

Engagement Event 3; Thistle Green Community Centre 24th May 2018



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Atmosphere: Locals are invited to attend the weekly bingo session run by the Thistle Green sheltered housing residents (mainly Sally Unwin) held at the Community Centre every Thursday. The bingo is largely attended by residents of Thistle Green sheltered housing and residents of Pine Grove Park. The session was designed to be a 10 - 20 minute discussion forum on the key NP policy priorities areas. The following comments were made.

1. Housing

More sheltered housing needed, accommodation for a warden is vital.

Effective street lights are vital in sheltered housing sites. This is vital for residents to be mobile in the darker months and to feel safer. This also reduces potential for theft and burglary. Recently 4 residents have reported burglaries from their property. There is a fear that this will continue at a heightened rate.

More security measures in sheltered residential areas.

Pathways need to be sufficiently wide enough to allow safe passage for mobility scooters, wheelchairs etc.

Vital that pathways are maintained as poor condition results in falls that affects health, confidence and general wellbeing.

Ramps and hand rails need to access properties in sheltered accommodation.

Need more single storey accommodation for elderly and disabled. Currently there is not enough. **** speak to SCDC about latest waiting lists for accommodation (of all types especially sheltered/disabled) in Swavesey.

Need more houses for aging population to downsize into. Needs to be attractive not a first time buyers house. High demand.

NO 3 storey housing – this is not part of the character of the village. 2 storey maximum for new developments.

New developments need bigger gardens, these need to be private and not overlooked.

New housing developments must have sufficient parking per house (2 spaces minimum).

Sheltered housing sites MUST have dedicated parking for residents and visitors, not to be used by locals as overspill for standard housing developments. Needs enforcement.

2. Getting around the village

More seating areas are needed to allow aging and less mobile residents to sit if they want to walk around. More seating required in residential, recreational and environmental/green spaces so all can enjoy.

3. Public open space

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We need more managed social space, especially in and near sheltered housing areas.

Play facilities for young children is insufficient, poor. We need more play areas.

We need more play areas in Boxworth End area of the village, this part is underserved. Nothing at Boxworth End.

Village green is not enough, we need more recreational space.

We need to balance the village.

Need more parking in village around spaces.

Need more trees.

4. Flood risk

More trees are needed to landscape new housing developments; to absorb excess surface water and to give privacy to residents in neighbouring residential areas.

5. Village character

We need to keep the 2 ends of the village connected. Currently they are polarising.

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Rural village, need to have bigger garden spaces – long and narrow as the old terraced houses used to have.

6. Employment and business