



The LHNP Steering Group responses to the comments received in the Oct 2024 Coffee Morning and Consultation Event feedback is as follows:

Firstly, thank you for your kind comments:

'Very well presented and informative thanks.' *'Well done for putting this together on behalf of us all.'* *'I fully support the hard work involved in creating and shaping the LHNP.'* *'Congratulations and thank you.'* *'I think the proposals are clear and sensible.'*

There were a number of other comments received and the responses to these are given below:

You Asked? *Can an 'Important View' be added to the list?*

Yes, it can. It is the intention to have a LHNP policy which states that any proposed development should not detract from and look to enhance the key views in the Village. The view you have mentioned will be included as one of the potential 'Important Views' when the assessment is undertaken.

You Asked? *Flashing warning lights to warn drivers of the school.*

The reinstatement of school warning 'wigwag' lights on the A1060 was raised by LH Parish Council with Essex County Council in Dec 2023. LH Parish Council was told these lights would be reinstated in October 2024. The matter will be chased again.

You Asked? *Stop large buses going through Motts and Wrights Green.*

LH Parish Council has requested that the bus operator sends a small vehicle on this route.

You Asked? *My son would very much like to have a home in the Village.*

We undertook a Housing Needs Survey earlier this year which indicated a need for a small number (9 units) of Affordable homes in the Village for those with a strong connection to Little Hallingbury. LH Parish Council is in discussions to agree the next steps.

You Asked? Why aren't all roads listed in the Design Code character areas?

In the full Design Code Report, character areas are shown on a map rather than listed by road. We will add the roads mentioned to the graphics produced for the consultation event.

You Asked? The green space behind the Village Hall is listed as a possible Local Green space to be preserved but seems to serve little purpose.

We have listed the grassed area at the rear of the Village Hall to be considered as a Local Green space. This space is currently used by hall hirers for parties, weddings and other social gatherings and also for community events, e.g. Coronation and Jubilee celebrations.

You Asked? Can I suggest green spaces include current agricultural areas, which themselves provide much of the character of the village.

We are proposing an audit of the possible 'Local Green Spaces' in the Village. However, these Green Spaces must meet certain criteria in order to be designated as 'Local Green Spaces' and afforded special protection. To qualify a 'Local Green Space' must be in close proximity to the community it serves, local in character and not an extensive tract of land. Extensive agricultural areas in the countryside around a settlement are unlikely to meet the criteria.

You commented. I support control of physical character of residential developments (size of units, etc.). I do not support control of who can buy / rent them (Limitation to current residents etc.)

You commented. Not totally against small rows of houses or even flats if sensitively done and fulfil old people's / first time buyers needs, and environmentally sound.

The new Uttlesford District Council Local Plan has not allocated any new housing for Little Hallingbury due to the village being in Green Belt. The only housing which is allowed in the new UDC Local Plan in Little Hallingbury is affordable housing, on what is called a 'rural exception site' (RES). In April and May 2024, a Housing Needs Survey, showed a 75% approval for a small development of up to nine affordable homes on a RES in the Village, for those with a strong association with the Village. Parish Council is in discussion to agree the next steps.

You asked? I would like a park at the back of the Village Hall for the local children to play on as it is such a wasted space.

A children's playground would require funding, land and importantly a management team who already have or can pass the necessary training courses and take responsibility long-term for such a facility. Is there anyone in the Village who will volunteer to do this?

The space at the rear of the Village Hall is used by Hall Hirers and for community events.

You commented *Support for Farmers and Farming.*

We are proposing a Farm Diversification policy whereby, should there be proposals for new business development in redundant farm buildings, these would be supported subject to certain criteria. We recognise the key role farmers play in our community, in particular managing the countryside around us and the footpaths on their land which we all enjoy.

You commented.... *solar panels to be mandatory.*

We are proposing within the LH Design and Guidance Code report that on-site renewable energy generation (solar, ground source, air source and wind driven) should be maximised in any new development.

You commented.....*Please leave our green spaces green! Green belt should stay 'green'.*

We are proposing a Green Belt policy in the Neighbourhood Plan which will be looked at in more detail once the Government consultation on the National Planning Policy Framework is published.

You commented... *Would be good if the grass verges along roads and pavements were protected from parking, hard landscaping and inappropriate planting.*

The LHNP Design and Guidance Code report covers this. The report states on page 31; 'Little Hallingbury's rural feel is strongly valued by residents. It is imperative that any future development appropriately responds to Little Hallingbury's rural context. Existing green links (including footpaths, Public Rights of Way, grass verge-lined streets, and naturally occurring routes) must be maintained. As regards parking the report states on page 37: 'There is a strong preference for on-plot parking throughout the Neighbourhood Area.'

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