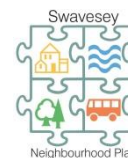


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Atmosphere: The weekly community café held at the Bethel Baptist church hosted by the Swavesey Festival Committee. On the 4th Thursday of the month the church function rooms also host the community Health Visitor which is popular among parents and carers of babies, crawlers and toddlers. Café attendance is relatively high during this session by young families as well as retired and semi-retired residents of Swavesey, Fen Drayton and further afield. Two display boards were on show demonstrating various village maps as well as the NP policy priority areas to stimulate discussion. The NP representatives approached all occupied tables and encouraged discussion. The following comments were made.

1. Housing

- Improve facilities first before allowing additional housing – such as permanent community café, additional local shops to include green grocers, a village hub / community hub where young mums, children / teenagers can meet.
- What's governments housing plan for this area over the next 10 years?
- Increase percentage of affordable houses in any development
- To do our bit for the environment - All new build in the village should be required to have solar panels
- Need to address the infrastructure of the village before more housing is looked at.
- The development on Fen Drayton Road (council housing) is excellent and any new development should include this type of housing.
- Scepticism about latest announcement that there is now 'greater protection for villages from speculative development'.
- Latest local plan is only for 5 years and if they can't seem to be meeting the target it will be changed.
- Protect the northern part of the village (the old part).
- Housing should be in keeping with the village 'feel'.
- Keep barrier between Guided Bus and village.
- We need more social housing for local people. Affordable social housing with 2, 3 and 4 bed houses. Home Close pitched just right.
- We need more bungalows in a mixed estate, even a bungalow area in a mixed estate so not overlooked by houses.
- NO 3 storey houses in housing estates.
- NO coloured exterior like Northstowe.
- New housing developments must be landscaped with a green boundary with tree's surrounding. Not to be overlooked.
- We need another mobile home park, there is a long waiting list. Need to extend the site. NEEDS to be located nearer the doctors.
- Any new houses need more parking with them. Minimum of 2 spaces per house.
- Any new houses need to use the local brick to honour local character. Yellow bricks, slate roofs.
- We need 2 bedroom bungalows with parking for 2 cars on site.

Where should new housing developments be located?

- Over Road – linear development on south side, to match North side

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- Dairy Farm area – Ramper Road to Pine Grove Park – ideal for new village hub/ community centre, larger doctors and housing – most sensible area to develop
- North of Rose and Crown Road behind Boxworth End & Middle Watch to Whitton Close
- Continue to allow small infill projects that match surrounding houses
- Retain the `ribbon village' and utilise spaces on the main road.
- Dairy Farm for housing and possibly doctors surgery
- Retain primary school site as so much money has already been spent on it.
- No more development to the west of Boxworth End.
- Council house development ant Dairy Farm.
- Another mobile home park is needed near Pine Grove Park, there is room to add access to a parallel site.
- Old Dairy Farm site would be the perfect site for a new doctors surgery. Offers a bigger space and room to extend.
- Old Dairy Farm site would be best for a new community centre, village hall, doctors surgery and community space. Needs to be landscaped for people to enjoy and use the space.
- Need more social housing and bungalows on the field between the guided bus and the Manor House. Close to guided bus links.
- New developments should be located on the fields between Rosegate Farm and Swavesey Village College – along Fen Drayton Road and Rose and Crown Road.

2. Getting around the village

- Improve access to the lakes nature reserve
- Additional bridle ways and footpaths to nature reserve from Boxworth End part of the village
- Maintain byways.
- Bus service. We need to improve our existing service.
- New parking facilities for the guided bus.

3. Public open space

- Allow for college sports fields to expand towards A14
- Maintain the lakes and the Fen views.
- Recreation area near Guided Bus.
- We need more environmental green space/landscaping down Boxworth End.
- We need recreational space and a nature reserve (with a pond, tree's in natural landscaping) with benches for locals to enjoy. Need to offer parking or cars will park along Boxworth End road.
- More benches in public green open spaces for those less able to walk far can sit.
- Any new developments need to have space like Constables Rood.
- More recreational space down Boxworth End. Need to balance the village.

4. Flood risk

- Flood plane building – there is an expectation by new house owners that they should be protected from flooding – but that just moves flooding elsewhere – remove this expectation and new build will automatically reduce in these areas

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- A Flood / Water disbursement plan is a must
- Action must be taken to improve the guided bus way footpath / cycle way to stop it flooding – no point in having this alternative safe route if its closed for weeks during the year due to flooding – raise it up
- No building of houses on flood plan.
- Use the flood plain for parking and other village uses, recreation.

5. Village character /community facilities (does this need to be 2 separate policies???)

- Retain and protect all current green spaces
- Protect area round St Andrews church, Manor house and around windmill
- Protect linear aspect of village – it's part of the village character
- More trees and hedges - this should be a requirement of any new build and the aim should be to surround village with woods - helps to reduce run off & flooding & may help to stop further housing developments.
- Orchard – what about the protected land behind Gibraltar lane
- Need for youth centre in village possible on land to the rear of the green or college to include storage.
- Hub for the village for people to meet, coffee etc.
- Need a community centre with parking.
- We need the doctors surgery to stay where it is or very near but it needs to expand.
- The village needs a higher population in order to be viable for a bigger village shop (like a co-op) or a better bus service.
- Doctors surgery needs to be bigger, bigger building and more parking facilities.

6. Employment and business

- Increase number of businesses in Buckinghamway
- Encourage businesses in village to displace outside of residential area.
- Aim must be to reduce/stopping large lorries coming through village, moving Market Square business would also release Market Square parking for High St housing parking and would also allow parking restrictions to be imposed in High St.
- Any new business must have adequate parking facilities
- Retain the separation between Buckingham Way development and the village
- More small offices within existing buildings, good example the offices at Eyes of Swavesey.
- Expand current site, Rose and Crown area as well as Buckingham Way.
- Buckinghamway Estate to expand – allow for expansion around existing site.
- Need to earmark land around Buckinghamway Estate for new employment space.
- Need more parking at Buckinghamway and new employment space.
- Employment estate needs to be landscaped with trees and bund.
- NO housing near Buckinghamway estate.