

**LAVENHAM
NEIGHBOURHOOD
PLAN REVISION 2021**



NEWSLETTER 3



**QUESTIONNAIRE
FEEDBACK**



WE ASKED...YOU SAID...

Who are 'WE'?

We are a group of volunteers who are updating the 2016 LNP to help plan for the future needs of the village. Visit the LNP2 website to see who we are (bit.ly/LNPhome).

Who are 'YOU'?

YOU are the residents who completed the questionnaire. Predictably the older age groups dominated the responses, and sadly no one under 30 admitted to completing the survey (although 12 people did not answer the age question).

The majority of people who responded to the survey have lived in Lavenham for over 11 years, but there was an opportunity for a fresher view of the village from the 21% of responders who have lived here for five years or less.

YOU SAID

You were asked whether the Plan has been good for Lavenham ... 77% answered **YES**.

Should the Plans objectives of sustainability and protection of our unique qualities be retained?
The answers are **YES**, (78% and 95%)

The full questionnaire response will be available at the Village Hall Meetings (see back page)

WHAT ELSE DID YOU SAY?

The questions invited an 'agree' or 'disagree' style of response, so after each section there was an opportunity express the views that can't be captured by ticking a box. All of these (nearly 1000 in total) will be on display at the Village Hall Meeting but here is a flavour of the comments made.

"Enough is enough. Please do not ruin this wonderful village with any more development."

"How do you define Lavenham's unique character? The character is changing all the time."

"Peek Close is a great model of housing delivered through the community. The village should resist mass market developers."

"The Lavenham Design Statement needs a radical revision. A stronger policy on ensuring new builds comply with local vernacular materials and design elements."

"Heritage is important but we don't want to live in a museum. The village must continue to thrive economically and culturally within its heritage setting."

"The immediate issue regarding parking is for residents, not tourists."

"Climate change is now an emergency, and the district and county councils need to be delivering policy (and resources) that recognise this and allow the parish to work with them."

"Important to support small businesses and encourage new businesses to thrive in the village."

"I think the main issues are not about the Plan itself but how some of its policies are interpreted and implemented."

"The people who first had the idea for a Neighbourhood should be applauded as you only have to look as far as Long Melford to see what can happen without it as the developments there show."

The information people provided is valuable and is being used to help answer important questions that affect us all.

AN INVITATION SAVE THE DATE!

Village Hall Meeting open to all

***Sunday 21 November 2021,
12.00 – 15.00***

***Tuesday 23 November 2021,
17.30 - 19.30***

The answers to all the questions will be on view at these public meetings, together with feedback from Questionnaires sent to the business community and planning officials.

The majority of people who replied to the Questionnaire were those with the time to do so, but these village hall meetings will give everyone the opportunity to share a snapshot of Lavenham in 2021.

The formal analysis report will be available at these meetings and will also be on the website together with the full data set from the Questionnaires.

Visit the LNP2 website
bit.ly/LNPHome
or use the QR code

