



# **LITTLE EASTON VILLAGE RESIDENTS DEVELOPMENT SURVEY**

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The Little Easton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Dear Neighbour,

Our village is facing growing pressure from housing development. A 10,000-home new town at Easton Park is still a very real threat in the new UDC Local Plan and we are already aware of upcoming planning applications for 1200 new homes at Easton Lodge and 45 houses on land behind The Stag Public House. The Parish Council has for some time been looking to initiate the development of a Neighbourhood Plan so that the village will have more of a say in how development is managed in the village in future. A Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has recently been formed to look at how this could be achieved.

The first step in the process is to establish the views of residents on a range of factors around future development so that we can understand how people feel about our village and how development should be approached and managed in future.

A Neighbourhood Plan normally takes at least a couple of years to develop and unfortunately by the time it will be completed, it will be too late to offer us any protection from the imminent development proposals. However, the steering group feel that given the threats we currently face, it is still important to canvass the opinions of residents on development within the village so that the views of residents can be communicated to UDC as part of the public consultations on any upcoming planning applications. The results of the survey will then also be used in the production of any future Neighbourhood Plan.

It is important that as many people as possible respond so that all views are heard and the survey outcome details the most accurate position. The more responses we get, the better our understanding will be of the sort of future we want as a community.

Should you have any questions regarding this survey please contact any member of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group or e-mail [lteastonclerk@gmail.com](mailto:lteastonclerk@gmail.com).

Thank you for your help.

Members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

10<sup>th</sup> May, 2021

❖ **Who are the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group?**

The group is made up of residents who have expressed an interest in the development of a Little Easton Neighbourhood Plan. The group members are:

Peter Bright

Melanie Bingham-Wallis

Martin Keefe

Stuart Gilbert

Stephen Sidgwick

Doug Wyatt

Trevor Ingrey

Cathy Charles

Andy Dodsley (Little Easton Parish Council)

❖ **What Area Does the Survey Cover?**

Where the survey refers to land within the parish of Little Easton, it is referring to any land within the parish boundary. The Little Easton village boundary is shown as the blue line in the map on the back cover of this questionnaire.

❖ **What We Are Asking You to Do**

We are inviting all residents to complete the survey. Please complete this survey as an individual rather than as a household as views may differ.

The survey can be completed on paper or online:

- If you wish to complete the paper survey, please return in the stamped addressed envelope provided.
- If you wish to complete the survey online, please go to:

<https://www.littleeastonpc.co.uk/survey>

- If you require another paper version of the survey and have a home printer you can download a printable version from <https://www.littleeastonpc.co.uk/survey>. Alternatively, you can contact either Stuart Gilbert (01371 870367 – Glebe Cottage, Manor Road) or Doug Wyatt (01371 859239 – 5 Ivy Cottages, Mill End).
- If you choose to complete the questionnaire online, please do not duplicate your response by also submitting a paper copy.

**Please could you mail your completed paper questionnaire or submit on-line no later than 31<sup>st</sup> May.**

❖ **Confidentiality**

All responses to this questionnaire will be handled confidentially. The questionnaire has been designed so that all data collected will be anonymous. No information is being collected that can identify you personally. The data collected in the questionnaire will be analysed to form a picture of the needs, opinions, and concerns of the community.

However, it would be useful to hold your email address to make it easier to update you with news in future about the Neighbourhood Plan and planning issues. Your email address would be held within the Parish Council files and be protected by GDPR regulations.

This is entirely optional so if you would like to be provided with updates in future, please give details of your email address and tick the box with your consent for it to be held.

<b>Email address:</b>	visconuk@yahoo.co.uk
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<b>Please tick the box to give your consent for your email address to be held by Little Easton Parish Council →</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Name:</b>	<b>Terry Bryan</b>

**The survey questions start on the following page. We welcome additional comments. Please submit these in the questionnaire boxes where highlighted and/or submit a separate page.**

## SECTION 1 – ABOUT YOU

1. How long have you lived in the parish?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Less than 12 months	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	11 – 15 years
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 – 5 years	<input type="checkbox"/>	16 – 20 years
<input type="checkbox"/>	6 - 10 years	<input type="checkbox"/>	More than 20 years

2. What is your postcode?

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3. How old are you?

<input type="checkbox"/>	16 - 24	<input type="checkbox"/>	45 - 64
<input type="checkbox"/>	25 - 44	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	65+

4. Please select your family unit.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Single	<input type="checkbox"/>	Couple with children at university / grown children still at home
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Couple	<input type="checkbox"/>	Couple with elderly parent / dependent
<input type="checkbox"/>	Young Family	<input type="checkbox"/>	Multigenerational
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family with teenagers		

5. Are you:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Employed full time	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Retired
<input type="checkbox"/>	Employed part time	<input type="checkbox"/>	Student
<input type="checkbox"/>	Self-employed	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

5a. If you are employed, do you work within the parish?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
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5b. If you are employed, do you work within Uttlesford District?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
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**6. What do you like most about living in the Parish? (Please tick all that apply.)**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Close to family/friends	<input type="checkbox"/>	Close to workplace
<input type="checkbox"/>	Access to major routes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Village environment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Open spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	Good local schools
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Attractive countryside	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify below)
<i>Comments</i>			

**7. Is your property:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Owner occupied Freehold	<input type="checkbox"/>	Owner occupied Leasehold	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rented
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**8. Within the last five years, has anyone in your household had to move away or stay living with you due to lack of suitable housing in the Parish?**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No
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**9. If you answered "Yes" to question 8, please provide details (tick all that apply). If "No" go to question 10.**

<input type="checkbox"/>	No housing available	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do not drive and transport is a problem
<input type="checkbox"/>	Available housing too expensive	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of sheltered/supported housing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Available housing too large	<input type="checkbox"/>	Housing unsuitable for physical needs
<input type="checkbox"/>	Available housing too small	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify below)
<i>Comments</i>			

## SECTION 2 – YOUR VIEWS ON DEVELOPMENT

10. What concerns you most about further development within the Parish? (Please tick all that apply.)

✓	Loss of identity (as a village etc)	✓	Impact on local care and medical services
✓	Impact on significant views		Lack of school/childcare places
✓	Inadequate on-street parking	✓	Unsafe pedestrian routes
✓	Loss of countryside	✓	Development not fitting with the current character of the area
✓	Increased traffic		Other (please specify).
<i>Comments</i>			

11. What sort of housing (if any) would you wish to see built within the Parish?

	Starter homes (1 – 2 bedrooms)		Special/sheltered housing (not elderly)
	Family homes (2 – 4 bedrooms)		Residential Care
	Flats/apartments		For rent/shared ownership
	Housing for the elderly	✓	None
	Social/affordable housing		Other (please specify below)
<i>Comments</i>			

12. In respect of sustainable development in the Parish over the next fifteen years, where do you feel priorities in house building should be?

	In-filling using sites in existing built-up areas		Re-use of farm buildings for housing
	Re-use of brownfield sites in the Parish <small>(see footnote)</small>	✓	Nowhere
	Use of greenfield/ agricultural sites in the Parish		Other (please specify below)
<i>Comments</i>			

*Footnote: Brownfield land is land that has previously been used by a business but is now available for development.*

13. What size of individual housing development do you feel to be most appropriate in the Parish? (Please tick all that apply.)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Large developments (more than 30 houses)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Single houses / infill
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medium developments (15 – 30 Houses)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	None
<input type="checkbox"/>	Smaller developments (less than 15 houses)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify below)
<i>Comments</i>			

14. There are approximately 200 houses in the village. What would you consider as an acceptable development level over the next 15 years?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0% = no development	<input type="checkbox"/>	15% = 30 extra houses
<input type="checkbox"/>	5% = 10 extra houses	<input type="checkbox"/>	20% = 40 extra houses
<input type="checkbox"/>	10% = 20 extra houses	<input type="checkbox"/>	Another amount (please specify below)
<i>Comments</i>			

15. In the next 15 years are you most likely to ...

	Yes	No	Don't know
Stay in your current home	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Move to larger property in village	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Move to smaller property in village	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buy your first home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Move to specialist accommodation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Move out of the village	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

16. Which of the following are important to you?

	Very important	Important	Neutral	Not that important	Unimportant	Don't know
Property with own garden						
Property with communal garden						
Property with adequate off-street parking						
Property with office room						
Property with space for workshop						
Property with space for a dependent person						
Energy efficient property						

**N/A**



**15. Are there any sites you feel would be suitable for new housing development within the Parish?**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No
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**17a. If you answered “Yes” above – please list and say why you consider them suitable.**

Site	Why considered suitable?

**18. Are there any areas of land that you feel should be protected from development?**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
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**18a. If you answered “Yes” above – please list and say why you consider them suitable.**

Area	Why should it be protected?
Field behind The Stag Public House	Exisiting wildlife and the Flora and Fauna

## SECTION 3 – YOUR VIEWS ON THE COUNTRYSIDE

**19. Much of the land use around Little Easton is agricultural. Would you be supportive of some of this land given up for housing development? Please comment as appropriate.**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No
<i>Comments</i>			

20. Are you supportive of diversified land use - agricultural land used for other purposes and not growing crops e.g., stables, livery, tourism, leisure etc?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't mind
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21. Are you supportive of change of use of farm buildings for small business?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't mind
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22. How important to you are the following features in the landscape? (Please tick all that apply.)

	Very important	Fairly important	Not important
Hedgerows	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Woodland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trees (individual) in the Landscape	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Open Countryside	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water Courses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## SECTION 4 – OTHER VILLAGE MATTERS

23. How much of a problem are the following traffic issues where you live?

	Major problem	Minor problem	No problem
Traffic speed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Traffic volume	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Traffic noise	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Car parking by non-residents/others	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

24. Would you support the use of land in the village for the following energy generation?

	Yes	No	No preference
Solar Power - Domestic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Solar Power – Large Scale	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wind Turbines - Domestic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wind Turbines – Large Scale	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

25. How important is broadband access to you?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Very important	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not important	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable
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26. For what purposes do you use the Internet? (Please tick all that apply.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Domestic Use
<input type="checkbox"/>	Business Use
<input type="checkbox"/>	Working from Home
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Applicable

27. Does your broadband speed limit your Internet use?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No
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28. Do you experience problems with the consistency of the following utilities?

	Yes	No
Electricity supply	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water supply	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gas supply	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Main's drainage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Broadband	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

29. Do you feel there is a need for allotments in the Parish?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Don't mind
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30. How often do you, or your children, use the following facilities in the Parish? (Please tick all that apply. In the case of temporarily closed facilities please state the level of use before closure.)

	Once a week or more	Once a month or more	A few times a year	Rarely or never
Playground	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Church	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Playing Field/ Cricket Pitch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Memorial Hall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gardens of Easton Lodge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Stag Public House	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Public Footpaths / Bridleways	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laundry Lane Football Pitches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Thank you for taking the time to help us better understand the opinions and views of development in Little Easton Village.

Little Easton Parish is bordered in blue

