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Longstock – Your Village, Your Vision

In our last update, we let you know that the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group had decided to embark on an independent housing needs assessment.

Whilst speaking to independent technical support providers to set up the parameters for this assessment, it became apparent that although pre-existing data would be analysed on our behalf (such as data from the Office for National Statistics, Land Registry and census), there were no plans to engage directly with you. As a group, we felt that your opinions on Longstock's housing need, both now and into the future were probably the most crucial part of the assessment, so we set to work to see how this could be addressed.

After carrying out research, speaking to our consultants and engaging with the Housing and Environmental Health Service at Beech Hurst, we identified an opportunity to meet this objective through Test Valley Borough Council. In collaboration with the council, we approved a set of survey questions whose responses we'd like to explore.

During the last couple of weeks, you will hopefully have found an envelope containing a copy of the housing needs survey, a pre-paid envelope, and a covering letter from us on your door mat. (If not, please don't hesitate to contact us on the Gmail address below).

The survey* is very straightforward and can be completed either via the paper version; which can be posted back in the pre-paid envelope provided or sealed and collected by one of our co-ordinators or alternately, you can go on-line and complete the survey-monkey version which can be found via the following link;

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/6XY52SM>

Before completing the survey, please could we ask you to take a moment to consider your individual housing needs now and contemplate how your circumstances may change in the future to influence your answers in the longer term. For example; in the next 5 years perhaps you'll be looking to start a family or maybe have another child. If so, will you need more space? In the next 10 years perhaps your children will be at an age where they'll be looking to leave home but will want to remain nearby or maybe they will have left home, and you might find that your home is too big for you? In the next 15 years perhaps you will have elderly relatives that you'd like to be living just that bit closer to you, or maybe you'd like your children to be closer to support you? Or perhaps over the lifecycle of the plan, you feel that your housing needs won't change and that Longstock has everything you need? What ever your viewpoint, we'd really like to hear about it.

Once all the data has been collected, our partners at Test Valley Borough Council will sanitise all of the personal details and analyse the responses to produce a report. Once we've received the report, we will be sharing the results with you.

Finally, as always, we are always keen for residents join us as either part of the Steering Group, or even just to offer their skills, experience, or suggestions on an ad-hoc basis. If you feel that you would like to know more or perhaps would like to get involved then please email us at longstocknhp@gmail.com

Longstock Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

*Please be assured that all of the information provided will be treated in the strictest of confidence and that it will not be associated to either your name or address. It won't be linked to any other database; nor will any of the information collected be passed on to other agencies or market research organisations.



CALLING ALL LONGSTOCKINGS

Longstock Neighbourhood Planning Committee are in the process of creating a short film about Longstock, its residents and why we've chosen to embark on a Neighbourhood Plan.

As part of this process we would like to include soundbite interviews with Longstocking's of all ages to get a brief insight into what it means to be a Longstock resident.

If you or someone you know would like to get involved please email us at; longstocknhp@gmail.com

No previous experience necessary!