

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	<input type="checkbox"/>	No longer required	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>
<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	<input type="checkbox"/>	No longer required	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>
<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	<input type="checkbox"/>	No longer required	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>
<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	<input type="checkbox"/>	No longer required	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>
<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	<input type="checkbox"/>	No longer required	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>
<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		No longer required		Don't know	
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		No longer required		Don't know	
<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		No longer required		Don't know	
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		No longer required		Don't know	
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		No longer required		Don't know	
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		No longer required		Don't know	
To encourage the Suffolk County Council to take note of the various comments relating to footpaths within the village	Still required		No longer required		Don't know	
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		No longer required		Don't know	
<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		No longer required		Don't know	
<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		No longer required		Don't know	
To explore ways in which The Crown might become more involved in the development of further amenities in the village	Still required		No longer required		Don't know	
<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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>
Development of community projects (e.g. as allotments or community orchard)	Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>
New houses being built around an allotment area	Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>
Importance of appropriate management of hedgerows	Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have community energy projects	Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protect at all costs as historic core of the village	Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over-zealous mowing resulting in sterile appearance / over manicured / becoming “suburbanised”	Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>
Need for more sympathetic management	Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>
Area of longer grass to give more informal appearance and encourage some wild flowers	Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>
Remove avenue of pink chestnuts (and have whole area as grass, no road)	Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>
Encourage more use by children (playground, football, reinstate football posts)	Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>
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)				▪ Through road traffic (amount / speed)			
▪ Contours, with many fine views				▪ Lack of "affordable" housing			
▪ A desirable place to live				▪ High proportion of older residents			
▪ Quality buildings (individual / group)				▪ Lack of children's play facilities			
▪ The Green				▪ No general store / post office			
▪ Community activities / organisations				▪ Lack of other recreational facilities (eg Tennis / 5-a-side football)			
▪ Strong volunteering				▪ Above average house prices			
▪ Village church				▪ Heavy vehicles on narrow roads			
▪ Pre-school / Primary school				▪ Limited regular bus service			
▪ Trees / hedgerows (with high species diversity)				▪ Poor mobile phone / broadband services			
▪ The Institute and The Crown pub				▪ Inadequate drainage (surface / foul)			
▪ Motor garage / butcher				▪ Overhead cables			
▪ Farmers Market							
▪ Village Fete							
▪ Doctors' surgery							
▪ Footpaths network							
▪ Hartest Wood							
▪ The river							
▪ No street lighting							
▪ Parish Council							
THREATS				OPPORTUNITIES			
▪ Inappropriate new development				▪ Scope for additional housing (including "affordable")			
▪ Development actioned before Neighbourhood Plan approved				▪ Creation / support of local employment initiatives			
▪ Damage to views / natural environment				▪ Increased community care			
▪ Limited public funding available				▪ Community transport provision			
▪ Sustainability of current services				▪ Community shop			
▪ Increasing house prices				▪ Amelioration of traffic issues			
▪ Unviable Primary school pupil numbers				▪ Attracting people to Hartest (tourism)			
▪ Closure of doctors' surgery				▪ Wider church community use			
▪ Closure of The Crown pub as a commercial facility				▪ Creation of public children's play / general sports facilities			
▪ Endangered viability of village church				▪ The Crown pub as a centre of the community			
▪ Decline in volunteering				▪ Community energy generation			
▪ Through traffic (amount / speed)				▪ Creation of Community Land Trust			
▪ Heavy vehicles on narrow roads				▪ Exploitation of available public / charitable funding			

▪ Ugly energy generation						
▪ Damage caused by wild deer						

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		Disagree		Don't know	
General acceptance that new houses might be needed for future.	Agree		Disagree		Don't know	
Many comments with regard to the nature of the houses. Some clearly oppose further developments.	Agree		Disagree		Don't know	
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		About the same		More	
Why?					

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

1-2 bedroom homes		3-4 bedroom homes		5+ bedroom homes		Care homes for the elderly		Affordable homes for local people	
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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		Disagree		Don't know	
Avoid traffic islands, pinch points etc - too suburban and not in character of village	Agree		Disagree		Don't know	
20 mph limit	Agree		Disagree		Don't know	
<i>size of vehicles</i>						
Need for restrictions - large lorries and farm machinery (cause damage and too large for roads)	Agree		Disagree		Don't know	
Weight limit for vehicles	Agree		Disagree		Don't know	
<i>parking</i>						
Some need for more parking, particularly in The Row	Agree		Disagree		Don't know	

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Conflict between available parking places and “look” of the area	Agree		Disagree		Don't know	
Suggestions for parking site near centre of village	Agree		Disagree		Don't know	
Improvement needed near school	Agree		Disagree		Don't know	
Need to protect grass verges on narrow roads	Agree		Disagree		Don't know	
<i>other comments and suggestions</i>						
Need for sensible bypass	Agree		Disagree		Don't know	
Concept that village is a “people-centred” area	Agree		Disagree		Don't know	
Maintenance, potholes, winter gritting	Agree		Disagree		Don't know	
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		Disagree		Don't know	
Maintenance, cutting of vegetation, dog mess, difficulties with push chair	Agree		Disagree		Don't know	
Sometimes difficult when path goes across ploughed field but appropriate uncultivated field edges and their potential use	Agree		Disagree		Don't know	
Prepare village footpath map for display + useful to highlight where more links could be developed	Agree		Disagree		Don't know	
Some adverse use by horse-riders and motor bikes	Agree		Disagree		Don't know	
Your comments on Footpaths and Bridleways statements						

Question 12 – Traffic

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

Yes / No

If YES, please tell us where?

Question 13 – Travelling out of the village

Do you experience difficulties travelling out of the village:

<p>To work? Yes / No If Yes, please provide details.</p>
<p>To shop? Yes / No If Yes, please provide details.</p>
<p>For other journeys? Yes / No If Yes, please provide details.</p>

Question 14 – Travelling around the village

<p>Do you experience difficulties travelling around the village? If Yes, please provide details.</p>	Yes / No
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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		Disagree		Don't know	
Recognise that shop also provides focus for social interaction especially if community shop is run as a voluntary project	Agree		Disagree		Don't know	
Range of suggestions for what it (the shop) would sell + provide - coffee / tea + other facilities	Agree		Disagree		Don't know	
Appreciate previous efforts but worth another try	Agree		Disagree		Don't know	
Aware of difficulties + changes in shopping habits	Agree		Disagree		Don't know	
Variable responses on how far people would support shop (or other facilities)	Agree		Disagree		Don't know	
Recognise value of butcher and garage (currently in the village)	Agree		Disagree		Don't know	
Suggestions for allotment area	Agree		Disagree		Don't know	
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		Disagree		Don't know	
Currently strong support for doctors' surgery and nurse facility in surgery and need to keep them	Agree		Disagree		Don't know	
General appreciation of need for care workers (for older people) + support to enable people to stay in their home	Agree		Disagree		Don't know	
Drop in location for health visitor and childcare an issue for some	Agree		Disagree		Don't know	
Need for "neighbourliness" and community network	Agree		Disagree		Don't know	
Suggestions for neighbourhood watch / anti-theft officer / village bobby	Agree		Disagree		Don't know	
Need for shop and post office	Agree		Disagree		Don't know	
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		Disagree		Don't know	
Some calls for enlarged wood + features to enhance wild life	Agree		Disagree		Don't know	
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		Disagree		Don't know	
Some calls for sports facilities (including tennis court) though recognition that village population is small to support this fully	Agree		Disagree		Don't know	
Some suggestions to work more closely with school (including use of swimming pool)	Agree		Disagree		Don't know	
Suggestions for community allotments, community orchard	Agree		Disagree		Don't know	
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		Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Less Frequently	Never
The Institute						Doctor's Surgery					
The Crown						Hartest Wood					
Butcher						Garage					
Farmers Market						Public Footpaths / Bridleways					
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		Disagree		Don't know	
Need for post office / parcel collection point / community shop as drop off point	Agree		Disagree		Don't know	
Could encourage "hub of activity" if more people worked in village	Agree		Disagree		Don't know	
Development of small scale / "rough and ready" units for local work (but not large scale industrial development)	Agree		Disagree		Don't know	
Need for improved broadband	Agree		Disagree		Don't know	
Your comments on Business and Work statements						

Question 21 – Jobs

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

Yes / No	Comments

ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS?

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