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WOODHOUSE EAVES & WOODHOUSE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DROP-IN EVENT

Saturday 1st September 2018





Consultation Results

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1) Background

Project Brief:

The RCC (Leicestershire & Rutland) was commissioned by Woodhouse Parish Council to:

Support the Woodhouse Parish Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Group to inform and consult the community on the Neighbourhood Plan via one Community Consultation Drop-in Event.

Aim:

The aim of this event was to inform the community on Neighbourhood Planning and gain some initial feedback from residents on what they liked, disliked or would like to see or improve within the parish.

Publicity:

The event was publicised throughout the parish via:

- Publicity Leaflet distributed to all households (Annex 1/ Publicity / Poster/ Flyer)
- Articles in the local Magazine (Annex 1/ Publicity/ Roundabout Magazine)
- Parish Council website

For Reference:

This Drop-in event was held at the King George V Room, Woodhouse Eaves, on Saturday 1st September 2018 from 1pm – 6pm, to coincide with the annual parish horticultural show to help engage as many residents as possible.

Those residents unable to attend the event were able to submit any written comments by posting them at the advertised collection points in the parish.

Drop-In Event Format

	ACTION	DETAILS		
1 ↓	Sign In	RCC Officer/Advisory Group Member asked attendees to complete a short registration form upon entering the event. This enabled the gathering of key demographical data including; post code, age, gender, ethnicity.		
		RCC Officer/Advisory Group Member asked attendees to complete a contact details slip if they wanted to be kept updated with the NP process following the event or help with the project.		
2 ↓	Introduction	RCC Officer/Advisory Group Members provided a brief introduction to the event including; background to the project, format of the event, how to have a say, and how to stay updated following the event.		
3 ↓ ↓	Background to Project	Information outlining the background of the project was provided via a display board. Key points covered included: <i>What is a</i> <i>Neighbourhood Plan, why produce one, what a plan can and cannot</i> <i>do what the plan will look at and the designated NP Area.</i>		
4	Consultation on Key Issues	A series of display boards were erected around the room, each of which focused on a different topic related to planning and development displaying some background information on the parish as listed below:		
•		 Open Green Spaces Environment Footpaths & Bridleways History & Heritage Flooding Renewable Energy Facilities & Services Traffic & Transport Housing Employment & Business/Economy Communications Vision 		
		Having read each of the displays, attendees were asked to list the things that they liked, disliked, or wanted to see or improve in relation to each topic area.		
5 ↓	Visual Maps	Opportunity to indicate important Green Open Spaces. Coloured dots were provided for attendees to highlight green spaces that they valued within the parish (Green – 2 spaces valued for visual amenity; Blue – 2 spaces valued for recreational use); Red – 2 spaces that you think are important for nature conservation (e.g. important trees, wildlife corridors / areas).		
6 ↓	Additional Comments	Attendees were provided with blank slips to enable them to put forward any additional comments relevant to the project.		

2. Background

Demographics					
Total Attendance	102 attendees	s (regi	stered)		
	POST CODI	E ARE	AS REPRES	ENTED	
LE12 8RF Victoria Ro LE12 8RY Main Stree LE12 8RD Mill Road LE12 8B Perry Close LE12 8RW Beacon Ro LE12 8QV Charnwood LE12 8QV Charnwood LE12 8QY Maplewell LE12 8QY Maplewell LE12 8RG Windmill R LE12 8RA Maplewell LE12 8RA Maplewell LE12 8RG Maplewell LE12 8RG Maplewell LE12 8RG Rawlins CI LE12 8RT Church Hill LE12 8RA Meadow R LE12 8RE The Drive	t e bad d Rise ne Road ise d Road Road ad ose	6 8 7 3 7 1 3 4 2 1 5 11 2 1 1 1 2	LE12 8RR LE12 8QZ LE12 8QU LE12 8QU LE12 8UR LE12 8UQ LE12 8UQ LE12 8QT LE12 8QT LE12 8QX LE12 8QX LE12 8SS <i>LE12 8FQ</i> <i>LE11 3NF</i> <i>LE11 2JT</i> <i>LE11 3YA</i> <i>LE67 8LT</i> <i>LE4 8GA</i>	Bird Hill Road Maplewell Road Main Street Hastings Road Beaumanor Gardens Maytree Lane Bird Hill Road Charnwood Rise Beaumanor Drive Hill Rise Brand Hill <i>Quorn</i> Loughborough Shelthorpe Nanpantan Thringstone Thurmaston	1 3 6 3 1 1 1 2 1 1 3 2 1 1 1 1
LE12 8RN Beacon Ro LE12 8SE Tuckett Ro		1 1	NG10 4GR M21 8AT	Long Eaton Manchester	2 1
Gender:	Female Male		62 40		
Age Category:	75 or over 65 – 74 55 – 64 45 – 54 35 – 44 25 – 34 18 – 24 Under 18		14 30 14 17 11 7 3 5		
Ethnicity:	White British White Irish White (other) Indian Other		91 2 1 1 2		

	Traffic & Transport
	IN RELATION TO TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT IN WOODHOUSE EAVES AND WOODHOUSE
Question / Instruction	WHAT DO YOU LIKE
	WHAT DO YOU NOT LIKE
	WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE / IMPROVE?
Total Comments	86
	COMMENTS
	DO NOT LIKE
Parking:	
 Bird Hill Road – I worry about the parking at the narrow bit (turn left at Tuckett). Could we lose one of the grass verges, to widen it. I worry that a fire engine would struggle. Parking on main Street and parents driving on the pavement must be stopped (During school run). Traffic on Maplewell Road – with all the parked cars, in particular on the bends – is very dangerous. and the speed they come down Maplewell Road is just amazing – no thought for anyone else! Parking on pavement not ideal but on some narrow roads it's not avoidable (particularly where there's no off-street parking). There seems to be a big increase in residents parking on Main Street and Maplewell Road – not to mention Victoria! People seem to have two or more cars per house and park on road even when they have off road parking. Main issues – reduction of speed – reduction of traffic (discourage rat run traffic) - Pavement parking – Pavement driving. Main Street is becoming dangerous, especially at the Spa crossroads. we need to park more considerately. Worried about the roads generally – too busy! Parking and driving on pavements must stop!!! I agree The amount of cars parked on roads in the village is a major problem causing chaos for all. Parking around shops is often done inconsiderately – particularly around the 'crossroads' - Maplewell Road, Main Street, Church Hill and Meadow Road. Maplewell Road is getting worse with parked cars – construction traffic and careless and inconsiderate drivers. Inconsiderate parking, especially parking on street where they have off street parking. Windmill Rise to become a private road because everyone parks up there. Speeding: Too many speeding cars through the village. Very dangerous, particularly for 	

- Too many speeding cars. I used to live on Main Street opposite the pub two wing mirrors were smashed off and had a tipper truck collide with my house when a van sped into a parked vehicle.
- The speeding cars through the village is a real problem! 20's plenty and should apply on Main Street and Church Hill in particular.
- Anyone living here in last 15 years or so can recall near miss accidents one day they will not be a near miss anymore! Act Now.
- Traffic through Old Woodhouse dangerous, speed is a problem along with large transport trucks etc. the volume of traffic is constantly busy day and night.
- Speed is an issue a big issue! Coming out of Victoria Road is particularly difficult.
- Speeding is dangerous and selfish. Perhaps need traffic calming devices.
- Have seen so many cars completely totalled pretty certain it is due to reckless driving.
- Not like village used as a road for through traffic. heavy traffic and TOO FAST!!

Other:

- Many residents are allowing their hedges to grow and obstruct the pavement. There are some on Maplewell Road where almost half the pavement is obstructed.
- Why is traffic allowed to use Woodhouse eaves as a cut through/rat run? It is not necessary for this to happen.
- Stop people driving on pavements. sometimes you have to...

WOULD LIKE TO SEE / IMPROVE

Speeding control

- Speeding traffic on Beacon Road in spite of speed signs. Will a permanent sign make any difference?
- Beacon Road speed limit needs to be reduced to 30mph.
- I would like to have an LCC traffic engineer come to the village and justify the 40mph limit on Beacon Road, it is indefensible! The existing limit should be extended to above Broombriggs Drive and 30mph limit introduced at Broombriggs car park.
- Speeding chicanes needed, especially down Maplewell Road and more parking spaces.
- Speed bumps on Maplewell Road.
- I am concerned by speed of 40mph on Beacon Road reduce to 30mph to make the junction opposite Brook Road safer.
- More speed limits on Maplewell Road and Beacon Road. Speed bumps needed or chicane on Maplewell and beacon Road and Church Hill.
- 20mph limit in the village.
- Would like to see speed reduction measures, maximum speed 20mph.
- Urgent action needed on installing of promised average speed cameras on Beacon Road/Forest Road.
- We need a 20mph village limit for Woodhouse Eaves.
- I would like to see the speed limit down Beacon Road enforced. Parking throughout the village is an issue don't know what to do about it any ideas?
- We need rural road speed limit of 50mph as our village roads are littered with car wreckages from speeders.

Bus service:

- I agree with the proposal for a minibus or some way to make public transport more viable accessible. It is not possible at present to use public transport in the evening.
- Evening buses and on Sunday needed.
- Bus service on Sunday evenings.
- More buses, evening buses from Loughborough, Quorn etc. A Sunday bus to the forest e.g. Bradgate.
- Would like an improved bus service.
- Better bus service not frequent enough.
- We need evening buses and on Sundays and Bank Holidays.
- Better bus service.
- The village needs a better bus service.
- More frequent bus service is our main need.
- Not enough buses, one an hour is impractical, why not use minibuses?
- Improve the bus service.

Cycles /Cycle Routes:

- Off road cycle route between villages would link to other paths and enable safer commute to Loughborough.
- Maintain the edges of roads so that it is safer for cyclists. The pot holes in Old Woodhouse are a real hazard for cyclists.
- Consider extension of double white lines on/near bends between GCR station and Woodhouse Eaves to deter overtaking and protect cyclists.
- Dedicated cycle lanes. I agree
- Improved cycle tracks to Loughborough and Quorn for safety and obesity reasons.
- Need a cycling route between Woodhouse Eaves and Old Woodhouse. Current route is not that safe. N.b. If we had this link, then it would be possible to commute to Loughborough on quiet roads and the path through Beaumanor.
- Improve safety for cyclists, access through to Woodhouse through fields/walk track. the gates to change to allow prams and bikes through. safer routing than using the roads which are fast along Forest Road.

Parking:

- The double yellow lines around the junction of Main Street and Maplewell Road were closed when we had 2 pubs on the corner and 2 shops and a chemist etc. They were closed for the parking implications on the corner. Now however, the double yellows could be reconsidered with the current issues in mind with a strong reflection on maintaining the commercial needs to keep the businesses going.
- Press for no parking on any pavement no parking on double yellow lines and enforce.
- Urgent action needed on illegal antisocial parking on Main Street and Maplewell
 Road
- Avoid double parking on upper side of Maplewell Road opposite Curzon Arms and above.
- We need yellow lines on the junction of Maplewell Road and Main Street. Too many cars park on the junction forcing cars onto the other side of the road.
- Urgent action needed on preventing commercial vehicles using e.g. Tuckett Road as a car park.

Traffic Calming:

- Traffic through 'Old Woodhouse' is shocking there are many ways of using traffic calming which won't be noisier then the decibels already heard!
- Traffic calming on Maplewell Park will always be an issue due to village make-up and more people owning cars.
- A traffic calming chicane was trialled in woodhouse many years ago. The comments were positive, except from those who had the waiting vehicles outside difficult to please everyone.
- Please try to avoid putting loads of ugly traffic calming measures in place.
- Traffic calming is very important, especially for Maplewell Road where 30+mph seems the norm irrespective of conditions!
- Urgent action needed on traffic calming.
- Traffic calming on roads are a major concern for emergency services!

Pavements/Pathways:

- Pavements on Maplewell Road are reduced in width because home owners do not keep hedges and trees under control. pedestrians have to walk on the road – impossible to walk two abreast.
- Encourage people to trim back hedges and trees that overhang pavements to maximise the pavement width, especially Maplewell Road.
- Pathway through field from Old Woodhouse to Woodhouse eaves is not possible with a buggy. Could this be changed? Used for school run and could reduce car use.

BMX:

- I would like a BMX/ Pump track somewhere in Woodhouse Eaves. Please!
- I want a BMX track in Woodhouse Eaves like Hicks Lodge and Cannock Chase.
- I would like a BMX track/Pump track.
- I would like a BMX/Pump track somewhere in Woodhouse Eaves.
- A BMX track/Pump track in the village.

Weight Limits / Priority give Way:

- Consider weight limit for vehicles travelling through village.
- Maplewell Road needs a priority give way system to accommodate traffic increase.
- Weight limits on roads, especially Maplewell and Main Street.

Safety:

- Double yellow lines outside Spa Shop to protect pedestrians and to create a clear view of traffic from the right when crossing to the chemist.
- Some double lines just at the exit from the car park by the village hall W/E
- Have no traffic zones at certain times of the day. This would then encourage people/families' children to come out when they feel safe to do so.

- Urgent action needed on sheer density of traffic in Woodhouse Eaves parking, congestion, noise.
- Urgent action needed on the protection of grass verges quagmires in Tuckett and Herrick in winter spoils the beauty of the village.

	Housing		
	IN RELATION TO HOUSING IN WOODHOUSE EAVES AND WOODHOUSE		
Question / Instruction	WHAT DO YOU LIKE		
	WHAT DO YOU NOT LIKE		
	WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE / IMPROVE?		
Total Comments	41		
	COMMENTS		
	LIKE		
• I like that it is in the	countryside		
	NOT LIKE		
• I hate the kind of utter homogenous, treeless brick jungles that typify new housing estates. They smack of cramming as many houses on as small piece of land as possible. I also have no idea whether they have any environmental credentials – do they consider renewable energy, pass heating? Or is it just about maximising profit for developers? * (one person has commented on this and said 'the smallest houses on the new dev on Maplewell still unsold') (another comment added to this was '*I totally agree with all of the above and plans stop building 'millionaire' type houses which no one can afford!)			
WOULD LIKE TO SEE / IMPROVE			
Affordable Housing:			
 Check the demographic first i.e. if want injection of younger people, affordable price cap for families not developers to reap the rewards of demand Young families need affordable houses to keep the village alive. Buy to let should be discouraged as this takes away feasibility and inflates prices Affordable houses needed – small-scale brown-field type sites – maximum £175K I hate the fact that this has become known as a desirable village for rich people – that is not what a village should be! Where are the affordable houses for 'ordinary people'? the prices are continually driven by outsiders prepared to pay exorbitant prices! 'Affordable housing' in the Woodhouses is a pipedream! Each large house built, 			
releases a smaller house down the chain, somewhere near to the bottom of the chair is/ are the affordable home(s). Sadly, not in the Woodhouses No large-scale developments:			
 No large-scale deve We do not need more 	lopments at all re high value large houses! (one comment mentioned (I echo		
'great idea)Woodhouse Eaves of	ocal not for profit building company) (1 comment to this was does not need any further large development cutive' homes – not needed		

No more houses/ developments:

- I don't believe we need more houses we would place too much pressure on our existing village – doctors/ schools/ surgery – we are a big enough village
- Say no to 50 houses!!!! on Maplewell
- Traffic around Breakback Road too busy at peak travel times very dangerous. No
 developments in this area as motorway shortcut already congested
- Do we actually need any more houses? Not convinced

Village character/ building materials:

- Any new properties in keeping with rest of village. No more brick, no more render use stone finish
- Existing housing that is in fitting with the style of the village should not be extended to the extent of doubling up of size therefore Bricks & building materials; less green land
- Build houses in keeping with the village, but you also need affordable housing and more council housing
- Building material should be in keeping with local materials i.e. slate & stone

Housing Needs:

- Additional housing needs for sale in 30% c£120K, 40% 220K 30% 300K
- People who live here seek a certain lifestyle. The demographic need to be considered. Would employment/ leisure match any development?

Infills:

- Woodhouse Eaves is already more denser than many villages giving traffic & parking issues. Some infills yes, but not major new developments
- Any new houses should be on infill sites only. Housing should decrease in density towards edge of village

Keep as village:

- Keep village as a village!
- Please don't put up too many houses each year, otherwise it will turn into a town

Parking:

- New builds need to have parking facilities as part of their plan
- OFF street parking 1 place/ bedroom

Rented properties:

- It worries me that that there seems to be quite a few houses bought and rented out as too many can threaten the sense of community
- New builds appear to be bought as investments to rent rather than houses

Selby's:

- Persuade Selby's to sell up
- Solve housing development for years & no lorries (one person commented on this and mentioned 'no we love Selby's)

Balance houses around the village:

• Housing needs to be balances around current village. E.g. 50 houses at the edge of the village is a bad idea from a traffic and community perspective

Greenfield Development:

• No greenfield development

Houses for sale:

 Some of the large houses on the site of Zachary Merton are still on the for-sale market

Impacts on housing:

 Concern that any housing does not seem to take into account wider impacts – roads/ traffic, schools etc

Local Housing:

• We need more housing in the village for the locals

Sheltered Accommodation:

 Provision of sheltered accommodation for the elderly infirm so they don't have to move from W/E

Starter Housing:

 Sensitive development of small starter housing on a limited scale – but in cottage style with preservation of trees

Suitable area for development/s:

 It is essential that the you identify an area/area's suitable for future development. Perhaps below the Bulls Head where permission was refused 20+ years ago. In the event that Charnwood can be shown not to have a 5 year supply we will be faced with new unappropriated application. If we have our own plan for sustainable development which helps to address the nationwide housing shortage we may be able to resist the development of which we don't want, in favour of those we do.

- Accept that housing is expensive and in demand because people want to stay here for life. Building loads of new houses would destroy what makes it such a great place to live
- This was a village for the Beaumanor Estate workers. Didn't have cars, so the houses didn't need garages. Stop infills on the main routes we love our village

	Facilities & Services	
	IN RELATION TO FACILITIES & SERVICES IN WOODHOUSE EAVES AND WOODHOUSE	
Question / Instruction	WHAT DO YOU LIKE	
	WHAT DO YOU NOT LIKE	
	WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE / IMPROVE?	
Total Comments	46	
	COMMENTS	
	LIKE	
Shops:		
 We are lucky to have a corner shop/ pharmacy doctors – hairdressers We are very lucky to have the facilities we have. Good shops/ pubs/ doctor's chemists etc also our precious approaches to the village Good fruit and veg shop (one person mentioned seconded. Although Jay's has improved recently) 		
Surgery:		
 We like the convenience of the doctor's surgery Oakwood Pharmacy much appreciated Doctors surgery is v. good 		
Allotments:		
The allotments are aAllotments are great	precious asset, loved by the whole community & well supported	
Leisure & Recreation	onal:	
	 We are fortunate with our Football & tennis facilities, and playground Playground is well used 	
Post Boxes:		
Lots of post boxes!	Great!	
Other:	Other:	
 for a community, alb The diverse range of support & publicity for support & publicity for the village has an e We have very good for the very good for the very happy with 	s fortunate in having nearly all the facilities considered essential eit some are basic f classes & activities offered in both village is stunning. The or these needs to be acknowledged & maintained xcellent range of community buildings facilities and services which promote a strong community n all the facilities here. We are very lucky in Woodhouse Eaves. I rooms in old woodhouse!	

WOULD LIKE TO SEE / IMPROVE

Scout Hut:

- Bring back the scout hut ASAP!
- When are the scouts coming back!
- Where is the scout hut? This very building should be the home of local scouting
- Re-embrace local scout group by helping them take ownership of new scout hut ASAP and ownership mutually of village facilities
- We need a new scouts hut
- Bring scouting back into the village (one person has mentioned new scout hut?)
- Scout hut!
- Huge scout hut
- Youth groups such as scouting back in the village
- The scout hut problem needs resolving (one person agreed to this comment)

Access:

- As a seriously disabled wheelchair user with advanced MS I would like to know whether a neighbourhood plan can assist me in pressing for positive discrimination. I rely on motorised transport and good road & pavements surfaces are a top priority as are access issues for shops (currently only the pharmacy & eating and drinking, currently only the Curzon & Old Bulls Head)
- We have good facilities in W Eaves. My concern is that with the increased parking emergency services have difficulty accessing some areas. Victoria road in particular

GP/ Surgery:

- Female GP
- Driveway to Dr's surgery is very rough and dangerous

Park:

- Make the monkey bars higher in the park
- Make the monkey bars taller!!

Young People:

- Groups & clubs for young people
- Younger residents however, need more so a focus on youth facilities would improve things for them – including a permanent scout hut

Allotments:

• Better security allotments (Fence!)

Library:

• Do we have a library?

Local News:

• Roundabout is another example which benefits both villages – especially when it communicates about what is about to happen rather than just write ups

Parking:

• A bit more public parking space

Policing:

• What about the police? Reduced police capability puts us all at a greater risk

Protect:

• Protect at all costs the pharmacy, PO counter, the surgery & general stores

Roads:

• Exiting is quite dangerous, can't see – particularly to the right!

School:

• School seems to be at capacity so will need to plan for increasing demand

Tennis Courts:

• Make tennis courts easier to access

Village Hall:

• The village hall is also an important meeting place

Voluntary Services:

• Could voluntary services be included e.g. good neighbour scheme?

- Lower Beacon Hill playground needs more facilities
- Main street is scruffy because many house fronts need weeding & sweeping

	Renewable Energy	
	IN RELATION TO RENEWABLE ENERGY IN WOODHOUSE EAVES AND WOODHOUSE	
Question / Instruction	WHAT DO YOU LIKE	
	WHAT DO YOU NOT LIKE	
	WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE / IMPROVE?	
Total Comments	26	
	COMMENTS	
	NOT LIKE	
Solar Panels:		
 Solar panels on the roof are an unpleasant eye sore. You only have to see how they are all over the houses in Devon Solar panels on houses are ugly and a waste of money for most households considering the poor feed-in tariffs and pay-back periods 		
 Wind Turbines: Please no wind turbines!!! They seem to be popping up everywhere but rarely moving 		
WOULD LIKE TO SEE / IMPROVE		
 Solar Panels: Housing in conservation areas should not be prevented from having solar panels Solar panels on rooftops Add more solar panels please There is no place for solar panels on the roof of houses, they are hideously unsightly. All new industrial/ agricultural buildings should be required to carry solar panels to 		

- raise national production of renewable energy. Not to benefit individual house owners.
 Solar papels to homes within conservation area should be on reverse pitches.
- Solar panels to homes within conservation area should be on reverse pitches concealed from public view
- Encourage solar panels (one person agreed to this comment)
- Solar rood slates (once available*) would give renewables without being an eyesore.
 *not many years!
- Solar hot water & photo Voltaic ponds = $\frac{1}{2}$ average needs

Renewables Energy Supply:

- We need to do more to adopt renewables and we need to do it faster. Climate deniers are ignorant fools! Technology is making better, more cost effective renewable energy solutions we should all have access & be adopting them
- The village needs to establish a renewable energy supply ASAP. By 2050 at current rate of use we will be dead
- Renewable energy must be encouraged and used. We need to find good ways of using design which fit in with the village environment
- We cannot ignore the need to use renewables and recent advances in their technologies make them far more effective and better, less intrusive designs which can be incorporated well into new builds.

- All forms of renewable energy need to be encouraged producing and delivering energy has always produced eyesores!
- Renewable energy is a must if we are to avoid the very real risk of a runaway greenhouse world

Windmills/ Turbines:

- Let's use the windmill. What happened to the money we collected?
- Wind turbine on windmill hill to feed village facilities
- We waste a lot of the potential wind energy available. I'm ok with more wind turbines provided that there is no noise nuisance to residents
- Local wind turbines or two!

Air/ Ground Source:

- Air-source or ground-source heat pumps should be encouraged with grants. They are efficient and make sense
- Encourage ground/ air source heat pumps & whole house ventilation

Rain Water Collection:

- Rain water collection from roof tops or should be part of planning consent
- Water sensitive urban design to reduce rain water run off it should not go into the sewer

Other:

Insist on <u>much</u> better insulation and air tightness than required by building regulations

	History & Heritage
	IN RELATION TO HISTORY & HERITAGE IN WOODHOUSE EAVES AND WOODHOUSE
Owerting (Instruction	WHAT DO YOU LIKE
Question / Instruction	WHAT DO YOU NOT LIKE
	WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE / IMPROVE?
Total Comments	19
	COMMENTS

LIKE

- Great range of historical buildings, eclectic mix of design styles.
- I like the slate walls, I like the beautiful heritage architecture, I like the more modern buildings that have been sensitively integrated at appropriate scale. I like that the heritage quality of the villages has been well preserved.
- I like the fact that some new buildings have been built using local materials and designed to fit in with surrounding older ones. Nothing wrong with copying vernacular styles that are in sympathy with others!

DO NOT LIKE

• I don't like new buildings being made to copy old buildings. I agree.

WOULD LIKE TO SEE / IMPROVE

Character/style:

- Infill that compliments existing heritage buildings and doesn't dwarf them. The style and character of buildings that gave Woodhouse Eaves its architectural and heritage integrity has been progressively eroded less of a problem with Woodhouse.
- Keep business and private dwellings in the style and character of Charnwood Forest where possible (maintain slate roofs and red brick).
- Keep the village as it should be in the style of the present building. This is an area of 'Outstanding beauty' and a conservation area, please keep it as this, it's not a town!!
- I think that any new building must be in keeping with the 'look' of the village. There needs to be an overall design plan, or it will end up as a 'mismatch'
- New buildings should be built in the style of the village. this was done for hundreds of years. It still should be done it's NOT copying old buildings.
- Keeping the character of this village by building in village style.
- To preserve the character of traditional styles of the village. It needs builds or extensions built to compliment the properties.
- Much stricter conforming to the village design statement to retain the 'look' of the roads with heritage buildings on.
- Sensitive infill buildings and additions which reflect village use of materials and maintain its character are important. new builds should not dominate or attempt to 'make a statement' I agree with this comment.

Conservation Area:

• Extension of Conservation Area up Maplewell Road and Victoria Road. I agree.

- Care must be taken to ensure any new buildings are not designed as a pastiche of existing architectural styles purely to satisfy the popular idea that new housing should be 'in keeping' Excellent modern/contemporary design should have its place.
- Keep a residential caretaker, in keeping with the history of the village e.g. the village hall.
- Greater involvement and support of Heritage Lottery Funded 'Charnwood Regional Park' Woodhouse and Woodhouse Eaves are core settlements that help define the character of this region.
- Woodhouse Eaves has always been a destination for the people of Leicester for days out etc. It is important that this is considered for not only residents but all of Leicestershire.
- How can we stop our stone walls being knocked down around the parish? (by walkers, runners, mountain bikers).

• A cafe/visitor centre in the Lower Beacon car park. There was a planning application submitted for this – what's happened?

Business support/development

- A centre for local crafts people to work, display and sell. Yes please!
- We will see more small business enterprise's run from domestic premises and faster broadband will be vital.
- The village directory listed many businesses and employers. I know it was written a long time ago, but many are still here.
- Encourage smaller businesses with a local focus, building on the special character of the locality and promoting it. Employing locals.
- 'Springboard Centre' for smaller developing companies. Use one of the existing buildings include phone, secretarial, reception services.
- More employment opportunities allow limited new development of business space.
- Focus on what we are fortunate to have: A village surrounded by some of the best countryside in the area. Encourage walkers, horse riders, runners. Agree!
- Maybe another local taxi business.

Significant Business/employer:

- The doctor's surgery is a significant business.
- The village school, Maplewell School and Welbeck College are significant in these villages as both employers and in a slightly maybe different way as businesses. Could they be included please?

Landlords:

- Fewer absentee landlords can shops be allowed to buy their leases so they can afford to stay, rather than them paying higher and higher rents.
- Make absentee landlords adequately maintain their shops/properties. The neglect is unsightly and can affect neighbouring properties as well as tenants.

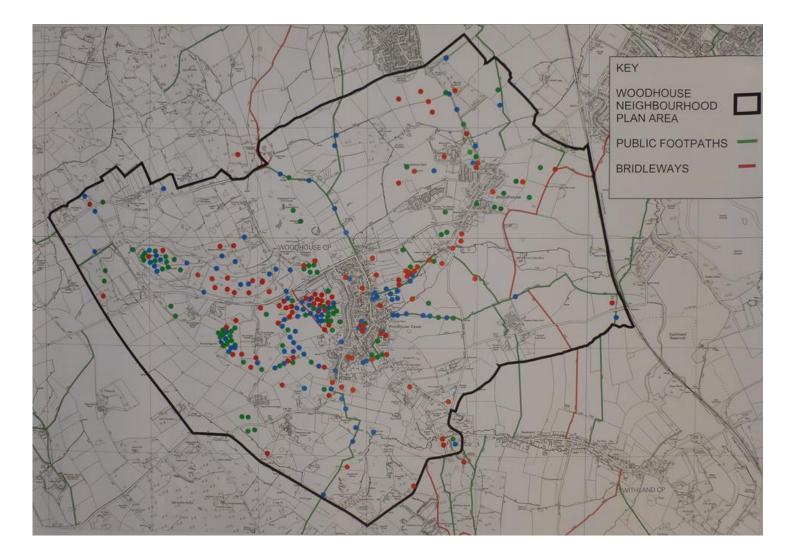
Business Rates:

• We are lucky to have our shops and I would like to see favourable business rates, so they don't get priced out.

- The village should be consulted on Beacon and Windmill Hill and Broombriggs matters. possibly provide volunteers for everyday tasks.
- Your Butcher is for life, not just for Christmas
- Make the corner shops sweets cheaper because they are very expensive.

	Open Green Spaces	
	IN RELATION TO OPEN GREEN SPACES IN WOODHOUSE EAVES AND WOODHOUSE	
Question / Instruction	WHAT DO YOU LIKE	
	WHAT DO YOU NOT LIKE	
	WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE / IMPROVE?	
Total Comments	17	
	COMMENTS	
We are immensely pThe villages have a	LIKE Is are the reason many people live here privileged to have the amount of greenspace that we have green character – not only open spaces but trees in private areas e and conservation value of the area	
	WOULD LIKE TO SEE / IMPROVE	
 Protect/ Preserve open spaces: We are so lucky to have Broombriggs & the Beacon – we need to protect & preserve them for us all to enjoy together! Also, please take your litter home!! Prevent splitting large gardens for development. Protect these open spaces Maintain & preserve countryside & open spaces. These are not places for business development All open spaces in the village to be preserved We must not allow any more of our green spaces to be developed upon – even the fields outside the village or on the edge. Many of which I understand are owned by prospective developers Preserve all green/ wooded spaces Less bricks & mortar & more natural open spaces. This is a truly beautiful place keep it that way There are so many beautiful secret places here too, please protect them 		
Views:Avoid developments	that blight superb views	
	de villages so should look to maintain their 'green' character with en spaces maintained	
	strian routes to old Woodhouse, Quorn, & Loughborough. As ops at roundabout on A6 (Woodville Roundabout)	
Other: • Keep it all. Its precio • Do not develop on g	ous reen @ Tuckett/Herrick & Bird Hill roads!	

Important Open Green Spaces		
	Please use the sticky dots provided to identify on the map any important green spaces that you value in the Parish	
Question / Instruction	Please place a BLUE dot on up to 2 spaces that you value most for Leisure & Recreation (e.g. walking, cycling, relaxing, playing, or sport).	
	Please place a GREEN dot on up to 2 spaces that you value most for their visual amenity (view of, from or within the village).	
	Please place a RED dot on up to 2 spaces that you think are important for nature conservation (e.g. important trees, wildlife corridors / areas).	



Environment				
Question / Instruction	IN RELATION TO THE ENVIRONMENT IN WOODHOUSE EAVES AND WOODHOUSE			
	WHAT DO YOU LIKE			
	WHAT DO YOU NOT LIKE			
	WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE / IMPROVE?			
	33			
COMMENTS				

LIKE

- Wildlife corridor for wild animals very important for identity of village and nearby country park of Beacon. Foxes and rabbit's wildlife tracks seen using tree line near fields Breakback Lane.
- There are a lot here, so let's protect them.

NOT LIKE

Gates:

- Too many unnecessary gates on Broombriggs.
- Too many fences and gates ay the Beacon and Broombriggs. I agree, especially the fences.

Planting:

• Trees are beautiful in their place. Some recent planting at the Lower Beacon and on Broombriggs have damaged a beautiful place and have spoiled/restricted views

WOULD LIKE TO SEE / IMPROVE

Protect/Develop:

- This is a beautiful area and we are lucky to live here. It must be protected, and it would be wonderful to develop new areas of interest and protect them. I agree with the education of children from a very young age.
- The expansion of neighbouring villages has seen the erosion of our precious countryside. Woodhouse Eaves, Woodhouse etc are the heart of Charnwood Forest

 a breathing space for many and must be preserved, both geologically and in terms of wildlife.
- We are a loved destination and have many, many visitors who come to appreciate the beauty of our natural spaces. We are so lucky and are privileged custodians. I feel strongly that we need to protect our environment.
- The wonderful wildlife areas must be protected for animals to thrive. No more building on agricultural land as this would reduce the habitat for natural wildlife.
- Preserve the Charnwood Forest. It is an area of outstanding natural beauty and this should be the focus of the plans.
- Protect the green spaces within and surrounding the village preventing any development to protect this area for future generations.
- Protection of wildlife corridors and trees as well as larger sites.
- Wildlife corridors/ areas? To encourage insects.

• Care must be taken to prevent fragmentation of habitat and to maintain wildlife corridors. Identify Swift nesting areas so that any re-development or renovation incorporates nesting boxes.

Footpaths:

- No more fenced-in footpaths. Those on Broombriggs and more recently the permissive path between Dean's Lane and Breakback Road have spoiled the natural charm of these areas. Consider signage to keep trail users on track.
- Less 'manicured' (gravelled) footpaths more natural.
- Keep footpaths open. Fenced off paths like on Broombriggs and permissive path near beacon detract massively from attractiveness of stiles.
- Open up more tracks across the farmland to allow exercise and enjoyment for everyone.

Further building/Development:

- Any further building into surrounding area should be forbidden as we have already put the future of nature at risk of destruction.
- Our environment is what makes this place special a combination of the special geology, SSSI's, parkland, pathways and surrounding countryside and farmland. Intrusive development on any of these areas is detrimental to the whole.
- Keep the Beacon natural no building development e.g. cafés.

Educate:

- There are many places that are delicate and sensitive and rich in wildlife, so we need to educate our children about their importance.
- Conservation of our green spaces and appropriate management is essential if we want an ecological legacy that is worthwhile for future generations. Public education initiatives are important to help achieve this.

Maintenance:

• Better management of 'Swithland Woods' it is becoming a car park.

Noise:

• Reduce the noise of road traffic by reducing the speed on rural roads to 50mph.

Dust:

• Reduce the dust pollution that an east wind brings to Woodhouse Eaves.

Industrial farming:

• Find ways of reducing industrial farming methods that are destroying our countryside

Gardens:

• Discourage people from selling off large mature gardens for development. Destroys existing habitats.

Verges:

• Green areas include grass verges which are being seriously damaged by vehicles parking and mounting verges to pass parked cars.

Gates:

• No increase in METAL fences and gates on Broombriggs and the Beacon. I agree.

- The woods and Trout Pond between Maplewell and Joe Moore's Lane I feel sure was designated as an SSSI in the 1990's not shown on map
- Make houses for animals like Hedgehogs and Foxes and Critters.
- Try getting rid of the invasive weed Himalayan Balson to stop its further invasion.

	Communications
	IN RELATION TO COMMUNICATIONS IN WOODHOUSE EAVES AND WOODHOUSE
Question / Instruction	WHAT DO YOU LIKE
	WHAT DO YOU NOT LIKE
	WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE / IMPROVE?
Total Comments	14
	COMMENTS
	NOT LIKE
 e.g. maintaining co We have phone sign unacceptable for the Mobile phone signal We have no mobile Poor mobile phone r Mobile phone signal Poor mobile signals Mobile phone conne Very poor reception infrastructure 	s are intermittent but Vodafone pretty good – need to be improved ction is unreliable in the village – it is almost a joke. Need better comms d reception in both villages
Broadband:	WOULD LIKE TO SEE / IMPROVE
 Better diversity of br Better broadband pr Improve broadband 	
Mobile signal:Much better mobile ofFewer mobile phone	comms e masses – can't they all use one

	Footpaths & Bridleways
	IN RELATION TO FOOTPATHS & BRIDLEWAYS IN WOODHOUSE EAVES AND WOODHOUSE
Question / Instruction	WHAT DO YOU LIKE
	WHAT DO YOU NOT LIKE
	WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE / IMPROVE?
Total Comments	20
	COMMENTS
	WOULD LIKE TO SEE / IMPROVE
 tracks. We must p them, the benefit Protect network in The quality of our people from miles missing is an off-response of the people from miles Our footpath network generations Woodhouse and the people of the people from miles 	y to have such a well-maintained number of so many footpaths & oreserve them. They are so well used it demonstrates the need for people get from them including permissive trails footpaths and variety of landscape is a precious asset & attracts a around. I would like to see them protected. One footpath that is road route to Swithland work is a precious commodity and should be preserved for future Woodhouse Eaves have unique access to open footpaths with at should be protected
 summer There are many windividuals enjoy. The footpaths up Please keep all the can and can't go Maintain footpath Some footpaths contrained on the server in a dare many are in a dare Encouragement to the server in the s	can be difficult to go through, but we are very lucky to have them to improve the quality of maintaining our footpaths & bridleways ngerous state o voluntary groups – scouts, brownies, clubs etc to 'beat' the tain footpaths open wherever possible instead of becoming
	idleways and footpaths. I have gone by the roads which were safe are now not for walking or cycling
	as improved where there are stiles – it is hard for elderly people to & people with disabilities
	igns of way markers to keep people on footpaths n Vic Road & Church Hill has no bike on one end and no sign on rrow for bikes!

Horses:

• Keep horses out of Broombriggs or else!

Other:

- So fortunate with miles of footpath. Please don't fence any more in (e.g. Broombriggs, or permissive path between Deans Lane & Breakback Road) it spoils the natural character
- Bridle paths essential (anything to prevent piles of horse dung on pavements)

	Flooding			
	IN RELATION TO FLOODING IN WOODHOUSE EAVES AND WOODHOUSE			
Question / Instruction	WHAT DO YOU LIKE			
	WHAT DO YOU NOT LIKE			
	WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE / IMPROVE?			
Total Comments	7			
COMMENTS				

NOT LIKE

- Maplewell Road and straight into the pharmacy as has happened a few years ago and 15/20 years ago.
- Continuing flooding in Meadow Road. Look at pothole. Cyclists die if these aren't filled, drainage inadequate.
- People shouldn't brush leaves into the street to block up the drains this causes flooding.

WOULD LIKE TO SEE / IMPROVE

- More regular drain maintenance to prevent 'flash flooding' blocked drains in the winter time.
- The roadside drains need keeping clear that would help with heavy rain running down.
- This doesn't seem a big concern for the village. Largescale developments may impact run off.
- Flooding is not a particular issue in Woodhouse Eaves other than heavy rain run-off from the hills – so drain maintenance is essential for this.

YOUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF WOODHOUSE EAVES & WOODHOUSE

Question / Instruction

WHAT DO YOU THINK THE PARISH SHOULD BE LIKE IN 10-15 YEARS?

Total Comments

COMMENTS

Preserve character:

- Retain the integrity of the village. This exhibition shows what we enjoy but we also need to develop to attract the diverse community we enjoy agreed
- Preserve the village feel and character keep it the same size. This works well and is a great size for community feel
- We need to preserve our beautiful village which we are so lucky to live in protect what we have not build more
- Remain the same and no new building

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- My vision is that any development in the future enhances the character and beauty of the villages and contributes to community positively. Also, that the surrounding countryside is not changed
- Need to remain the original village
- The same beautiful village/s that Woodhouse eaves and Woodhouse are now

Size:

- Not any bigger
- Similar size improved safety for pedestrians
- Not much bigger it works around this size
- Similar size but more efficient energy use
- No bigger, but with improvements to traffic problems
- Similar size, with any new development built in a style in keeping with the area

Improved facilities – young people:

- Investment in the children's play park. There's room/scope for better/improved facilities
- The council should invest in a BMX track
- They should buy a BMX track
- Get a BMX Pump Track!!!!! Please
- Youth Club
- Facilities for the youth, young people of the village

Safer:

- Have a safer environment with less traffic, 20mph max
- A place where children are safe out of the house
- Same as now but better and safer roads and pavements
- More safe places for children to play
- Roads free for children to play in safety

Affordable housing:

- Include more affordable housing, village green, better pubs
- Provision of 3 bed housing sub £300k
- Small scale brown field type affordable housing (i.e. <£175K)
- More affordable housing
- Affordable housing or village will slowly have no younger people

Sustainable living/renewable energy:

- Living sustainably
- Local power generation
- Wind turbine on Windmill Hill to run village hall etc
- Discourage plastic use

Community:

- The community needs to grow with the village
- More inclusive community events, a village fete, attract food and drink festivals etc
- Keep the fantastic community spirit

Peaceful/Rural:

- To remain peaceful and rural. The use of village as a through route to be discouraged by redesign of roads
- Peaceful interesting and less traffic

Green spaces:

- Keep green spaces and agricultural land to keep natural environment
- A village green near the crossroads

Community:

- The community needs to grow with the village
- More inclusive community events, a village fete, attract food and drink festivals etc
- Keep the fantastic community spirit

Traffic calming/speed:

- Traffic calming measures that work
- Better control of speed on the roads

Leisure:

• A continued leisure resource for Leicestershire – green, not built up

Wildlife:

• Protect out wildlife

Trees:

• More trees to help pollution - agreed

Improved communications:

Better Broadband

Better public transport:

• Have public transport that eliminates the need for cars

Young families:

 Without young families, the village will die. We have an ageing population, sure, but we need young families to keep the community thriving amenities for children are key

Parking:

Managed parking in centre of village and approach roads

Design:

• Adherence to village design statement to reclaim design integrity

No development:

• No more developments that eat up agricultural land and green space

Additional Comments Received

TRAFFIC and HIGHWAYS, relieving current problems:

1. Could we work towards a 'semi-pedestrianised' crossroads area in the centre of the village, like Loughborough and many other places, allowing mixed use but vehicles only if at slow speeds? This would deter through-traffic except buses and shoppers etc. The area could encompass the park to one side and the entrance to St. Paul's Church the other.

2. Add parking (and a path to school) on the southern side of the village near St. Paul's church

3. Relieve Pressure at Bull's Head Crossroads by making it one-way into village. Use Birdhill as one-way exit or vice versa.

FACILITIES

A) The Green on Birdhill is an under-used common space. Should it have infant play equipment, a community-maintained wildlife pond...?

B) The King George's fields contain a mix of under-used set of buildings yet we have nothing devoted to youth. No sports training, no youth club, no Scout Hut, no Band Practice facilities, no Art Workshops, no start-up business hive, no Teen Cafe....

STANDARDS and SUSTAINABILITY

Can we as a neighbourhood force all new builds to have high levels of sustainability e.g. assessed against BRE quality standards <u>http://www.homequalitymark.com/</u>

Will we be able to insist that all 'public' buildings (including the school) meet higher standards than lowest acceptable to meet Building regs. ?

Could we encourage anybody doing excavation works to consider Ground Source Heat Pumps either for private or community consumption? Could we encourage other neighbourhood efforts on sustainable energy?

SHAPE of the village

If expansion must come at some point (even if a decade away) should we encourage it towards Quorn? Down past the Bulls Head for instance? We should maintain the sense of a village centre rather than allow a linear sprawl out to the East up Maplewell Rd. with the crossroads and school concentrated on the opposite end.

BUSINESS and ECONOMIC matters

Although tourism (and the B&B industry it spawns) seems to be growing in the village there is little by way of local regular career work. Could we encourage a site (perhaps within Maplewell School) to be developed as a 'rural-skills' training area: e.g. use of Agricultural Machinery with formal accreditations? Possibly as an adjunct to Brooksby College? Thanks for indulging me.

Footpaths

No more fenced in paths

Renewable Energy

No wind turbines ever! Encourage solar panel installation

Business expansion

Independent businesses OK - no chain stores

<u>Housing</u>

Single in-fill developments, no large-scale developments. Preserve village boundary and density

Children's Comments Received (ages 4/5)

WHAT I LIKE ABOUT WHERE I LIVE

- I like the colours
- I like the shape
- I like my bedroom
- I like living near horses
- I like living next to lots of places
- I like the park
- I like the park
- I like Rainbows
- I like that we can have parties here and discos
- I like the school because of my friends
- I like school

WHAT I DISLIKE ABOUT WHERE I LIVE

I don't like the poo Dog poo near the school I don't like the Village Hall I don't like the Spa

IDEAS TO HELP IMPROVE WHERE I LIVE

Please can we have a Zip Wire in the park I'd like a Zip Wire on the park please Please can we have a basket swing I'd like a trampoline A see saw in the park



Publicity Flyer

Woodhouse and Woodhouse Eaves Neighbourhood Plan Community Consultation Event



Saturday 1st September, 1pm-6pm King George V Room (behind the Village Hall, coinciding with the Horticultural Show)

Tell us what matters to you!

About the Event

Information about our local area will be on display. Everyone will be invited to give their views on topics such as **business**, **environment**, **housing**, **heritage**, **services** and **transport**. All views will be recorded to inform the Neighbourhood Plan.

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

A community-led planning framework that will represent the vision, aims and planning policies for the future of our area. It is used when assessing planning applications, alongside the Charnwood Local Plan and the National Planning Policy framework.

Why do we need a Plan?

To enable our community to guide the future development, regeneration and conservation of our local area up to 2036.

Who is Producing the Plan?

The Woodhouse Parish Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Group in consultation with our local community.

Other ways to give your views

- 1. Email comments to woodhouseparishNP@gmail.com
- Write comments in the box below and put through the letterbox of the address most convenient for you: St. Mary-in-the-Elms Church, School Lane, Woodhouse or

Oakwood Pharmacy & Post Office, Main Street, Woodhouse Eaves.

Closing date for comments: 30th September 2018.

Your views are vital to this process. Tell us what's good, what's bad, what matters to you. Please add extra paper if necessary.

Roundabout Magazine September:

Sat	1 st	1.00 – 6.30	Neighbourhood Plan community consultation.	George V room
Sat	1 st	2.00	Woodhouse Eaves Horticultural Show	Village Hall
Sat	8 th	10.00	Ride and Stride	St Paul's and St Mary's
Sat	8 th	1.00	Cricket match	Playing field
Mon	10 th	7.30	Local History Group, 'How a school came to Woodhouse Eaves', talk by Evelyn Brown	Methodist Church, visitors £3
Wed	12 th	7.30	Leics & Rutland Wildlife Trust, 'Kelham Bridge: From Sewage Farm to Nature Reserve', a talk by Baz Forgham	Village Hall, members £2.50, visitors £3.00
Wed	19 th	7.30	WI, 'The Nukes', ukulele group	Village Hall, visitors £4
Wed	26 th	7.30	Film Show; "Darkest Hour" A drama covering Winston Churchill's finest hour as Prime Minister in WW2	Tickets £4 (w refreshments) newsagents or on the door.
Sun	30 th	10.00- 4.00	Apple Day 2018 (see ad p.26)	Broombriggs Community Orchard, free
Sun	30 th	3.00	Harvest Special(see ad p 24)	Village Hall,



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