

# The Big Conversation

Local Focus Group: neighbourhood plan consultation

## Lewis Lane, Gardeners Arms, to Village Hall area

### Businesses

Working hub is a good idea:

- would reduce commuter traffic
- encourage 'start-ups'
- would be an opportunity to support local businesses
- would help stop the village becoming a commuter/satellite village to Ipswich
- would help overcome isolation amongst people working from home.

However, a person who works from home attending the meeting did not think she would use such a hub as she has the facilities she needs at home and she would rather work from home.

### Moving around the village

#### Problems identified

Pavements:

- too narrow - "you feel as if vehicles are going to take your shoulder off sometimes because they come so close"
- they stop at certain points and you have to cross the road.
- Traffic is getting worse. 1000 cars come through the village each day - it's too many.
- There's no cycle lane in Stutton.
- Quite a few disabled people living in Stutton and it's hard for them to get around safely because of the traffic and the pavements.

- Pollution caused by the traffic is a problem.
- Difficult for children to ride bikes unless they use the footpaths but they are too narrow and not good for less confident/less experienced riders or when children are learning to ride.

### Possible solutions

- We need zebra crossings
- Need a crossing near the shop and near the school.
- Need restricted parking so vehicles don't park dangerously on the road.
- A bicycle lane.
- 20 mile hour limit
- Picket fences or similar to delineate entering the village.
- Need to review and improve footpaths to ensure they can be used to move through the village.

### **Public transport**

- Not many options for getting back from Ipswich later than 5.30.
- We could encourage a car pool/car share - use Shaun's Shorts.

### **Village facilities**

- playground for children behind the Hall.
- Put facilities that could be used by the village in the Hall, e.g. printer, photocopier.
- Being able to divide the Hall into smaller rooms would be good, eg partition off the Annex.
- Space for eg drama clubs, things for children to do so they are more involved in the village.

### **Natural environment**

- Specify that new housing developments should have eg. hedgehog runs, swift boxes, water butts, systems for reusing water, water storage.
- Protect the school playing field as a green space that can't be sold off for housing.

### **Housing**

- High standards of insulation.

- We should be considering housing need on a wider basis than just what housing need exists within the village - what contribution will we be making towards reducing housing need within a wider area?
- Affordable housing.
- Accessible housing.==