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## Consultation 1 Drop-In Events

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## 1. Summary

As part of the *Lewknor Neighbourhood Plan* development process, an *Initial Consultation*, (or *Consultation 1*) has been undertaken, in order to understand the *Importance* that the Lewknor Parish residents attach to a number of key aspects of living in the Lewknor Parish.

A *Lewknor NP Consultation 1 Report* summarised the responses and provided factual analysis. In order to share the data collected, the *Importance* that the Parish gave to various topics, the feedback received, and to solicit further feedback and suggestions 2 *Consultation 1 Drop-In Events* were undertaken.

This document provides *all* of the written feedback but doesn't capture the verbal feedback received nor discussions.

### 1.1 Consultation 1 Drop-In Events

The 2 *Drop-In Events* were held:

- 1) Lewknor Village Hall, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2018, 10am to 1pm
- 2) England's Rose, Postcombe, Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018, 10am to 12:30pm

### 1.2 Notification of the Drop-In Events

15 A4 Posters advertising the Drop-In Events were displayed on Parish Notice Boards and various other locations around the Parish.

300 A5 Flyers were distributed to every household in the Parish.

An article advertising the Drop-In Events was included in the March 2018 Grapevine Parish newsletter.

A number of posts were placed on a number of Facebook groups, advertising the events.

### 1.3 Drop-In Event Flyer/Poster



**SAT 14 APRIL 10AM TO 1PM**  
**JUBILEE HALL, LEWKNOR**

**SUN 22 APRIL 10AM TO 12.30 PM**  
**ENGLAND'S ROSE, POSTCOMBE**

Come along and find out more about what residents of the Parish think about issues such as HOUSING NEEDS, PUBLIC TRANSPORT, COMMUNITY FACILITIES, PARKING PROBLEMS, MOTORWAY NOISE.

Have a chance to discuss the results of the first consultation survey with members of the Neighbourhood Plan team over coffee and cake, and help develop a Vision for a Parish that you will want to live in.

Everyone is welcome to attend either meeting. There will be a children's activity and a prize draw for all those who attend.

The Neighbourhood Plan team, made up of local residents, are working hard to prevent unsuitable and unsustainable plans being passed. If you are interested in fighting inappropriate development in the Parish, come and tell us what the Neighbourhood Plan should say. When it is completed and approved, it will be an official document which must be taken into account when future planning applications are made.

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## 1.4 Drop-In Event Content – Map, Posters & Feedback

At the Drop-In Events, a Map of the Parish was displayed, 12 *Posters* were displayed providing the Feedback from Consultation 1, then a single ‘Dot’ exercise to solicit the 3 most important *Findings* of the Consultation 1, and then 5 Feedback topics were defined, with post-it notes, in order to solicit further feedback.

The 12 Posters displayed, the responses across the whole Parish (and not split down to each village):

- 1) Summary of Responses
- 2) Natural & Historic Environment – Importance & Comments received
- 3) Local Services, Well-Being & Recreation – Importance & Comments received
- 4) Business – Importance & Comments received
- 5) Infrastructure – Importance & Comments received
- 6) Transport – Importance & Comments received
- 7) Housing – Importance & Comments received
- 8) Living in Lewknor – Importance
- 9) What else is good about living in Lewknor – Comments received
- 10) What else could be done to improve living in Lewknor Parish – Comments received
- 11) Any other comments / what have we missed – Comments received
- 12) Key Findings

The 5 Topics, where attendees were asked to provide further Feedback, were:

- 1) Housing
- 2) Infrastructure & Transport
- 3) Business and Environment
- 4) Character of the Parish
- 5) Community Facilities

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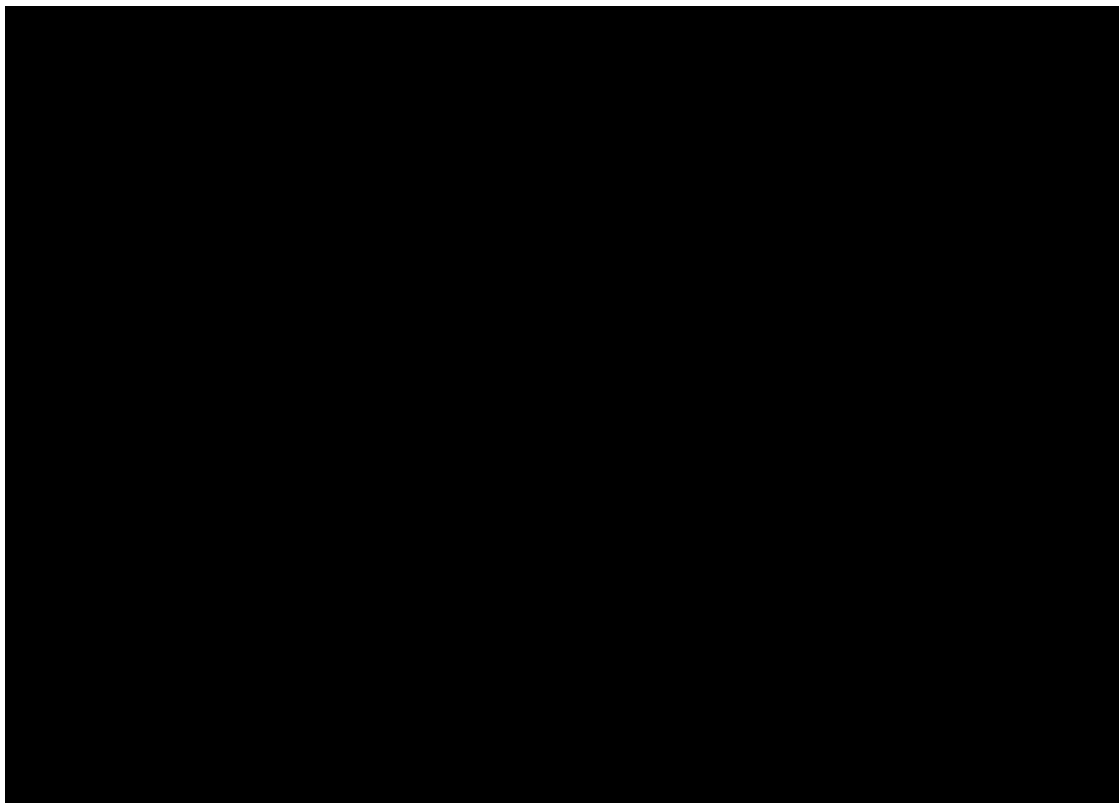
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## 2. Lewknor Village Hall Drop-In Event Feedback

The event was well-attended, with people coming from across the Parish, so this feedback is representative just of self-selecting attendees, and not purely from Lewknor village attendees (although in majority).



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The following Feedback Comments were written down by attendees:

<b>Housing</b>
Any new housing shouldn't look like a child's drawing
Any new housing should be small scale, so as not to spoil the beauty of the area or suburbanise it.
Ensure developments in keeping with the villages and environment.
Housing should be proportionate to the existing size of villages and more in keeping with local vernacular.
The problem with a housing needs survey is that young people think they would like to stay in their village, but by the time that new housing gets built, they have moved on in their lives and changed their minds! This happened with the SOHA houses in Weston Road.
Keep all new developments in keeping with the villages where possible.
Proportionate development.
Want to keep its present mix of housing styles with smaller houses.
Like the mix of housing styles around the village.
Any new housing should be of brick and flint. The Town Farm development is a good example.
Dislike unsympathetic development.
Dislike houses not in keeping with character.
No new housing
Keep the house development in proportion and style to our local vernacular
The mix of housing now is about right
Like mixed architecture and local materials

<b>Infrastructure and Transport</b>
No parking on side of B4009.
Want motorway noise reduction.
Motorway noise reduction
Want residential parking on our high street. I have been so inconvenienced by Oxford Tube parking I keep a second car to control the space outside my home! Awful I know but true and necessary as I often have to load my equipment at 04.30 and unload in the evening.
Lack of public transport on time. So frustrating.
Want public transport to local towns
Need fast broadband
Need better / more parking for bus users (Tube / Airport)
Want better broadband / mobile signal
Want proper off-street parking at junction 6. A car park (sensitively located) would be better than the current dangerous shambles.
Want sound barriers on M40 as in Stokenchurch
Our children use the bus (Oxford Tube / Airport buses). We find this very useful.
Oxford Tube and access to it must be maintained at all cost. Excellent asset to the village.
Oxford Tube. Would it be useful to offer season ticket parking weekdays only in the Village Hall car park. Discretionary. At owners risk. Police to call by and residents walking by offer built in security.
Oxford Tube is a wonderful gift, reasonably priced transport and our capital for work and play. But we wish users would not park outside my home. It's happening more.
Oxford Tube essential for Lewknor regardless of B4009 parking issue.
M40 noise. Noise sound proofing passing the village.
Parking an issue at times for Oxford Tube.
Transport no good for getting to Thame. But A1 for the Oxford Tube. The pathway to both routes is no good.

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## Infrastructure and Transport

No to a carpark at junction 6

Oxford Tube and Airport buses provide a much-needed service which we as a family all use.

Please please please do not consider a car park at J6. It would ruin our village - lighting, security, vandalism, litter, ugliness.

Oxford Tube and Airline buses are a great addition to the village and we should try to retain them.

## Business and Environment

Need fast broadband

Need fast broadband

Need faster more reliable broadband

Need fast broadband

Need fast broadband

Need good mobile phone links

I find I am often bumped off broadband or it slows down when our local or village businesses start for the day. Better broadband please.

## Character of the Parish

The traditional character of buildings in the Chilterns includes flemish bond brick patterns with blue or blue black "Chilterns Blues" which need to be made locally. Please - can they be in new builds.

Building height and using roof space for the top / first floor would help the rural character and "soft" look to our local architecture

Need a survey of local architecture that we enjoy, like and would prefer in new build.

Need a solution to parking in the village. Residential permits.

Want new builds in the hands of those who want to build their own. Not developers who care not a hoot for Lewknor.

Dislike any estate type development. Existing housing has developed along the roadsides.

Want better way to the bus stops. Also get the side works done.

Do not want street lighting

No street lighting please

no street lighting. Let's keep our cities dark.

No street lighting or light pollution. Suggest using a torch. This is the countryside.

Any additional street lighting not wanted.

Could we have some litter picking parties

Like the rural character with fields within villages to break up buildings.

Has a lovely rural atmosphere - this is what encourages people to live here.

Like rural aspect and community feel

Like current contained size of village

## Community Facilities

Like how much we have going on in village hall

The village hall is a great facility and always seems to be in use

Like local school and pre-school

Our village hall is a very useful asset. Thank you Jean for looking after our bookings

Like the pub

? Shop would be useful

Need more allotments

Could more use be made of grass area around village hall.

Want better central public green space and more park benches

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Community Facilities
Want ways to link the different villages as they are feel disparate at the moment.
Want park suitable for smaller children - smaller slide, climbing frame.
Want improved facilities for children - new park, football goals, etc.
Postcombe. Somewhere to meet besides the pub which feels faintly hostile to locals now.
Want - In Weston Road - allotments, children's playground, community orchard. Valuable green space in middle of the village - please keep it safe.
Need some sort of provision for school parking including teachers. What happened to car sharing?
Need better access road to village hall
Need an up to date list of evening clubs in the village hall
Postcombe is in need of some sort of community facility. What about reviving the plans for the park. There are more and more young families.
Need community facilities in Postcombe, at least children's playground. Possibly a village hall (Old School House?)



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## 3. England’s Rose, Postcombe Drop-In Event Feedback

The event was attended by people coming from across the Parish, so this feedback is representative just of self-selecting attendees, and not purely from Postcombe attendees (although in majority).

The following Feedback Comments were written down by attendees:

### Housing

No objection to extra housing in Postcombe as long as it is sympathetic to issue of motorway noise, the number of parking places and visitor allocated and overspill onto country lanes, disposal of sewage from the development and demolition of existing buildings. I am specifically referring to the Beech Farm development in Salt Lane and why I am one of the few people to add a spot for traffic calming on your notice board.

### Infrastructure and Transport

Co-ordinated bus services to local destinations.

Motorway noise - SODC support

Mains sewers - Postcombe.

Restore footpath along A40.

No more development until motorway noise reduced as this affects the quality of life.

Transport services need to be improved if smaller houses constructed to attract young/old, as these groups most likely to need to use public transport. Possibly join a "dial a ride" scheme with other local villages.

Litter seems to be everywhere. Maybe have a tidy Postcombe day from time to time.

Maintenance of the footpaths and hedges on the A40. Difficult to walk to the Blue Cross or Lambert Arms.

Motorway noise

Road maintenance. Lower Road and Box Tree Lane

Motorway noise pollution. Council see this as low priority but at the same time enjoy receiving increase in council tax due to the increase in population. This problem will only get worse due to increase in population and mobility

A40 footpath condition - litter, overgrown, hedge overgrown

### Character of the Parish

Extremely important to retain the character of the village. New developments should look individual and have sufficient parking. Big crammed in housing estates are not right for a rural village.

Local Plan should help protect the rural character of the Parish. Speculative developers should not be allowed to buy up green spaces and agricultural land and build houses on them.

### Community Facilities

Piece of land between ? And K&D ? On right heading up from triangle was used as a playground. Someone hopefully might remember / track the agent of the owner. There was some fairly recent offer to give to the village. Children continued to use this in the 1990s.

### General

Important to split responses at villages.

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## 4. Key Findings Feedback

At both Drop-In Events, a large board was displayed, after all the Consultation 1 posters, and the Key Findings, which asked attendees to provide further feedback as to which 3 of the Key Findings were most important to them. This Board (and the Responses) cover both events (in total) and were not separated by location (deliberately).

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#### Consultation One Key Findings: Which matter to you the most?

Please apply your coloured stickers to show which **THREE** of the following findings are most important to you. Place your stickers in the box alongside the finding.



Easy public access to the countryside	
Community open spaces within the villages	
Community facilities within the villages	
Mobile phone signal	
Fast broadband	
Mains water	
Mains sewers in Lewknor village	
Mains sewers in Postcombe	
Mains sewers in South Weston	
Keeping the current mix of property types and green spaces within the villages to maintain the character of the villages	
A thriving primary school in Lewknor village	
A village hall in Lewknor village	
A village hall in Postcombe	
A village hall in South Weston	
Motorway noise reduction	
Public car parking within the villages	
Traffic calming measures through the villages	
Parking management at Junction 6 of the M40	
Mains gas to the villages	
Good commuter links to local towns for employment opportunities	
Good commuter links to London for employment opportunities	

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## 4.1 Key Findings Feedback – Responses

	Issue	No dots	% of total
1	Easy public access to the countryside	12	6.7%
2	Community open spaces within the villages	3	1.7%
3	Community facilities within the villages	15	8.3%
4	Mobile phone signal	3	1.7%
5	Fast broadband	6	3.3%
6	Mains water	1	0.6%
7	Mains sewers in Lewknor village	3	1.7%
8	Mains sewers in Postcombe	22	12.2%
9	Mains sewers in South Weston	0	0.0%
10	Keeping the current mix of property types and green spaces within the villages to maintain the character of the villages	38	21.1%
11	A thriving primary school in Lewknor village	4	2.2%
12	A village hall in Lewknor village	3	1.7%
13	A village hall in Postcombe	3	1.7%
14	A village hall in South Weston	0	0.0%
15	Motorway noise reduction	30	16.7%
16	Public car parking within the villages	2	1.1%
17	Traffic calming measures through the villages	3	1.7%
18	Parking management at Junction 6 of the M40	14	7.8%
19	Mains gas to the villages	6	3.3%
20	Good commuter links to local towns for employment opportunities	6	3.3%
21	Good commuter links to London for employment opportunities	6	3.3%
	Total	180	100.0%

## 4.2 Key Findings Feedback – Responses Ranked in Order of Support

	Issue	No dots	% of total
1	Keeping the current mix of property types and green spaces within the villages to maintain the character of the villages	38	21.1%
2	Motorway noise reduction	30	16.7%
3	Mains sewers in Postcombe	22	12.2%
4	Community facilities within the villages	15	8.3%
5	Parking management at Junction 6 of the M40	14	7.8%
6	Easy public access to the countryside	12	6.7%
7=	Fast broadband	6	3.3%
7=	Mains gas to the villages	6	3.3%
7=	Good commuter links to local towns for employment opportunities	6	3.3%
7=	Good commuter links to London for employment opportunities	6	3.3%
11	A thriving primary school in Lewknor village	4	2.2%
12=	Community open spaces within the villages	3	1.7%
12=	Mobile phone signal	3	1.7%
12=	Mains sewers in Lewknor village	3	1.7%
12=	A village hall in Lewknor village	3	1.7%
12=	A village hall in Postcombe	3	1.7%
12=	Traffic calming measures through the villages	3	1.7%
18	Public car parking within the villages	2	1.1%
19	Mains water	1	0.6%
20=	Mains sewers in South Weston	0	0.0%
20=	A village hall in South Weston	0	0.0%