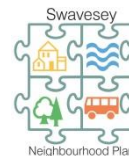


Engagement Event 5; Swavesey PTA Summer Fete 16th June 2018



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Atmosphere: The annual PTA summer fete located on the primary school premises to raise funds to support the school. The Neighbourhood Plan stall was set up in the Main Hall. Two tables hosted maps of the Designated Area along with the printouts of the presentation slides containing the 7 policy priority areas, the Swavesey Character Assessment map with zones, numerous post-it note pads and pens allowed people to write down comments and adhere them to the relevant policy. The background walls displayed a large map of the village, flood plain map, various Neighbourhood Plan posters. The event ran from 11 am – 2pm and was well attended. The stall was approached by between 1-3 people continuously throughout the duration, many others stopped to read all the comments on the post-its and thanked us for our work. The following comments were made.

1. Housing

- Make sure new housing developments balance out the shape of the village i.e. more to the south/less at the north.
- Allow the transfer of new agricultural land to garden land more easily to allow the preservation of green spaces within the village.
- All new builds to have SOLAR PANELS.
- No 'town houses' (3 storey) on new developments. This is a village not a town.
- Encourage 'empty' houses and semi detached houses to be renovated/redeveloped instead of allowing infill /new development.
- New development should be located way off the High Street. The village needs to widen not lengthen.
- Encourage re-use of long derelict buildings.
- Single storey 2 bed bungalows in mixed development needed. Keep elderly or retirement housing with community NOT segregate.
- No 3 storey houses.
- More bungalows.
- Larger properties 4/5 bedroom with bigger gardens instead of small properties crammed into small spaces.
- Houses with gardens, not just more houses.

2. Getting around the village

- Children safety signs near doctors, school and pub area.
- More benches around the village. Need places for people to sit, especially elderly.
- Zebra crossing at doctors surgery. Dangerous for Pine Grove Park residents to cross road to doctors.
- Cycle path along Ramper Road to Longstanton.
- Bypass to the East of Swavesey and Over.
- Close off the "rat run" down Gibraltar Lane, just for school kids to avoid traffic.
- No through signs, restrict access for HGVs
- Traffic Islands, one way has priority in Gibraltar Lane?
- More footpaths, wide, well lit. No blind spots in new developments. More green space.
- No parking on narrow part of High Street.
- Not enough parking in Swavesey. Could put a row of 'pull-in' spaces all along the front of the green next to the primary school.
- Bigger parking area at Swavesey Guided bus car park.

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- (AGREE) – [in reference to bigger parking area at the guided bus stop].
- A. The High Street especially parking as it's dangerous and there have been lots of road rage incidents in front of the school.
- B. We need a parallel main road/2nd High Street, maybe that runs across Ramper Road to take pressure off through traffic.

3. Public open space

- Carbon neutral village, use some public land for areas of solar panels to subsidise village costs.
- Protect environment around church 'nature reserve'¹
- Community orchard in the vacant land in Priory Avenue/Carters Way. Need a green area with grass and play area.

4. Flood risk

- Build on flood plain to the north. Build up the dykes, install more pumping stations.

5. Village character

- A village feel important surrounded by green fields.
- Avoid the village being subsumed into surrounding development. Must remain an independent village.
- More dog poo bins and need bag dispensers.

6. Employment and business

- Commercial property for additional shop and take away restaurants.
- Encourage new restaurants/café – a village café.

7. Community Facilities

- Swimming pool for high school and primary school as well as village.
- (AGREE) – [in reference to a swimming pool for the village].
- Community swimming pool needed. Used to have one at college.
- Need a pool asap.
- Swimming pool.
- Swimming pool for kids to learn and school to use to save travelling to St. Ives for lessons.
- SIL money to be spent on community centre, increase facilities, a café, services, leisure facilities.
- New/bigger doctors surgery with sufficient parking.
- Bigger doctors surgery – expand or move to a closer area.
- DOCTORS stay in village but possibly move to Fen Drayton Road?
- Parking for doctors. Cars drive too fast for residents crossing at Pine Grove.

¹ As per the Character Assessment map on display.

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- Should be more integration of Boxworth End of village as far away from shops/kids play areas etc.
- Balance village – expand at Boxworth End! New big play area like the green down Boxworth End. More recreational green space.
- Long narrow village. Better to make the middle more the central area i.e. make more of the big green area e.g. a community centre.
- White lines outside Boxworth End residents driveways near doctors to stop being blocked in, obstructing access.
- Parks are only for young kids. There is plenty of space for a skate park/bigger kids park facilities.
- Developments are not providing enough funds/support to expand school facilities and doctors etc sufficiently.
- Better parking at Swavesey guided busway. Car park is very small currently.

8. 30 Year Plan

- Solar Panels on all new buildings!
- Future development accepted – but must be controlled and what we want.
- Too old not boltes [?] - new housing