial Estate is ambiguous. If there is no direct link, there will be issues with HGV's travelling along roads which are unsuitable. Ultimately, businesses will move from the estate, leaving an unkept, ghost estate which will be a blot on the landscape. Please keep businesses going and avoid this situation by considering supporting the existing small businesses who work hard to be part of the community and its economy.
- While agreeing to installing pedestrian signalised junction at Flowerpot Lane, I feel strongly that traffic lights need to be retained at Swan Lane junction especially given the proposed plans of such a large development either side of the A140 to the north of the village.
- LSNP R14 – The open spaces earmarked in Tharston, being surrounded by chicken sheds and the sewerage works are hardly in the correct area!! Perhaps the area should be planted with trees.
- Open space in Tharston – Tharston has no allotments so these could be sited here.
- Please make locals aware that the bypass is a single carriageway instead of the perceived dual carriageway. I think more people will be pushing for a suitable bypass instead of a 'link road'.