

**January 2020**

## **Longstock – Your Village, Your Vision**

Hopefully you all had an enjoyable Christmas and a very Happy New Year to you all!

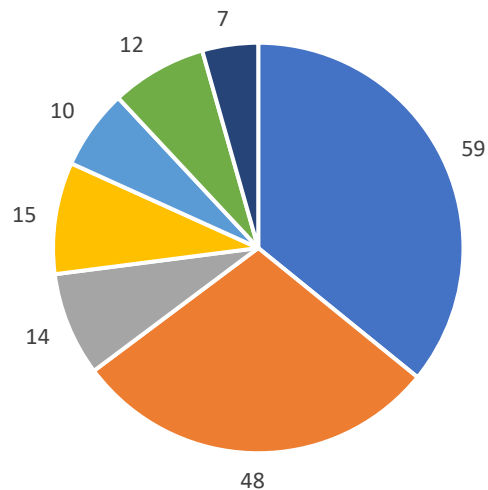
As promised in our last update, we would like to share the results of our recent questionnaire with you.

The Steering Group issued approximately 240 questionnaires (this is an approximate figure as we received a number of requests for electronic questionnaires and also noted that a number of households within the village were empty). In return, we received a total of 110 completed replies. So in brief, responses from almost 50% of the village.

### **1. What is the best thing about living in Longstock?**

Residents were extremely buoyant about Longstock. The majority of replies commented positively on the high level of community spirit, Longstock's rural feel and the peace and tranquillity of village life.

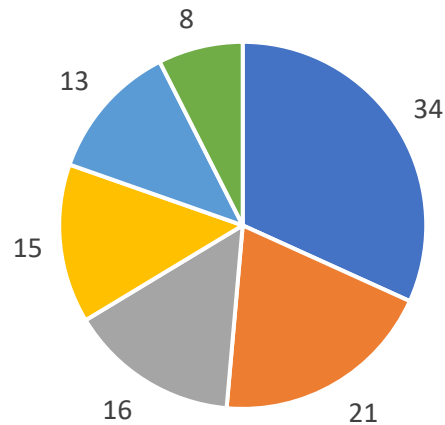
<b>No of mentions</b>	<b>Trait</b>
59	Community feel
48	Rural feel
14	Peace and tranquillity
15	pub
10	Village Hall
12	proximity to Stockbridge
7	Play areas
3	no response



### **2. What would you change about Longstock if you could?**

An increase in traffic (which was thought to be linked to the farm shop) and parking issues at recognised pinch points within the village (such as the pub) featured prominently in matters residents would like to change. Comments were also received about the lack of affordable housing (that was actually priced 'affordably'), footpaths and the need for a regular bus service.

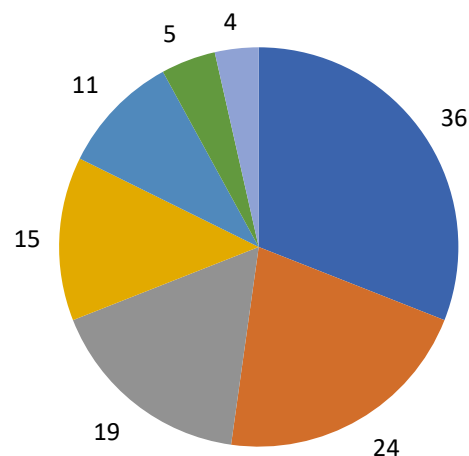
No of mentions	Trait
34	Traffic/road issues
21	Pub/Leckford café issues
16	Nothing
15	Build affordable housing
13	Footpaths
8	Bus service
7	no response



### 3. What do you feel could be a threat to Longstock's future?

Residents felt that threats to Longstock's future predominantly centred around housing issues. Concerns were raised in relation to; inappropriate large-scale housing developments, the overdevelopment of existing properties, second homes, a lack of genuinely affordable housing and a lack of smaller properties for first time buyers and/or older residents to downsize into.

No of mentions	Trait
36	Large scale housing development
24	Any new housing development
19	Lack of affordable first-time buyers housing or housing for elderly people to downsize to
15	Road/traffic
11	Second homes
5	Over development/extension of current housing
4	Potential loss of the pub
4	no response



The results of the questionnaires have now been analysed by our consultants, Plan-et. They have provided us with a first draft of our Neighbourhood Plan's 'vision and objectives' which are based solely on the key themes raised by residents. These results are also being used to create clear strands of work which the Steering Group will consider and explore as the plan moves forward.

### Dates for Your Diary

The level of response to the community questionnaire highlighted how interested residents were in the development of Longstock now, and into the future. As community engagement is key to any NHP, the Steering Group are now in the process of planning two 'face to face' community events. This will take place in the afternoon of Sunday 29 Mar 20 and the evening of Thursday 2 Apr 2020. Further information on both these events will be available nearer the dates.

As always, we are always keen for residents join us as part of the committee, or even just to offer their skills, experience or suggestions on an ad-hoc basis. If you feel like you'd like to know more or perhaps would like to get involved then please email us at [longstocknhp@gmail.co.uk](mailto:longstocknhp@gmail.co.uk)

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