

Diss & District Neighbourhood Plan Issues & Options Consultation (1) Results Summary Stuston



Introduction

This is a two page summary which can be read alongside the longer more detailed report, available on the DDNP website parish page for Stuston, www.ddnp.info/stuston. It provides an overview of results for the first of two DDNP Issues and Options Consultations, which ran across all parishes involved in the Neighbourhood Plan from mid-July to mid-August 2020. This consultation is one element of the evidence and assessment work which will help determine the final policies and site allocations. All of the evidence compiled to support the Neighbourhood Plan will be made publicly available on the website – www.ddnp.info

A total of 961 people took part in this first consultation across the DDNP area, with 41 taking part for Stuston.

Methodology

Respondents were asked to agree/disagree the extent to which the following list of local green spaces, important views and non-designated heritage assets were important to them. A benchmark of 80% agree/strongly agree has been applied to the data received. Those which didn't meet that 80% agreement benchmark are shown in italics. The numbers in brackets, where shown, indicate how many comments in support of each were received. Suggestions for additional local green spaces and important views were also invited and are currently being considered for further consultation.

Local Green Space:

All those listed in the survey reached the 80% benchmark, they are listed here:

STU2: All Saint's Churchyard (2); STU4: Rectory Lane; STU5: Lodge Meadows (2); STU6: Lodge Meadow Lane (2)

Important Views:

All those listed in the survey reached the 80% benchmark:

1: Entering the village on the B1077 & Rectory Lane; 2: All Saints Church and Graveyard; 3: Church Lane Footpath; 4: Old Bury Road, looking west; 5: Heathland adjacent Old Bury Road; 6: Old Bury Road, School Lane; 7: The village centre looking east and the Village Green and Coronation Oak; 8: Western village boundary, looking east towards the village; 9: Stuston Common and Golf Course from the B1077

Non-Designated Heritage Assets:

For non-designated heritage assets, four of the eight assets proposed reached the 80% benchmark. Those that didn't are shown in italics:

A) Stuston Common Moat Earthworks; B) Roman Camp & Field System; C) *Possible Medieval Enclosure*; D) *Buried Roadway*; E) *Lily Farm Moated Site*; F) *Stuston Bridge*; G) Scole Bridge (the old one); H) Stuston Common

Walking and Cycling: A new footpath from the Golf Club to the bridge leading to Victoria Road providing easier cycling and walking access between Stuston and Diss has been identified as a priority.

100% of respondents agreed this as a priority.

General policies

What policies did respondents agree should be included in the DDNP?

- Strong guidance on **Housing Mix** as part of any future development: **66% agree**
- Ensuring **density** of new developments reflects the character of the surrounding area: **94% agree**
- The cascade used by South Norfolk Council for **affordable housing** should include mid-Suffolk parishes: **69%**
- That larger developments should set aside some plots for **self-builders**: **49% agree**
- A requirement for development to reflect the **Design Codes** for the area to reflect local identity and styles: **91% agree** (Design Codes for the area can be viewed at www.ddnp.info/documents)
- Protecting **dark skies** by limiting light pollution in certain areas: **100% agree**
- A requirement of developers to **improve areas for wildlife**, including creating new areas: **100% agree**

Traffic:

- Should the proposed allocation north of the cemetery in Diss provide a new road linking Shelfanger Road with Heywood Road? **33% agree** (61% no opinion)
- A requirement that any major development likely to impact **congestion on A1066** should assess and address the impact? **86% agree**
- Any development should provide measures to better manage **traffic speeds** through the villages in the Neighbourhood Plan: **86% agree**
- Diss Town Centre: Should the Plan have policies should support retail, enhance the town centre and make good use of empty shops? **91% agree**
- Should the Neighbourhood plan support the installation of new **broadband infrastructure**? **100% agree.**

Thank you to everyone who helped to promote the survey in Stuston, and to those who took part. Your input is very much appreciated.

The DDNP Steering Group November 2020