



Nether Langwith

Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Summary

04 September 2021

Introduction

Nether Langwith Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee organised a drop-in event on Neighbourhood Planning which was held on 04 September 2021. The event took place between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm at the Village Hall.

The aim of this event was to help engage the community in the Neighbourhood Plan and to seek comments on the emerging topics – including important open spaces and environment; community facilities and amenities; housing and design; transport and employment.

The drop-in event was promoted through posters, newsletter articles and through word of mouth.

In total, 30 people attended the event.



Format of Event

Attendees were welcomed on arrival and asked to complete a contact sheet or to tick a box to record attendance. The arrangements for the day were explained.

The first displays introduced neighbourhood planning and described the process that is being followed by the Parish Council. Copies of explanatory booklets were available for reference and copies of finalised Neighbourhood Plans for other parishes were available for people to read as they walked around the displays.

Posters supplied by Bassetlaw District Council were on display around the room and showed a range of features of interest including Listed Buildings, wildlife site, landscape character areas, identified open spaces, play areas and tree preservation orders.

Consultation on key issues

A series of display boards were spread across the room, each of which focused on a different topic related to planning and development, including:

- ✓ Housing – mix, design, location and heritage
- ✓ Environment – existing designations and Local Green Space criteria
- ✓ Transport
- ✓ Employment
- ✓ Community Facilities

People were invited to read the displays and the information available and to make comment on 'post-it' notes.

In addition, people were invited to identify open spaces which are important to them by placing up to 3 green stickers on a map of the parish which they value for views; and up to 3 red stickers on areas good for recreation. A similar exercise invited people to indicate where they would not welcome new housing, and where residential development would be acceptable.

Display Boards

The following pages give a sample of the boards that were on display at the event. The boards posed questions which people were invited to comment on.

Having read the displays, attendees were asked to comment on each topic using post-it notes and to place them on flip-chart paper alongside each display. These are the comments that were made:

VISION: 14 comments

- Ensure we have a say over where new houses will be in the village
- Protect rural environment
- Environment! Protect/encourage wildlife – fields and streams
- Protect the village green
- Protect wildlife and biodiversity
- Paths and trails - to encourage walking/cycling. Reduce car usage
- Go green, go carbon neutral – whole village
- Slow down traffic in the village
- Parking on grass areas during winter months and speed restriction for traffic
- Reduce speeding. Noisy traffic issues
- Slow down traffic
- Motorbike noise excessive!
- Deal with parking issues
- Stop inconsiderate parking around residents' drives/access safety issues

DESIGN: 6 comments

- Low energy. Modern materials. Sympathetic design to rural area
- Low carbon homes. Energy efficiency for existing stock
- Off road parking for congested areas
- Off road parking essential to meet modern family need and prevent issues in the village as a whole
- New planning for housing to include off street parking for modern families
- Built in store if possible

HERITAGE: 2 comments

- New houses that build in to the character of the village
- Woodlands and Green

HOUSING NEEDS: 6 comments

- Need a mix of housing to attract younger families. However, more affordable housing should be mixed with other housing to prevent “ghettos”. Similarly with homes for older people
- Affordable housing for young people
- More one and two bed housing
- Two bed properties you WANT to live in as you get older – space; garages; storage
- More bungalows

- Bungalows and disabled accesses

Attendees were invited to indicate where they would not welcome new housing (red dot), and where residential development would be acceptable (green dot).



COMMUNITY FACILITIES: 12 comments

- Protect existing
- Improve village Hall x2
- Sell Village Hall
- Hearing Loop in the Village Hall
- Public parking x 3
- More play parks
- Wildlife areas for older people/walkers etc to sit and take in view
- Public park on land adjacent to Miners allotment
- Work with landlord/brewery to retain village pub

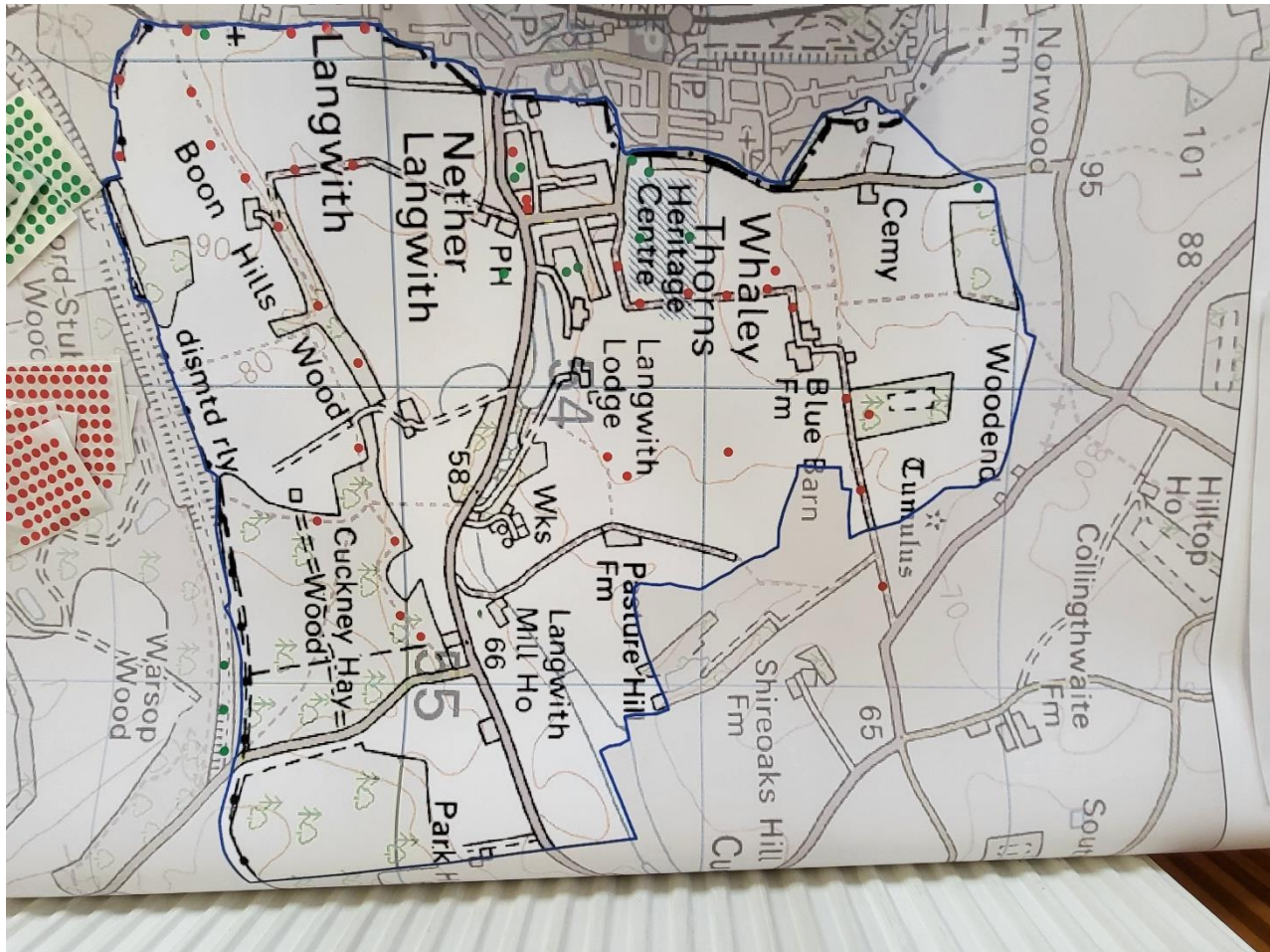
EMPLOYMENT: 3 comments

- More office space in any new houses
- Office space in new houses

- Office space in houses and gardens

ENVIRONMENT

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IMPORTANT OPEN SPACES : 7 comments

- From Limes Avenue
- East of Limes Avenue
- South West corner (beyond rhubarb)
- North of Wellfit
- Kitchener Terrace allotments
- Land behind Portland Rd
- No development on existing open spaces

HIGHWAYS: 15 comments

- Slow traffic down in village
- Traffic calming
- Traffic calming measures. Speed cameras
- Speed cameras
- Speed cameras 200%
- Speeding traffic. Lorries to landfill. Proper speed camera
- Stop lorries to landfill
- Stop lorries to landfill and tarmac
- There will always be some lorries. I don't think it is a big problem
- Yellow lines to prevent drive blocking on Limes Avenue, and to improve safety exiting properties
- Yellow lines on Lime Avenue
- Safe places to cross roads
- Road crossing to catch bus
- Safe crossing to catch bus
- Pelican crossing needed on Main Rd

ANYTHING ELSE? 13 comments

- Encourage families
- Community Events
- Wildlife
- Enhancements to the Village Green
- Cycle routes x2
- Traffic measures
- Speeding is excessive through village
- Speeding in village. Parking on Limes Avenue – problem/safety issue
- Discourage cars. More No Through roads
- Could create layby on Limes Avenue re busses who cause obstruction. Though have layby don't use
- Parking is an issue at times
- Grassed area end of Queens walk. Should be hard surface to allow for cars to pass. Currently a mess, particularly in wet months

Summary of findings

Vision:

Of the 14 comments made, half reflected the need to protect the parish's rural environment and the other half identified the need for certain traffic management issues to be addressed.

Housing Needs:

The 6 comments made on housing in the parish reflected the need for a mix of housing to attract younger families and young people and also to meet the housing needs of older residents. For example: affordable housing; 1-2 bed properties; bungalows.

Design:

The 4 responses to this section called for any development design to be sympathetic to the rural area of Nether Langwith, to consider green energy and off-street parking.

Heritage:

The 2 respondents to this section wished for any new housing to reflect the character of the village and highlighted Woodlands and the Green.

Environment:

Comments on the Environment in respect of Nether Langwith were made in The Vision section. Of these, 4 specifically called for protection measures for the rural environment – protecting wildlife and encouraging biodiversity – whilst one respondent called for the whole village to go carbon neutral.

Important Open Spaces:

Six of the seven comments each named a specific important open space, and one respondent called for no development on existing open spaces.

Access and Highways:

This area of the consultation drew the largest number of responses, with a total of 15. In the event of development, the majority of respondents highlighted the need to provide more traffic calming, traffic management, safer road crossings, management of lorry traffic levels and roadside parking measures.

Employment:

All three responses to this section called for office space to be provided in any new housing.

Community Facilities:

There were 12 comments generated by this section. Many reflected a desire for protecting and improving existing facilities, such as the village pub and the village hall, although one parishioner felt the village hall should be sold. Suggestions for new facilities included more play parks, wildlife areas and an emphasis on the creation of more public parking areas.

Anything Else?

There were 13 responses to this section, the majority of which reiterated the range of traffic concerns already expressed. Parking on Limes Avenue was highlighted as a particular safety issue causing concern. Other respondents variously wished to encourage families into the village, as well as community events, enhancements to the village green and the creation of cycle routes.

Images of the event are shown on the following pages:











