

Hartest Neighbourhood Plan

Drop-in Session Questionnaire - 24 September 2015

We'd welcome your feedback and thoughts about the topics on today's display screens. As you go around the display, please complete this questionnaire and place it in the box before you leave. The questions relate to those on each board.

ALL RESPONSES WILL REMAIN ANONYMOUS but will help us to formulate the content of the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

BOARD 3 – PREVIOUS WORK

Question 1 – 2006 Parish Plan Recommendations

We want to know if the recommendations in the Parish Plan are still relevant today.

Leisure						
Explore ways of extending the range of leisure activities and the development of sports facilities in the village	Still required	25	No longer required	3	Don't know	10
<i>Your comments on Leisure</i>						
Community help and support						
Explore ways in which self-help can be extended in the village for the mutual benefit of residents	Still required	24	No longer required	1	Don't know	10
<i>Your comments on community help and support</i>						
Religion						
Explore ways of making greater use of the Church, particularly for events such as concerts or art and craft displays	Still required	30	No longer required	1	Don't know	5
<i>Your comments on religion</i>						
The school and the community						
Forge closer community links with the school by making greater use of its facilities and by encouraging Hartest residents to participate more in the work of the school	Still required	26	No longer required	2	Don't know	7
<i>Your comments on the school and the community</i>						
Parish Council and local government						
Use the Parish Plan as an opportunity to forge a closer working relationship between the Parish Council and the village, so that it can take forward some of the proposed recommendations with the people of the village	Still required	24	No longer required	2	Don't know	8
<i>Your comments on Parish Council and local government</i>						

Transport and communication						
Explore ways in which public and other shared transport schemes could be improved for the village and surrounding areas	Still required	33	No longer required	2	Don't know	1
Draw attention to the lack of reliable mobile phone reception and find ways to encourage the improvement of this and other digital communications	Still required	33	No longer required	1	Don't know	2
<i>Your comments on transport and communication</i>						
The village environment						
To explore ways in which some low-cost housing could be provided within the village	Still required	27	No longer required	4	Don't know	5
To explore ways in which schemes could be developed to reduce the impact of traffic and to make the village safer and more pleasant for pedestrians	Still required	31	No longer required	2	Don't know	3
To inform the Parish Council of the views of village residents, as expressed in the questionnaire, concerning the development of any schemes in future to conserve, manage and use the Green	Still required	30	No longer required	2	Don't know	4
To find ways of making greater use of alternative energy in the village and explore the feasibility of establishing a recycling centre and a compost unit	Still required	24	No longer required	6	Don't know	6
To encourage the Suffolk County Council to take note of the various comments relating to footpaths within the village	Still required	25	No longer required	0	Don't know	11
To explore the possibility of obtaining more land within the parish of a Hartest to develop woodland for the benefit of the community	Still required	16	No longer required	10	Don't know	10
<i>Your comments on the village environment</i>						
Business or work based in Hartest						
To explore the possibility of developing local business premises with some shared facilities that could also encourage a wider range of people into the village for employment	Still required	27	No longer required	2	Don't know	6
<i>Your comments on business or work based in Hartest</i>						
Retail and allied facilities						
To set up a Working Group to explore ways of establishing a community shop in Hartest including the viability of a community shop in Hartest including the viability of such a proposal	Still required	23	No longer required	6	Don't know	4
To explore ways in which The Crown might become more involved in the development of further amenities in the village	Still required	25	No longer required	5	Don't know	5
<i>Your comments on retail and allied facilities</i>						

Board 4 – HARTTEST

Question 2 – Characteristics

What do you cherish about the historic and natural environment?	What areas need improving?

Question 3 – 2013 Household Survey Comments - Allotments and Orchards

Do you agree or disagree with the comments received in the 2013 Survey

Have more land (for growing food)	Agree	13	Disagree	6	Don't know	15
Development of community projects (e.g. as allotments or community orchard)	Agree	22	Disagree	7	Don't know	6
New houses being built around an allotment area	Agree	7	Disagree	11	Don't know	15
Your comments on these statements						

Question 4 – 2013 Household Survey Comments - Woods, Fuel & Energy

Do you agree or disagree with the responses received to the 2013 Survey

Support the potential for harvesting more wood from hedges or woodland	Agree	20	Disagree	5	Don't know	8
Importance of appropriate management of hedgerows	Agree	33	Disagree	1	Don't know	2
Have community energy projects	Agree	22	Disagree	4	Don't know	9
Your comments on these statements						

Question 5 – 2013 Household Survey Comments - The Green

Do you agree or disagree with the responses received to the 2013 Survey

The Green is the “focal point” of the village, “is” the village	Agree	32	Disagree	4	Don't know	0
Protect at all costs as historic core of the village	Agree	34	Disagree	0	Don't know	3
Over-zealous mowing resulting in sterile appearance / over manicured / becoming “suburbanised”	Agree	10	Disagree	14	Don't know	9
Need for more sympathetic management	Agree	14	Disagree	11	Don't know	9
Area of longer grass to give more informal appearance and encourage some wild flowers	Agree	24	Disagree	8	Don't know	3
Remove avenue of pink chestnuts (and have whole area as grass, no road)	Agree	4	Disagree	26	Don't know	6
Encourage more use by children (playground, football, reinstate football posts)	Agree	22	Disagree	8	Don't know	4
Your comments on these statements						

BOARD 6 – STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES

Question 6 - Please let us know if you agree or disagree with the following

	Agree	Disagree	Don't know		Agree	Disagree	Don't know
STRENGTHS				WEAKNESSES			
▪ Attractive location (immediate topography / wider geography)	36	0	0	▪ Through road traffic (amount / speed)	23	5	5
▪ Contours, with many fine views	36	0	0	▪ Lack of "affordable" housing	24	7	5
▪ A desirable place to live	36	0	0	▪ High proportion of older residents	17	7	10
▪ Quality buildings (individual / group)	33	1	1	▪ Lack of children's play facilities	21	5	7
▪ The Green	36	0	0	▪ No general store / post office	28	6	2
▪ Community activities / organisations	30	2	3	▪ Lack of other recreational facilities (eg Tennis / 5-a-side football)	24	4	7
▪ Strong volunteering	24	2	9	▪ Above average house prices	18	9	8
▪ Village church	30	2	3	▪ Heavy vehicles on narrow roads	28	3	3
▪ Pre-school / Primary school	34	1	1	▪ Limited regular bus service	29	3	4
▪ Trees / hedgerows (with high species diversity)	35	0	1	▪ Poor mobile phone / broadband services	31	0	5
▪ The Institute and The Crown pub	36	0	0	▪ Inadequate drainage (surface / foul)	20	3	10
▪ Motor garage / butcher	35	1	0	▪ Overhead cables	18	5	11
▪ Farmers Market	35	0	1				
▪ Village Fete	34	0	1				
▪ Doctors' surgery	36	0	0				
▪ Footpaths network	36	0	0				
▪ Hartest Wood	33	0	3				
▪ The river	33	1	2				
▪ No street lighting	29	0	6				
▪ Parish Council	25	0	10				
THREATS				OPPORTUNITIES			
▪ Inappropriate new development	30	3	2	▪ Scope for additional housing (including "affordable")	26	4	5
▪ Development actioned before Neighbourhood Plan approved	28	1	6	▪ Creation / support of local employment initiatives	28	2	5
▪ Damage to views / natural environment	32	1	2	▪ Increased community care	31	0	4
▪ Limited public funding available	25	1	9	▪ Community transport provision	28	0	6
▪ Sustainability of current services	26	0	10	▪ Community shop	26	7	3
▪ Increasing house prices	25	2	6	▪ Amelioration of traffic issues	27	1	5
▪ Unviable Primary school pupil numbers	23	3	8	▪ Attracting people to Hartest (tourism)	18	10	7
▪ Closure of doctors' surgery	34	0	2	▪ Wider church community use	30	2	3
▪ Closure of The Crown pub as a commercial facility	31	1	3	▪ Creation of public children's play / general sports facilities	25	3	6
▪ Endangered viability of village church	27	1	7	▪ The Crown pub as a centre of the community	25	5	4
▪ Decline in volunteering	20	2	12	▪ Community energy generation	20	2	12
▪ Through traffic (amount / speed)	25	3	6	▪ Creation of Community Land Trust	17	2	16
▪ Heavy vehicles on narrow roads	28	4	2	▪ Exploitation of available public / charitable funding	25	0	9
▪ Ugly energy generation	21	4	9				
▪ Damage caused by wild deer	12	8	15				

BOARD 8 – HOUSING GROWTH

Question 7 - 2013 Household Survey Comments

Do you agree or disagree with the comments received in the 2013 Survey

Many considered their home does not meet their needs. • Need extensions, additional facilities, more space • Need to downsize	Agree	8	Disagree	13	Don't know	15
General acceptance that new houses might be needed for future.	Agree	29	Disagree	1	Don't know	5
Many comments with regard to the nature of the houses. Some clearly oppose further developments.	Agree	15	Disagree	7	Don't know	12
Comments on these statements						

Question 8 – How many new homes in the next 15 years?

If the growth rate of the last 8 years continued, there would be an additional 22 new homes in the village by 2031.

Do you think that in the future the rate of house building in the village should be less, about the same, or more.

Less	11	About the same	18	More	7
Why?					

Question 9 – What type of new homes should be built? Tick all that apply

1-2 bedroom homes	22	3-4 bedroom homes	16	5+ bedroom homes	1	Care homes for the elderly	10	Affordable homes for local people	26
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BOARD 9 – TRAVEL

Question 10 - 2013 Household Survey Comments

Do you agree or disagree with the comments received in the 2013 Survey

<i>speeding - concerns and suggestions for traffic calming</i>						
Use technology to control speed / flashing signs / speed bumps to slow traffic at start of village + within village / enforce speed controls / speed cameras	Agree	23	Disagree	11	Don't know	2
Avoid traffic islands, pinch points etc - too suburban and not in character of village	Agree	27	Disagree	5	Don't know	4
20 mph limit	Agree	24	Disagree	6	Don't know	6
<i>size of vehicles</i>						
Need for restrictions - large lorries and farm machinery (cause damage and too large for roads)	Agree	18	Disagree	12	Don't know	6
Weight limit for vehicles	Agree	23	Disagree	8	Don't know	5
<i>Parking</i>						
Some need for more parking, particularly in The Row	Agree	22	Disagree	5	Don't know	8
Conflict between available parking places and "look" of the area	Agree	27	Disagree	4	Don't know	5
Suggestions for parking site near centre of village	Agree	19	Disagree	7	Don't know	8

Improvement needed near school	Agree	26	Disagree	4	Don't know	6
Need to protect grass verges on narrow roads	Agree	31	Disagree	0	Don't know	6
other comments and suggestions						
Need for sensible bypass	Agree	3	Disagree	23	Don't know	10
Concept that village is a "people-centred" area	Agree	32	Disagree	0	Don't know	3
Maintenance, potholes, winter gritting	Agree	36	Disagree	0	Don't know	1
Comments on Travel statements						

Question 11 - 2013 Household Survey Comments - Footpaths and Bridleways

Do you agree or disagree with the responses received to the 2013 Survey

Excellent network of footpaths, but welcome more (including link between wood and village + other possible links)	Agree	28	Disagree	7	Don't know	3
Maintenance, cutting of vegetation, dog mess, difficulties with push chair	Agree	27	Disagree	1	Don't know	8
Sometimes difficult when path goes across ploughed field but appropriate uncultivated field edges and their potential use	Agree	28	Disagree	2	Don't know	4
Prepare village footpath map for display + useful to highlight where more links could be developed	Agree	33	Disagree	0	Don't know	3
Some adverse use by horse-riders and motor bikes	Agree	15	Disagree	5	Don't know	6
Your comments on Footpaths and Bridleways statements						

Question 12 – Traffic

Do you have concerns about traffic and road safety anywhere in the village?

<p>Yes / No If YES, please tell us where?</p> <p>Yes = 25 No = 6</p>

Question 13 – Travelling out of the village**Do you experience difficulties travelling out of the village:**

To work? If Yes, please provide details.	Yes / No
Yes = 3 No = 20	
To shop? If Yes, please provide details.	Yes / No
Yes = 2 No = 32	
For other journeys? If Yes, please provide details.	Yes / No
Yes = 2 No = 32	

Question 14 – Travelling around the village

Do you experience difficulties travelling around the village? If Yes, please provide details.	Yes / No
Yes = 2 No = 32	

Question 15 – Shops and Other Facilities**Do you agree or disagree with the comments received in the 2013 Survey**

Need for community shop and a post office	Agree	28	Disagree	5	Don't know	4
Recognise that shop also provides focus for social interaction especially if community shop is run as a voluntary project	Agree	33	Disagree	2	Don't know	1
Range of suggestions for what it (the shop) would sell + provide - coffee / tea + other facilities	Agree	24	Disagree	2	Don't know	10
Appreciate previous efforts but worth another try	Agree	25	Disagree	5	Don't know	7
Aware of difficulties + changes in shopping habits	Agree	32	Disagree	4	Don't know	1
Variable responses on how far people would support shop (or other facilities)	Agree	25	Disagree	1	Don't know	9
Recognise value of butcher and garage (currently in the village)	Agree	35	Disagree	1	Don't know	0
Suggestions for allotment area	Agree	15	Disagree	6	Don't know	14
Your comments on shops and other facilities statements						

Question 16 – Community Help and Support

Do you agree or disagree with the comments received in the 2013 Survey

Some people feel they are fine at the moment but recognise they are likely to need more later (as they get older)	Agree	29	Disagree	0	Don't know	6
Currently strong support for doctors' surgery and nurse facility in surgery and need to keep them	Agree	36	Disagree	0	Don't know	0
General appreciation of need for care workers (for older people) + support to enable people to stay in their home	Agree	32	Disagree	0	Don't know	3
Drop in location for health visitor and childcare an issue for some	Agree	21	Disagree	0	Don't know	14
Need for "neighbourliness" and community network	Agree	33	Disagree	0	Don't know	2
Suggestions for neighbourhood watch / anti-theft officer / village bobby	Agree	22	Disagree	2	Don't know	10
Need for shop and post office	Agree	26	Disagree	5	Don't know	4
Your comments on Community Help and Support statements						

Question 17 – Hartest Wood

Do you agree or disagree with the comments received in the 2013 Survey

Valued, but some comments indicate under-used, too far from village	Agree	19	Disagree	10	Don't know	7
Some calls for enlarged wood + features to enhance wild life	Agree	19	Disagree	9	Don't know	8
Your comments on Hartest Wood statements						

Question 18 – Playground and other facilities

Do you agree or disagree with the comments received in the 2013 Survey

Support for children's playground	Agree	24	Disagree	3	Don't know	7
Some calls for sports facilities (including tennis court) though recognition that village population is small to support this fully	Agree	22	Disagree	3	Don't know	10
Some suggestions to work more closely with school (including use of swimming pool)	Agree	31	Disagree	2	Don't know	3
Suggestions for community allotments, community orchard	Agree	22	Disagree	6	Don't know	6
Your comments on Playground and other facilities statements						

Question 19 – Village Facilities

How often do you use the following?

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Less Frequently	Never
The Institute	0	11	12	10	3
The Crown	0	12	14	9	1
Butcher	0	8	13	8	7
Farmers Market			18	14	3

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Less Frequently	Never
Doctor's Surgery	0	0	17	13	2
Hartest Wood	0	4	6	17	6
Garage	0	0	4	19	10
Public Footpaths / Bridleways	11	12	7	4	0

What do you think of the existing services and facilities in the village?

Question 20 – Business and Work

Do you agree or disagree with the responses received to the 2013 Survey

Some work in Hartest or surrounding villages, or part-time, or occasionally	Agree	21	Disagree	1	Don't know	13
Need for post office / parcel collection point / community shop as drop off point	Agree	25	Disagree	4	Don't know	7
Could encourage "hub of activity" if more people worked in village	Agree	21	Disagree	4	Don't know	12
Development of small scale / "rough and ready" units for local work (but not large scale industrial development)	Agree	22	Disagree	5	Don't know	10
Need for improved broadband	Agree	25	Disagree	5	Don't know	6

Your comments on Business and Work statements

Question 21 – Jobs

Would you like to see more jobs provided in the village?

Yes / No	Comments
Yes = 26 No = 5	

ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS?

Thank you for completing the questionnaire and attending our Drop-in event.