

The Big Conversation

Local Focus Group: neighbourhood plan consultation

The Close

Moving around

Traffic – don't see it as a problem, just my neighbour.

Pavements need doing [improving].

Connection between Stutton and Brantham (cycleway/footpath)

Treacherous speed limit out of village in that direction – reduce it.

Post Office Corner – dangerous. Parking on the corner.

Need an official 20mph zone.

Issues with mirror-swiping – passing lorries/buses.

Green Way – sounds like a good idea.

Traffic has increased since Anglian Water campsite development.

Village entrance “picket fence” a good idea.

Is traffic through the village a problem?

Yes around the school.

The blind corner from Bentley Lane to the Shop – people think it is the end of the village and speed up.

The Drift.

Public Transport

Lucky to have bus service.

Doesn't suit the 9-5 workers, needs smarter timetabling.

Convenient connection to train station – connection to mainline and Woodbridge.

Would benefit from buses being a bit earlier and a bit later.

Have smaller, greener, cleaner buses.

4 people from the group had used the Buzzabout – experience of getting stuck in town.

What about car sharing? Have a designated pick-up point or use Social Media or Stutton's “Next Door” website.

What is important to you?

Pub, shop, village hall, estuary, church.

Shop feels quite far away – van? Was explained that the shop used to take orders, but were difficult to fulfil (Stutton Support Network).

Internet issues – suggested to use laptop at the shop.

Natural Environment

The Reservoir/Woods

Down on the shore

Pesticides: bioaccumulation down to the estuary

The birdlife

What is pumped in to the river?

We live surrounded by a big farm, but we don't know what is used. Can we ask?

Can there be an Open Farm Sunday?

Concern about chemical inputs.

Plastic free village

Litter at the reservoir

More dog bins – encourage owners not to dump their waste from home in the bins.

Can we have a dog bin by the Larksfield bus stop please?

Simple plastic free ideas – can we speak to East Bergholt about what they do?

Plastic bottle deposit scheme in Belgium – do it in the shop. Stutton to lead the way!

Reduce, reuse then recycle.

School – something they can engage with. Engrain reducing their ecological footprint.

Housing

What sort of housing?

Hedges – great idea.

Soft landscaping

Really unique

Don't want a dormitory village

Rainwater harvesting.

Local district heating

Ground source heat pumps

Solar panels

Housing not on a spur outside the village.

The more central the better.

Put them in one place – not dispersed.

Can the Doctors, schools cope?

Nobody said – no houses.

1 or 2 bed houses.

High quality build standards – BREEAM.

Enough car spaces! 12 houses (bottom of the Close) only 10 spaces.

Told they can't build on green space when asking for extra spaces.

Businesses

Mobile phone connection.

A good balance of businesses here at the moment.

Are there businesses that we want to retain?

Like the hairdressers.

Good SSN trip (Pen – can't remember what SSN stands for!!)

Communal rowing boat at the shore.

Manningtree Ferry

Church – worried about its future.

Dark Sky policy

Do the streetlights turn off at night?