

## Engagement Event 6; Swavesey Festival Gala Day 7<sup>th</sup> July 2018



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**Atmosphere:** The Gala Day concludes the 8 day Swavesey Festival that occurs every 2 years. The Gala day is a village fete which generally attracts a large number of Swavesey residents as well as neighbouring village residents. The Gala day is hosted on the village green between 12 – 5pm and includes a number of community stalls, fair rides and activities, the village produce show and an arena for local displays. The Neighbourhood Plan stall was set up near the entrance of the green next to the Highways Agency stall which displayed plans and information on the major A14 improvement scheme. It was considered to be a prime location as the works on the A14 are having a major impact on Swavesey residents so footfall around this stall was expected to be high. The Neighbourhood Plan stall included two trestle tables with maps and photos 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, flood plain map, various Neighbourhood Plan posters, numerous post-it note pads and pens allowed people to write down comments and adhere them to the relevant policy. The weather was very hot (in excess of 30 degrees and the green offered little shelter) furthermore the England football team were scheduled to play a quarter final match in the World Cup and that afternoon and Fen Drayton were hosting a family fun event on the same day. Given the weather and the other activities going on attendance was lower than usual. The stall attracted a number of people throughout the afternoon, 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

- Well designed homes that are practical for older people
- Housing limited to certain height. NO higher than 2 storey high to maintain village feel.
- No more houses that impact the main road through the village. It is busy enough already
- Housing- more bungalows and more starter homes with gardens and family houses with big gardens
- Local housing for local people
- Houses should only be built if the village has the facilities and infrastructure to support them
- More affordable starter homes
- Housing – if you are going to build houses build on the out of the area not in the area.

### 2. Getting around the village

- More bridleways
- Speed reducing measures!
- Reduce the number of lorries going through the village
- Cycle paths along footpaths
- Speed restrictions near Pine Grove and doctors
- Better parking facilities so that less cars park on road
- Better cycling facilities from over to Swavesey to prevent cyclists using the one sided path with pedestrians
- Must have footpath routes to/from the new developments (especially to schools)
- Village shuttle bus
- Reduce number of heavy lorries on High Street and village
- Increase footpaths and cycleways
- Cycle track as part of the footpaths

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- Cheaper buses – subsidise the guided bus to reduce traffic
- Increase access to guided busway from all areas of the village
- More frequent buses that go through the village
- Reduce the number of lorries going through the village to Dawson's yard

### 3. Public open space

- More woodland and green spaces
- Any play areas need SHADE
- More woodland
- Dog walking areas (nice ones). Stop using green for dog fouling.

### 4. Flood risk

- Avoid flood plain! (in relation to building housing developments)
- Keep the ditches clear! [another added to the post-it note with 'Here here!!']
- Flood risk more trees
- For the need for flats/more economic housing look at how the convened housing that already exists.

### 5. Village character

- Protect what we have
- Stop lorries going thru village
- Size of the village, surrounded by nature (especially the lakes)
- Swimming pool
- Increase the number of independent shops, bakers, greengrocer, chemist

### 6. Employment and business

- More shops to keep local people from having to drive on A14
- Light industry only no more heavy vehicles
- Employers should make provision for parking

### 7. Community Facilities

- Doctors surgery too small in view of developments. Good situation but needs more parking.
- More allotments
- Development needs to consider increased demands on primary and secondary school
- Please can we have a swimming pool
- We really miss the swimming pool
- Mixed style properties; bungalow (2 bed), single bed flats for young people to own as first home. Avoid flood plain! Try and help the linear village.
- Doctors surgery – more central perhaps
- Doctors surgery and parking
- Doctors surgery needs more parking

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- A bus feeder service to the guided bus please. Parking somewhere on the village green. A clearer planning policy. More affordable housing. A swimming pool.

### **8. 30 Year Plan**

- Protected areas
- Primary school – off road parking provision or move it to a site off the main road.
- Village profile as a linear village with farmland between houses should be maintained.