

Public engagement meeting, 17th October 2018

Purpose of engagement: To inform the residents of the Plan Area, about the Neighbourhood Plan process and Progress to date.

A condensed version of the Neighbourhood Plan Process and Requirements was displayed for visitors to see, as was a chart showing our progress within this process.

A form asking residents what they liked or didn't like about living in Long Marston had been distributed and offered at the village fete in June. 57 completed forms were returned. The results of this mini survey were available for discussion.

Results:

Things Liked about Long Marston	
Community spirit	43
Shop, Post office	16
pub,	12
Village hall/hobby groups/events	9
Size / Peaceful/ safe Rural location	25
Rural Views	5
Public footpaths/ Greenway	8
Heritage assets	3
Village fete	3
Good mix of buildings	2
Good access to countryside	2
Minimal street lighting	2
Parish Council	1
Church	1
Things Disliked	
No open space/park	6
overdevelopment	20
Not enough for young people/teenagers	5
Traffic speed/ parking	30
Lack of affordable housing for young	2
Dog mess	1
Inadequate public transport	3
Infrastructure not keeping pace with development	1
Lack of school	1
Too quiet	1

Slow internet speed	1
Road condition	1
Inadequate street lighting	1
Overdevelopment of surrounding area	2
Things that could be changed	
Open space/park/playing field	11
Improve public transport	3
Business hub with high-speed broadband	1
Build new village hall	4
Add traffic calming	12
Bigger shop	1
Improve approaches to the village	1
Café / tearoom	1
Link North end of village to Greenway	1
Give more power to the Parish Council	1
Community hub, café, CAB	1
Compulsory hedge cutting next to footpaths	1
More community planting	1

These results show that the majority of residents like living in the village and are content with the facilities on offer. The friendliness and community spirit are extremely important, followed by the size of the village and its setting.

The speed of traffic is the most disliked aspect of living in Long Marston followed by the opinion that it is becoming over developed.

There is a strong feeling that the village needs some sort of traffic calming and an open space for recreation.