

Public Consultation 01

Event:	Public Open Day NP Launch
Event Date:	15 May 2016
Venue:	Wickham Market Village Hall, 10.30 to 4.30pm
Facilitator:	Neighbourhood Plan Committee
Format:	Presentation, Exhibition and Question forum
Publicity:	2 separate flyers to every household Posters displayed in shops locally Notice in Parish Magazine Message to 200+ email list
Attendance:	Total 106 People

Aim of the Event

To announce the main findings of the recent Parish Council questionnaire and to launch the Neighbourhood Plan. To answer questions and encourage thoughts and ideas from the community. Distribute Information / response leaflet.

Who was Consulted

The aim of the meeting was to engage and consult with as many members of the local community as possible. The meeting was open to all, and was publicised via: 2 x flyers to every household, posters in shops, notice in Parish Magazine, Parish Council Website, Neighbourhood Plan Website and Facebook page and through a 200+ email list.

A total of 106 people attended the meeting the majority came from the Parish

The attendees were made up of the following age groups:

Under 21 = 1

22-30 = 1

31-64 = 36

Over 64 = 68

How people were consulted

The village hall was set out to incorporate 4 stands and a PowerPoint presentation area. The 4 display stands were, Parish Plan, Social and Community Working Group, Environment and Heritage and Economic and Infrastructure. Poster information and information / response leaflets were provided. Members of the following Neighbourhood Plan Working Groups were in attendance:

- 1) NP Steering group
- 2) Social and Community working group
- 3) Environment and Heritage working group
- 4) Economic and Infrastructure working group

Attendees were encouraged to visit each stand to ask questions and give their thoughts and ideas. Refreshments were available throughout the day.

The Neighbourhood Plan Chairman gave a PowerPoint presentation to present findings from a recent Parish Council Community Questionnaire followed by an Introduction to the Neighbourhood Plan and its benefits to the community.

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Attendees were each given an Information / Response Leaflet – which was explained. The leaflet contained an introduction to the Neighbourhood Plan, details of the process and a unique map of Wickham Market with various important features highlighted. The leaflet also contained a response form with 14 open questions to act as a guide for thoughts and ideas.

Issues, priorities and concerns raised

On the day during individual discussions and during the presentations the following opinions, concerns were raised:

- 1) Why do we have to accept more housing?
- 2) No infill locations left in the village
- 3) The George Pub needs to be renovated
- 4) Wild Flowers, Meadows, Trees, Hedges, little or no houses
- 5) Traffic Calming between Post office and Crafers + crossing to Health Centre.
- 6) Small scale development, sheltered bungalows. Lack of infrastructure – highway access / drainage
- 7) Floodlighting of concern

Further opinions and thoughts were requested via the NP introduction leaflet response forms. Suggestion boxes were introduced throughout the village for the response forms to be returned.

How the issues, priorities and concerns will be considered

All comments will be recorded and put forward for consideration to the plan.