



Work on the **Little Hallingbury Neighbourhood Plan** (LHNP) is progressing. The Steering Group is working on the Vision and Objectives for the Plan and the evidence gathering has begun.

The current focus is on obtaining Government Grants to fund pieces of work which will form the basis of our Neighbourhood Plan. We have now applied for Grants for the following and will find out in a few weeks if we are successful:

- **A Housing Needs Survey**, to ascertain whether there is sufficient demand for Affordable Housing on a small rural exception site for local people. That is those who already live or have a strong connection with our Village. 15% of residents requested this in response to the Questionnaire.

‘make properties affordable and available for the young and elderly residents of Little Hallingbury’

- **A ‘Design Code’ report.** These design codes help ensure we maintain our Village character. A number of residents asked about this when completing the Questionnaire.

‘Sympathetic development..not quirky architecture.’

‘The character of the houses is completely disappearing and it’s changing the look of the village.’

- **A Landscape Assessment Survey (LAS)** which will provide an environmental evidence base for the Plan. The survey will identify features and areas of key importance to residents. This LAS will map out our Village, its developments, views and green spaces, from which we can establish what makes our Village unique and seek to preserve this. Many comments were received asking for the Village and its environment to be preserved.

‘The nature and open green spaces should be preserved, not reduced every year; the village already barely resembles the place I moved into nearly 20 years ago. Everything I feel that should be protected is under threat.’

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We would like to hear from you as to what places, spaces and views in our Village are important or special to you and why.

E.g. areas of the Village that are well used, tranquil, have key views, or landmarks and features of note. Special places or open spaces that you value.

We will use your input to steer the Landscape Assessment consultants when undertaking the survey once funding is secured.

Contact us at:

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TRAFFIC CALMING

The LHNP Resident’s Questionnaire responses mentioned traffic calming as a top priority.

Little Hallingbury Parish Council agreed at the January meeting to approach Susan Barker, Essex County Councillor with a formal request to investigate a **pedestrian crossing and ‘village gates’** to improve road safety on the A1060.

If this request is supported by Cllr Susan Barker it will go to the Essex Highways Panel, however it takes some considerable time for requests to be investigated, validated, obtain funding and therefore for any work to commence.

Further to the Parish Council request for a reduction in speed limit on the Sawbridgeworth Road and the need for new signage, these schemes are now on the Essex Highways ‘*traffic management - scheme awaiting funding*’ list, according to the Dec 2023 meeting agenda.