

**Needham Market Neighbourhood Plan
Public Consultation Event 21st June 2014
Summary of Feedback**

Transport

1. Traffic movements (Hill house Lane)
2. Improving link to A14
3. Accidents at Coddenham Road railway bridge
4. Hawks Mill access to town restrictive
5. Lack of public transport in evenings
6. Volume/speed of traffic (Foxglove Avenue/Quinton Road)
7. Doctors surgery lack of parking plus dangerous parking on verges
8. Further infrastructure (in general) required before further development
9. Visibility obstructed when turning into High Street (from Barretts Lane)
10. Vehicles parking along Hurstlea Road
11. Access arrangements to/from Chalk Quarry site if developed
12. Disparity in school transport charging arrangements
13. Access to Needham Lake side railway platform
14. Local bus route or Community Bus needed
15. Too many cars parked on busy roads
16. Create a car park for The Institute on the cut of land which goes up to Hurstlea Court
17. Poor state of road surfaces
18. Impact of traffic on the High Street
19. Should 'parking time' in High Street be extended to allow time for a coffee break etc.

Planning

1. Hill House Lane proposed development
2. How will the Chalk Quarry site be linked to the town, if developed
3. Preventing 'garden grabbing'
4. Future design quality (e.g. TW design not in keeping with Town Centre)
5. Tying in new development with existing
6. Inappropriate development on Greenfield sites
7. Expansion beyond current boundaries
8. Potential to reuse NMMS as an 'old people's home'
9. Anti-demolition of NMMS
10. More play area equipment needed (child and adult)
11. Keeping the High Street alive
12. Possible inadequate parking provision at TW site
13. Chalk Quarry site development – contrary views on suitability
14. The historic core of the town should be preserved
15. Open space at the Stowmarket end of town should be retained

16. Make more of a 'connection' between Needham Lake and the town
17. How will new development and/or increased infrastructure affect the 'flood plain'
18. The Neighbourhood Plan should include well thought out provision for future affordable/social housing
19. The capacity of the town's drainage infrastructure should be evaluated (and known)
20. Learn from Debenham as an example of new development not being matched by necessary increase in infrastructure

Environment

1. The town has plenty of walks and open spaces
2. Maintain open spaces to protect wildlife such as bats and buzzards
3. Protect trees with Conservation Orders etc.
4. Consider traffic noise as a nuisance
5. More recycling facilities needed
6. Light pollution e.g. from car park lights, is a nuisance
7. The cleanliness of the High Street is kept at a high level 'fantastic job'
8. Stop dog fouling and dog waste being left in hedges etc.

Social Needs and Capacity

1. Need to expand School and Doctors Surgery
2. Facilities for young people (14 to 17 year olds) needed
3. Doctor's facility should be more central
4. Create facilities on the Camping Land e.g. skate park, adult gym, children's play area
5. Advertising boards etc are obstructions for people on mobility scooters
6. Town Council should make better utilisation of communication via social media
7. Protect independent traders
8. Needham Market lags behind Stowmarket in community events
9. Needham Market is behind on facilities
10. Needham Market Community should be a 'brand'
11. Schools should be kept for that purpose
12. Bus passes for Needham Market children attending the High Schools issue
13. Ensure children see themselves as part of the community to encourage their respect for the community
14. A town museum would enhance community spirit
15. Is a town museum viable e.g. how many people are interested?
16. Adjust Business Rates to help independent traders viability
17. Ensure shops meet DDA requirements
18. Transform the Middle School into an 'Aspergers Centre'
19. On-line services e.g. banking, are of no use to many elderly people
20. Elderly people don't wish to have larger amounts of money on them than necessary and for longer than necessary as they are vulnerable

21. People settle and stay in what is a lovely area
22. Access for Emergency Services should not be restricted
23. Police 101 service has issues
24. Insurance not available or very costly for houses within range of 'flooding'
25. How is the town going to cope with the increasing needs of a growth in elderly residents
26. The town needs an emergency 'walk-in' health facility
27. Increased health facilities in the town would mean people could avoid travelling for treatments such as scanning and chemotherapy
28. Accommodation for elderly/infirm should be given priority
29. More thought should be given to people with special needs
30. There is a County-wide need for an 'Autistic School'
31. Transport to schools for children with special needs must be protected
32. Big business in particular does not consider the needs of rural communities
33. The Doctors Surgery phone is always engaged
34. The Pharmacy is too remote for many in the community
35. Is the Station Yard Dental practice available for general patients
36. The Scout Hut and other facilities for youngsters need improvement