

The Big Conversation

Local Focus Group: neighbourhood plan consultation

Alton Hall Lane

Moving around the village/traffic

Problems identified: Alton Hall Lane

Speed at which vehicles come down Alton Hall Lane: “They hurtle down the lane; it’s used by pedestrians, children, Bike Active, and people are forced into the verges”.

Not just local traffic.

Too much room for cars to park at the top of the lane - now room for 16 cars.

Tractors are getting larger - worried about impact.

Possible solutions: Alton Hall Lane

Traffic calming measures.

Speed limit.

All traffic should be stopped from coming down the lane - one person disagreed.

Could bollards be put at the end of the lane to stop cars parking?

Designating it as a ‘Quiet Lane’.

Could Suffolk County Council and Anglia Water get together to sort something out?

Farmer should use alternative route to take tractors down to the fields.

Problems identified: other parts of the village

Pavement from end of Alton Hall Lane to the King’s Head is too narrow (at the end of the lane) and needs repair.

You have to keep crossing the road to move from one end of the village to the other.

Traffic drives too fast through the village.

Too many coaches and buses.

Footpaths aren't wide enough.

Farmers sometimes drive tractors on the footpaths which ruins the surface.

Possible solutions: other parts of the village

Support for 'greenway' idea. Would be OK to allow bikes on it.

Support for 'picket fence' idea.

20 mile speed limit - but two disagreed as it's quite difficult to drive at 20 miles ph.

Flashing indicators showing speed are good - should have more of them at different points through the village.

Public transport

Very well served for buses.

Buses should be single decker, don't need to be double decker ones.

Don't think there would be sufficient demand in the village to run a community transport service, but perhaps would work if shared with other villages on the peninsula.

Village facilities

Community Hall

Sound system is rubbish.

Make the 'junk room' into a meeting room.

One person thought a door should be knocked through from the main hall into the kitchen.

Shop

Can't be improved upon. A big asset to the village.

Kings Head

Parking is a problem, can sometimes create dangerous situation on the road.

Children's playground behind the Hall?

Might not get used? Though might be better used once houses are built.
Generally, not thought to be a priority.

Natural environment

Ideas

More bird boxes.

Make sure people don't cut hedges at the times when birds are nesting.

Can we find out what species need encouraging in our locality and what particular planting/environment would help, and create such environments and planting?

More poo bins.

Add bag dispensers.

Identify 'poo monitors' - responsible for emptying bins etc.

Identify trees that need preserving and apply for Tree Preservation Orders.

Housing

Character of the village would be destroyed by too much housing.

Sewerage/pumping station can't cope with current demand.

Adult children of village residents should be given priority.

Community Land Trust is a good idea.

Don't want large developments.

Don't want any developments past entrance to Alton Water.

Need housing to rent.

Should have more housing association housing.

Need housing suitable for older people to downsize to.

Need to think about the infrastructure to support more housing, eg. doctors' surgery.

Businesses in the village

Need better broadband and mobile signal.

Can we have an electric car charging point in the village.

