

Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire Results



May 2016

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- In March 2016 the **Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire** was sent to all **399** houses in the village.
- **Part 1** of the questionnaire was about people's hopes and concerns for the village, and we received a whopping **307** completed Part 1s, which we've been told is far beyond the norm for this kind of exercise.
- The Neighbourhood Plan team have collated the **key figures and trends** from Part 1 and summarised them in this document. The **full results** are available from the Pub noticeboard and the Parish Council website lawshall.onesuffolk.net/neighbourhood-plan/
- **Part 2** of the questionnaire was about the current and future housing needs of individual households in the village. We received **232** completed Part 2s, which is a response rate of **58%**. The results of Part 2 are being collated and analysed by a **specialist from University Campus Suffolk**, Dr Will Thomas, who will deliver a report on his findings in May.

To find out about the next stages of the process, please see the final slide

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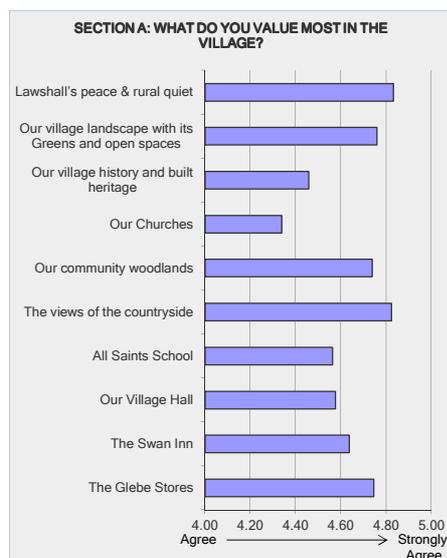
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Please note, you can see the original questions by downloading the questionnaire from the NP website at lawshall.onesuffolk.net/neighbourhood-plan/

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1. Valued Features of the Village



The graph shows:

- That all the features listed are highly valued
- That the most valued feature of the village is its peace and rural quite
- The Lawshall's churches are valued less than other features

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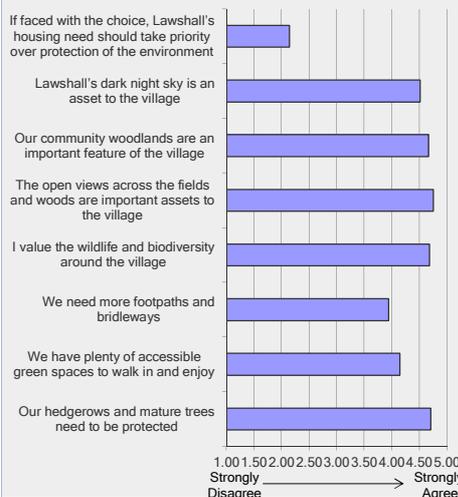
1. Valued Features of the Village

- Of the 46 written comments for this section, the three main themes were:
- **The Village Environment:** Many respondents highlighted the value of Lawshall's natural and built environment.
- **Traffic, Roads & Parking:** Many raised concerns about the level of traffic in the village, the speed of vehicles and the difficulties with parking near the school.
- **Shops:** Many highlighted the value of the village shop, and suggested that the village would also welcome a café, post office or further shops.

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2. Environment and Green Spaces

SECTION B: YOUR VIEWS ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND OUR GREEN SPACES



The graph shows:

- Open views across fields and woods are especially valued.
- The majority of respondents do not think that Lawshall's housing needs should take priority over the protection of the environment.

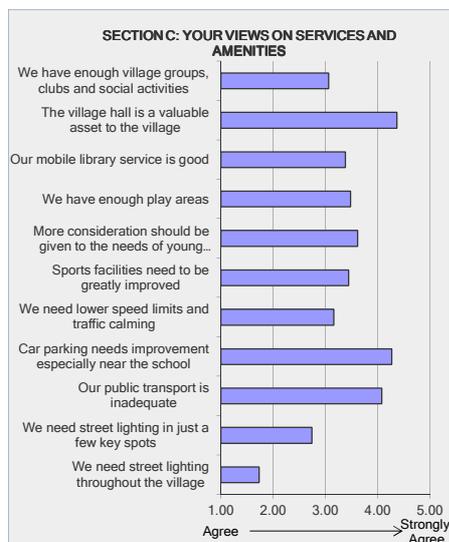
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2. Environment and Green Spaces

- Of the 61 written comments for this section, the three main themes were:
- **Housing Development:** Many respondents highlighted the importance of new builds being sympathetic to Lawshall's valued natural environment.
- **Hedgerows & Woodlands:** Many respondents mentioned the importance of the village's many hedgerows and woodlands.
- **Footpaths:** Many respondents suggested that footpaths in the village could be improved.

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3. Services and Amenities



The graph shows:

- The majority of respondents consider the village hall to be a valuable asset
- Car parking is a big issue and needs improvement
- Public transport is inadequate and traffic calming should be considered
- Most people don't think we need street lighting throughout the village, except perhaps in key spots

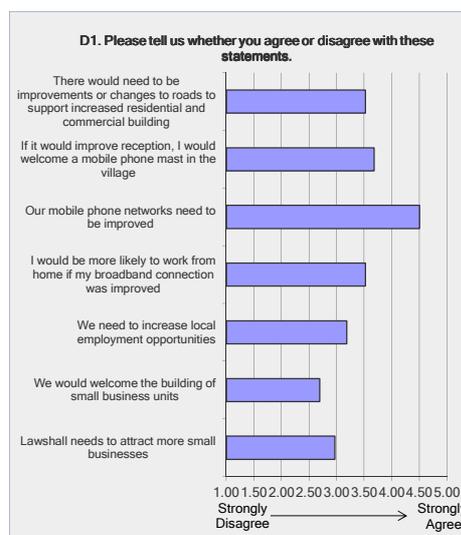
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3. Services and Amenities

- Of the 71 written comments for this section, the three main themes were:
- **Parking:** Many respondents commented on the parking difficulties at the school.
- **Street Lighting:** Many comments were made both in favour of and against street lighting, including several comments on which areas would or would not be suitable for lighting.
- **Speed Restrictions:** Many respondents highlighted the need for lower speed limits and/or stronger enforcement of speed restrictions.

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4. Communications and Business



The graph shows:

- There is a strong sense that mobile phone reception needs to be improved.
- That there are mixed views on whether the village would welcome the building of small business units.

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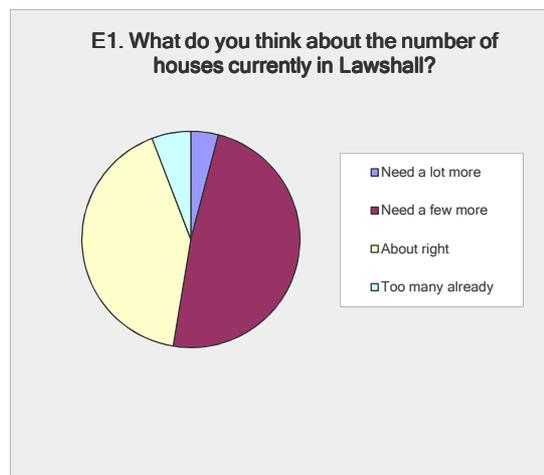
- Of the 69 written comments for this section, the three main themes were:
- **New Businesses:** Although it is generally agreed we need to encourage business and employment within the village, it is felt that they must enhance the character of the village, therefore converted farm buildings and businesses from home were acceptable but large industrial units would not be welcomed.
- **Traffic:** The poor roads, the increase in traffic and the risk of changing from being a rural village to a small town are seen as reasons against the building of any industrial units.
- **Phone mast:** In general there was support for a mobile phone mast if would improve reception, but again this would need to be sympathetic to the environment. Suggestions to place this on the church and generate an income was mentioned.

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5. Housing Development

This graph shows:

- The most popular view was that we need a few more houses in Lawshall.
- The least popular view was that the village needs a lot more houses.

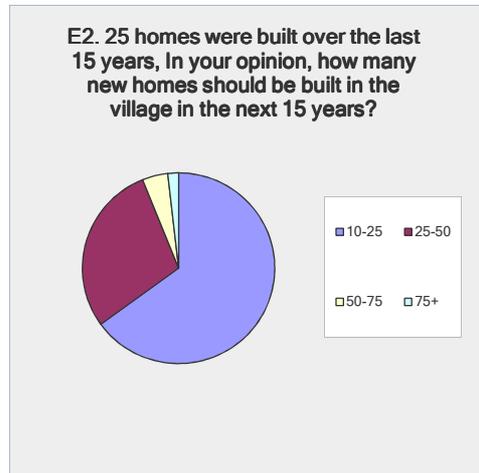


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This graph shows:

- The most popular view was that 10-25 new houses over the next 15 years was the most suitable number for the village.
- Only 6.1% of respondents supported over 50 new houses.



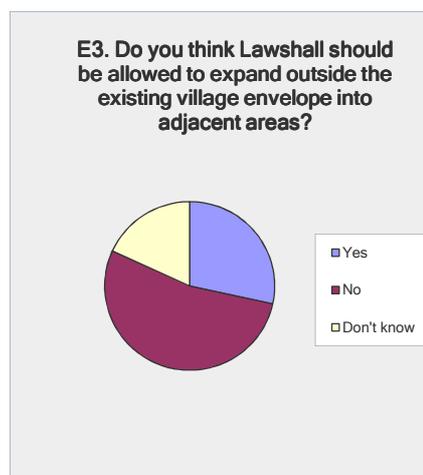
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This graph shows:

- The majority of respondents think that the village should not be allowed to expand outside the existing village envelope*

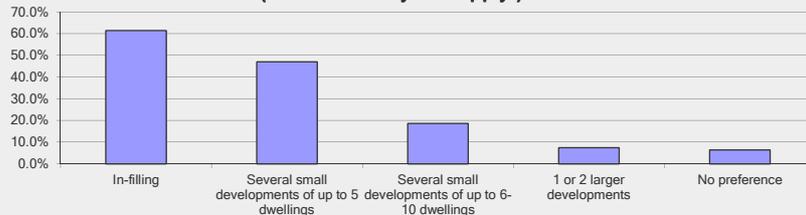
** It has been noted that some villagers are not certain what the existing 'village envelope' is. This issue will be addressed at future events.*



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5. Housing Development

**E4. What form would you prefer any future development to take?
(Please tick any that apply.)**



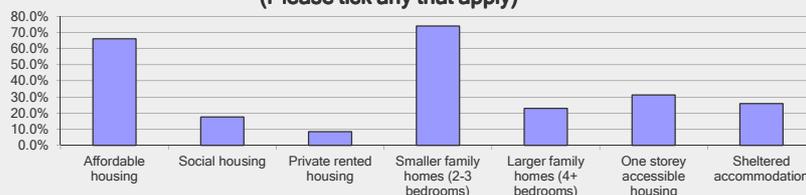
This graph shows:

- The majority of respondents judge that in-filling would be appropriate.
- Many respondents think small developments would be appropriate.
- Very few respondents would prefer larger developments.

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**E5. What type of new housing would you prefer to see in Lawshall?
(Please tick any that apply)**



This graph shows:

- The kind of housing most often regarded as needed are small family homes and affordable housing.
- The kind of housing least regarded as needed were private rented housing and social housing.

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5. Housing Development

- Of the 75 written comments for this section, the three main themes were:
- **Schools:** Many concerns were raised about impact of the school on the village, especially as regards school traffic and parking.
- **Young People:** Many respondents noted that there are too few inexpensive houses in the village suitable for young people/young families, and raised concerns about what this means for the future of the village.
- **Village identity:** Many respondents emphasised the importance of ensuring that any future development is sympathetic to Lawshall's identity as a village.

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What's next?

- The **next step** will be to identify the **key issues** that have emerged from the questionnaire, and from the other exercises and information gathering that the Neighbourhood Plan Team have organised over the past months.
- With the aid of professional advisors, the team will then start to develop **potential solutions** to the issues raised. In Summer 2016, a choice of possible solutions will be presented to the village in our second **Community Consultation Event**.
- The results of that event will then allow the team to put together an **initial draft** of the Neighbourhood Plan that represents what the village would like to see in the Plan.
- Remember, the development of the Neighbourhood plan is an **ongoing process**. There will be plenty of opportunities for you to raise issues that you'd like the Plan to address, and to have your say on what goes into the final plan. And at the end of the whole process, you'll be able to **vote** on whether the Plan should be ratified.

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