

# Consultation Record – Longframlington Neighbourhood Plan Up to Regulation 14 Consultation February 2021

## Introduction

This document explains the various forms of consultation that have taken place to inform the Regulation 14 version of the Longframlington Neighbourhood Plan, and summarises the responses received.

## Initial consultations

May 2018	Village Meeting with a representative from NCC Planning Dept. Initial questionnaire in Fram News, asking how people felt about the level of housebuilding in the village.
Responses:	Over 50 questionnaire responses received. Overwhelmingly concerned about the level of housebuilding in the village.
End of 2018	After discussions with Parish Council, it was agreed that a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group would be established.

## Consultations following designation of the Parish as a Neighbourhood Area

April 2019	Longframlington Parish designated as a Neighbourhood Area.
June 2019	Village presentation explaining Neighbourhood Plan process. (Approx. 80 attendees.) Surveys distributed in Fram News and at the village presentation. Survey also available to complete online, with the link shared on the village Facebook pages.
Sept 2019	Drop-in session in the Community Room. Stall at Village Show. Children were asked for their views at the Village Show and a few completed wish lists and pictures – mainly of additions to the playground/park. Surveys collected.
Responses:	Approx. 70 responses received. Spreadsheet of responses attached. (See <i>Village Survey June – Sept 2019</i> ) These results formed the basis of the Vision and Objectives document.

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### **Vision and Objectives Consultation**

Sept 2019	Vision and Objectives pamphlet delivered to every house in the Parish, along with a questionnaire for feedback. Questionnaire was also available online, and advertised on the village Facebook pages. (See <i>Vision and Objectives pamphlet</i> )
Oct 2019	Drop-in coffee morning in St Mary's.
Nov 2019	Deadline for Vision and Objectives feedback.
Responses:	83 responses received. Spreadsheet and charts of responses attached. (See <i>Vision and Objectives Questionnaire Responses; Vision and Objectives Responses - Charts</i> )

### **Stage 1 Report**

June 2020	Stage 1 Report circulated amongst Parish Council for feedback.
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### **Regulation 14 version of Neighbourhood Plan**

June 2020 - Feb 2021	Draft Neighbourhood Plan, and associated evidence reports, prepared by Steering Group and Planning Consultant. (Delayed due to Covid restrictions and uncertainties relating to consultation events.)
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**Longframlington Neighbourhood Plan  
Village Survey following designation as a Neighbourhood Area: June - Sept 2019**

Survey Questions	Number of responses that mentioned that issue		
	Paper	Online	Total
<b>Strengths / what people value</b>			
Shops/pubs/café/open space/village hall/allotments/ dog field/surgery/playground/Churches	17	26	43
Friendliness/sense of community spirit/residents/inclusion/village feel/safe place for children	15	44	59
Activities within the village	7	3	10
Current size of the village	5	9	14
Rural position/countryside/wildlife	4	8	12
Views from the village	2	1	3
Bus service	2	1	3
Links to Morpeth/Alnwick/Rothbury	2		2
Wifi	1		1
Developments that help sustain local businesses		2	2
Accessibility of facilities		2	2
Access to countryside		2	2
Cleanliness		1	1

**Survey Questions**

**Paper**

**Online**

**Total**

**Issues to be addressed/improved**

Speed signs/traffic calming/20mph within village/manage traffic volume/busy A697 and within village	18	17	35
Pedestrian crossing on A697	4	3	7
Parking difficulties/requirements (including electric charging points)/bollards causing problems on Rothbury road	8	12	20
Too many large expensive houses/not in keeping with rural village style/overdevelopment/rate of development/no more housing	14	24	38
Ensure slow/manageable rate of development with corresponding services/facilities	7	16	23
Infill development only/protect current boundary	5	1	6
Affordable housing/low cost/rental/young family homes	8	12	20
Sheltered/retirement housing/care home/provision for elderly/downsizing	12	6	18
School in the village	11	27	38
Encourage more businesses/employment/support local business/bigger shop	8	14	22
Better bus service (including to Alnwick)	6	17	23
Lack of facilities for young people + sports clubs (inc. skate park/soft play)	1	6	7
More dog bins	1		1
More/maintain events for whole village	2	3	5
Lack of pride in some gardens	1		1
Infrastructure inc drainage (park and roads)/sewage	1	8	9
Paths to both sides of Rothbury Rd	1		1
Dedicated tennis court	1	1	2
Chemist/dentists	1	5	6

Survey Questions	Paper	Online	Total
Post Office	5	1	6
Double yellow lines at junction of A697/Rothbury Rd	1		1
Poor footpaths along A697	2	3	5
Poor lighting for pedestrians north of Fenwick Park	1		1
Garage	2	3	5
Bypass	3	2	5
Serious concern about safety of school bus pickups	1	2	3
Pressure on GP surgery - lack of appointments	2	12	14
Restriction on second homes and holiday homes	1		1
Encourage green policies/renewable energy plan for the village/sustainable energy	2	2	4
Become a vibrant village	1		1
Mains gas	1	4	5
Better internet connection and phone reception	1	2	3
Protect and provide wildlife habitats, hedgerows, mature trees, green/open space	1	5	6
Running/cycle track around the green	1	4	5
A local attraction similar to Gallery 45 in Felton - attract visitors - crafts/arts/small workshops for start-ups	2	1	3
Road and footpath surfaces/condition		8	8
Cash point		3	3
Better offroad foot/cycle paths around village/connectivity/signposts/dog walking + condition of paths		15	15
Streetlighting past St Laurence Court		1	1
Takeaways		2	2
More housing		4	4

Survey Questions	Paper	Online	Total
Improve the park and more community facilities		2	#REF!
Safety around tank turn/fence		2	#REF!
Shop opening hours		5	5
Storage for small businesses		1	1
Water fountain/toilet in park		1	1
Leisure centre/spa/pool		1	1
Tourist accomodation		1	1
<b>Any other comments</b>			
Friendly village but lacks soul/community spirit		1	1
Need to bring new and old residents together	2		2
Maintain the peaceful nature of the village	1		1
Don't want to become a commuter town	4		4
NCC ignoring the views of majority of residents	1		1
Support for NP	3		3
More publicity needed for NP to involve more people	1		1
Allow existing houses to be sold before building more	1		1
More effort to bring community together e.g. events		2	2
Parish Council need to involve locals more in decision making		1	1

Longframlington  
Neighbourhood Plan

Vision & Objectives

## Background

To begin the process of drawing up a Neighbourhood Plan for our Parish, we have been asking your views on what you think are the main issues facing Longframlington. A steering group from Longframlington Parish Council is preparing the plan but an essential part of the process is that you, as local residents, are fully engaged (and that applies as much to newcomers to the village as residents who have lived here for many years).

We have received many responses to our village survey, and along with numerous conversations, the previous village meetings, and our drop-in events, you have identified a number of key issues that the Neighbourhood Plan will need to address; these key issues have formed the basis of this 'Vision & Objectives' document.

At the end of this document you will find a questionnaire asking if you agree with each objective. Please complete the questionnaire and return it to the Paper Shop, or you can complete it online. Please complete the form by **1st November 2019**.

## Vision

To protect the character and identity of the Parish and Village of Longframlington; to support facilities and businesses to serve our community; to ensure that any development within the Parish is in response to local need, and is appropriate in terms of scale and design, respecting and valuing the historic, agricultural, and rural character of the Village of Longframlington and the Parish as a whole.

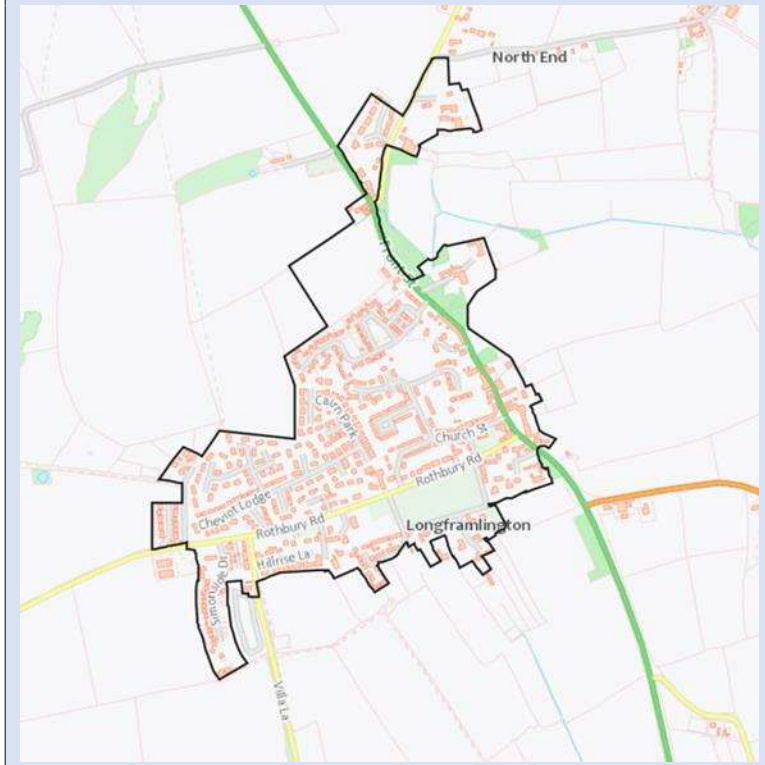
The Vision is an important statement of what Longframlington will aspire to, but more specific objectives are required to deliver this. The following objectives under the themes listed below are therefore proposed for the Plan.

*Note: Some of the issues raised in the survey are matters that the Neighbourhood Plan cannot influence directly, such as the provision of a first school in the village and increased GP provision. These issues are mainly those that either cannot be dealt with by a planning policy, or are outside of our control. However, they can be included in a document called a Community Action Plan, that can sit alongside the Neighbourhood Plan as a 'Wish List', which we will put together in the new year.*

# Objectives

## 1 – SETTLEMENT BOUNDARY OBJECTIVE

To maintain and protect Longframlington's settlement boundary as defined in the Northumberland Local Plan – Publication Draft Plan (Regulation 19):



## 2 – DESIGN OBJECTIVE

To place high value on Longframlington's distinct character as a rural village surrounded by open countryside, and to preserve and enhance this by:

- 2.1 recognising and protecting the sensitive boundaries of the village;
- 2.2 recognising and protecting the key views and gateways into and out of the village – north towards Longframlington Common/Glantlees Hill, south over the Coquet Valley, west towards Simonside and east towards the sea, and above to our dark skies;
- 2.3 recognising and protecting Longframlington's heritage assets and key public spaces.

### 3 – HOUSING OBJECTIVE

- 3.1 There are sufficient housing commitments already in place within the Parish, and the settlement boundary will restrict further expansion;
- 3.2 any future development must be small scale, within the settlement boundary, and in response to evidenced local need and support;
- 3.3 any future development of any kind should be sympathetic to the village character, landscape setting and biodiversity of Longframlington and should seek to preserve and enhance these features.

### 4 – FACILITIES AND BUSINESSES OBJECTIVE

- 4.1 To encourage and sustain a thriving village centre;
- 4.2 to retain and support the local retail and service provision;
- 4.3 to retain and support our community facilities;
- 4.4 to foster a sustainable community that promotes employment creation, supports new businesses, and offers a range of goods, services and community facilities to the local community and visitors.

## 5 – INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT OBJECTIVE

- 5.1 To ensure Longframlington's infrastructure is adequate to meet the needs of its residents;
- 5.2 to promote safe streets and spaces within Longframlington;
- 5.3 to conserve and enhance walking and cycling routes around the village which connect the village and provide informal meeting opportunities for people living in and working in Longframlington, rather than disconnected and isolated pockets of residential development;
- 5.4 to support proposals which will contribute to, and support the aim of, reducing traffic through the village;
- 5.5 to reduce vehicle speeds on the A697 and within the village;
- 5.6 to promote adequate and safe parking within the village, and increase parking facilities within the village;
- 5.7 to ensure safe pedestrian crossings and safe bus stops.

## 6 –BIODIVERSITY OBJECTIVE

*Biodiversity, by which we mean the local flora and fauna, and the various habitats and wildlife havens in the Parish, has been mentioned in some responses, and we wonder whether it is something that more people would be in favour of addressing through the Plan. We are including it here to find out whether it is something you would like to include.*

To maintain and enhance biodiversity within the Parish:

- 6.1 to recognise, conserve and enhance environmental assets such as our biodiverse hedgerows, verges and arable farmland;
- 6.2 to recognise, conserve, and enhance our local wildlife habitats;
- 6.3 to ensure that any development or land use change does not negatively impact any of the above.

## 7 – GREEN SPACE OBJECTIVE

To conserve, enhance and provide further village green spaces including the play park, allotments, and dog walking field which allow for recreation and social interaction among all age groups.

## Vision & Objectives Questionnaire

Please complete and return this questionnaire by **1<sup>st</sup> November 2019**. You can drop it in to the Paper Shop, or complete it online (look on the Parish Council website or the 'Longframlington Neighbourhood Plan' Facebook page for the link).

- Do you agree with the '**Vision**' as it is currently worded?

Yes

No

Any comments?

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- **Objective 1 – Settlement Boundary Objective.**  
Do you agree with this objective, that we should protect Longframlington's village boundary?

Yes

No

Any comments?

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- **Objective 2 – Design Objective.**

Do you agree with this objective, that we should protect the character of Longframlington as a rural village/Parish?

Yes

No

Any comments?

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- **Objective 3 – Housing Objective.**

Do you agree with this objective as it is currently worded?

Yes

No

Do you think there is a need for additional housing for local people? Please say why, and give examples if possible.

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Any other comments?

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- **Objective 4 – Facilities and Businesses Objective**

Do you agree with this objective?

Yes

No

Which places do you think should be classed as community facilities?

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Any other comments?

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- **Objective 5 – Infrastructure and Transport Objective.**

Do you agree with this objective?

Yes

No

Any comments?

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- **Objective 6 – Biodiversity Objective.**

Do you agree that this should be included as an objective for the Neighbourhood Plan to address?

Yes

No

Any comments?

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- **Objective 7 – Green Space Objective.**

Do you agree with this objective?

Yes

No

Which places do you think should be classed as local green spaces?

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Any other comments?

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## Longframlington Neighbourhood Plan

### Comments received in response to Vision and Objectives Consultation Questionnaire (83 responses)

#### Vision

#### Do you agree with this Vision?

Yes: 78

No: 5

#### Comments:

Community action plan should include GP surgery and I have been horrified to hear that those elderly people who have to have prescriptions delivered are now having to pay £5 per month. Surely the surgery could be utilised as a collection point.

The village's responsibility to the environment and its contribution to tackling global environmental issues within its vision needs clear articulation. It should now be the main priority for the village. A village school may be required in future, although out of Parish Council control but reservation of suitable land within agreed boundary should be a consideration

"Protect" should be replaced with the more positive "promote"

I think it is very important to protect the character and identity of the village before it is too late. Increase in population has not been met with increase in GP provision and this needs to be addressed.

Keep Longfram as a village and not develop into a small town with few amenities.

I understand but for local business we need to expand.

The vision has a negative sentiment. Should be focused more on the growth of the community, attractiveness to visitors and support for both families and businesses.

The wording reveals an attitude that is too inward-looking, restrictive and narrow-minded. The adjective 'parochial' springs to mind. What about reference to the national need?

Well done - thank you for producing a Neighbourhood Plan at last.

#### Objective 1: Settlement Boundary Objective

#### Do you agree with this Objective?

Yes: 78

No: 5

#### Comments:

Possibly excluding the land north of Fenwick Park?

It's only normal that a village will grow as the population grows, stop putting boundaries up and be more pro active to sustain the village, I have welcomed all the new developments, I think they are great for the village

Any developments at the edges of the protected boundary should be planned to ease the visual transition from moorland & open countryside into the village and support the historic character of the village and its surrounds.

Should include North End houses

Will there be recognised acceptable developments ? To just stop everything additional looks to be a difficult ask.

Certainly! Better late than never.

Yes in principle, but I don't see why the land S of Lightpipe Farm is excluded so long as the ROW are protected.

I don't want stop development but it should be controlled by those living and working in the parish.

The village has grown enough in the past few years. The boundary needs to remain as it is.

Adopting historic definitions isn't necessarily in the interests of the community

The boundary is incorrect around The Old Vicarage (one of the older homes in the village) which is shown outside the boundary!

Southern boundary is incorrect. It should include the current housing.

Definitely

The sooner the better.

Absolutely - we do not want Longfram turned into a city.

The boundary is important to Longfram's identity.

Everywhere expands.

Is Longframlington still a village?

Not sure boundaries shown cover whole village ie Villa Lane.

What does the boundary need protected from? Development is critical to ensure local services continue to operate to a high standard; buses, businesses, shops. Villages are meant to be focused on community and welcoming new residents, this states the opposite.

"Protect" - from what, from whom? Every decade post WW2 has seen development here which has greatly enhanced the community and this can continue to happen. This "vision" if implemented, would lead to stagnation.

Try and reduce the impact on key views by the excessive development already built by planting trees especially for approaches to the village from the north and west.

## Objective 2: Design Objective

### Do you agree with this Objective?

Yes: 78

No: 5

### Comments:

What are the sensitive boundaries?and heritage assets?

But it's too late - it is already spoiled

A diminishing pool of rural spots should of course be defended.

We must clearly state protection of the environment as a design objective

Any developments agreed should be sympathetic to community design objectives

It's a lovely village as it is. It needs to be protected.

"protect" should be replaced with the more positive "promote"

With no "creeping" as has occurred recently in Rothbury Rd.

NB 2.2 & 2.3

Maintain rural character by restricting more new builds and increasing population.

Everywhere expands. Local businesses are trying, help them.

Agree but protecting the incoming views of the village has already been compromised with the new builds spoiling the outlooks.

I believe this objective doesn't address the 'needs' of the people or the village. Needs revisited.

Focused on boundaries and protectionism rather than what people need.

What defines a "rural village"? Even with further housing development Longframlington would still be surrounded by vast acres of beautiful countryside.

### Objective 3: Housing Objective

#### Do you agree with this Objective?

Yes: 77

No: 6

#### Is there a need for additional housing for local people?

Maybe not in the next few years but who can tell what the future can needs will be

Yes there should be more affordable housing for those who have always lived in the village and have their livelihoods here.

Perhaps Sheltered Housing for elderly residents that need support and live on their own!

There appears to be no planned infrastructure developments that provide additional local employment opportunities. It is therefore unclear that there are additional local housing needs.

Yes

I think there are enough houses in the village already.

No - there is the need for a different type of housing, e.g. small affordable housing for the young leaving home for the first time and more accessible housing for the elderly and infirm. However this could come from change of use to existing housing stock within the village.

We need housing for first time buyers who work locally. There are enough big houses.

Yes, there is very limited social housing in the village. Any future planning approvals should only be for social housing. We have already lost many young people from the village and many of the new residents are elderly or coming to the end of their working lives and move to the village to retire.

This is going to increase the serious additional burden on our already stretched community and local services. Many of the couples who have moved to retire to the village have now lost one of the partners, often leaving the remaining partner alone and vulnerable. We are in serious danger of this becoming a retirement village. We need to actively promote provision for young people/families.

A site could be identified within the village boundary and reserved for Affordable/Housing Assn. houses for locals similar to that provided at the west end of the village

Warded/sheltered housing will release housing as current owners seek to downside but stay in the village

Yes. Property is expensive for first time buyers and it healthier for the community to encourage residents at all income levels.

Yes, affordable housing or perhaps sheltered housing for elderly

I know of any present need, but as time moves on and the demograph of the village changes, a need may develop. The village should be aware and prepared for a change in priorities.

There is no dedicated provision for the elderly and little provision for single person dwellings

There is sufficient housing for local people - young people need to be mobile re their work and housing.

For the young, smaller affordable units thereby helping to keep the age balance of the village

I do agree because I recognise the demographics of Longframlington.

No. Vacant properties are available and new builds seem to attract non-local residents.

There is a need for sheltered housing for elderly people who would like to stay amongst friends in the village, but are unable to cope in their own homes anymore.

There is a need for sheltered housing to allow older residents to remain in the village.

Should be more affordable homes for young people who've grown up in the village. Don't need any more executive housing.

No

Probably adequate housing for local people within present housing stock.

Yes. More bungalows for the elderly.

Sheltered housing for the elderly - the garage site would have been ideal.

More affordable housing for "Born & Bred" families

Sheltered housing, perhaps?

I do not have the statistical evidence but it is possible that a small number of bungalows for elderly people, within the old village, might be welcome.

I do not think there is any need for additional housing. New estates have been built very recently in addition to ones already here.

No. Current residents find it hard to sell vs new build incentives. Current social housing always available for rent. Plenty of small bungalows already available.

Many of the housing developments recently (or currently being) built are for large expensive houses neither solving the housing crisis nationally nor helping young people locally - or older people needing to downsize.

The more houses, the more people so we might get a school back, which is more jobs.

No

Sheltered housing for older residents who do not wish to move away from Longframlington

I believe there is already sufficient housing of all types available within the village.

Young families are the lifeblood future of the village. Any housing should reflect the ability for first time buyers to live here as well as being affordable. Equally an ageing population need to be offered appropriate housing options.

No. There are sufficient houses that have recently been built which may 'free up' existing cheaper houses in the village if they move to the new bigger houses.

Not large houses on large lots. Small compact development to encourage less dependence on cars.

Only just moved to the village so don't feel we can answer this question.

If we ever want to attract new businesses or a diverse population, this attitude needs to change.

More houses required to support already struggling businesses.

Why "local people"? As you will know, there is a national scandal re the lack of social housing. Every community in the UK needs to share the responsibility.

Need for additional housing may be satisfied by natural turnover of properties. Also sheltered accommodation should be considered to release properties.

Only, perhaps, sheltered accommodation for older residents.

**Comments:**

Low cost housing and sheltered should be its priority

All new property development must adhere to strict environmental principles and prove that they do no harm to the environment in any way.

Keep any further housing small scale within vilage boundary.

There is greater opportunity to encourage development to suit local needs or persuade developers to support local infrastructure eg dual purpose housing combining workshop/office/retail accommodation to suit small business

Interest rates have been low for a very long time. Inevitably they will rise, and householders who are currently just able to make mortgage payments may struggle financially, possibly losing their property. New council-built rented accommodation may help local people.

NB 3.2

Need to ask.

3.1 and 3.3

Not at present

I don't think there is sufficient local work to provide for more people and we end up being a dormitory village.

In essence it's about less 4/5 bedroom houses and more about 1,2,3 bedroom houses.

This vision does not reflect the need of the people. Must be revisited.

Over 200,000 homeless children living in sub-standard shared accommodation, with single parents living in B&Bs - this needs to be addressed. Having an "invisible wall" around the village is a form of denial of the problem.

**Objective 4: Facilities and Businesses Objective**

**Do you agree with this Objective?**

Yes: 82

No: 1

**Facilities:**

Village Hall, retail, food and beverage.

All the shops and pubs

Buildings already used, i.e. The Memorial Hall and the Church Meeting Rooms.

Post Office, Full-time surgery, school !!

Sheltered accommodation, permanent village history facility ( to attract visitors)

Village Hall, playground, dog field.

The park, village green, memorial hall and the night sky.

Allotments, dog walking area, playing fields, memorial hall, public footpaths around the village Memorial Hall, Churches and church rooms, King George V playing field, allotments, shops, pubs. All open spaces and, paths, cycle routes and bridal ways.

We should find an interested party to develop Dennis Common site to provide Sheltered housing or retirement homes with village residents in mind. This would also create some employment.

Village Hall, Play park, dog walking fields, cemeteries, allotments

The Memorial Hall, the Playing field, the dog walking area.

All current business, parkland and open spaces.

Memorial hall and both church 'rooms'.

Memorial Hall The Green

Village Hall, Playing Fields, Dog walking area,

I think we are reasonably well catered for in this area

1) the village hall

2) Open green spaces and play areas

3) transport links

All local businesses. Memorial Hall along with any other meeting facilities. Existing Churches.

Longframlington Surgery, Paper Shop, re-cycling bank.

Village & Church halls. The Green & playground, sports court, dog walking field. Allotments.

Community hall, playing fields, dog walking field, doctor's surgery, Churches and their halls.

Memorial Hall, Sports Field

All present green spaces should be retained and not subject to housing infill.

The Halls, the football and playgrounds

Current businesses also provide community facilities for locals and are an important focus for local elderly - especially those who do not drive.

Village Green, Community Room (St Mary's), Village Hall, Church yard, Grave yard at south of village. All the shops.

We need more facilities. With expanding, more Doctors, another school.

Our village and Church halls, playing fields, allotments.

There is a need for: pharmacy, garage with petrol pumps, Post Office

All the businesses that are here currently.

Village Hall

Memorial Hall, Churches

Village green - play park. Dog walking area. 3 Halls. Village Pub and Shops.

Doctors / shop / butcher shop / paper shop / cafe / Village Inn

Memorial Hall. St Mary's Room and URC facilities.

The park, Memorial Hall. The green space opposite Carrs.

Memorial Hall. Churches. Shops, cafes, pubs, doctors. Parks and allotments. Roadside seats.

Village hall, playing fields/park, Church hall, GP surgery, shops, pub, cafe, fish and chip van, Post Office van etc, bottle bank.

Existing spaces and green spaces on new developments are a welcome addition to village life. Focus needs to be on supporting new and existing businesses. Younger generation have different requirements.

Those that currently are plus the green spaces on the new estates eg St Laurence Court, Healeycote View, Simonside Drive

Churches, Halls, and all green spaces.

Village shops, Village Inn and Granby, Running Fox, Churches and Memorial Hall, toddler group

**Comments:**

What support do you give?

There is diminishing space within the village offering employment opportunities. For example, the former garage site on Rothbury Road could be developed to small workshops / start-up units to encourage small rural business development. This would provide employment opportunities within the village as an alternative to unwanted housing development. Otherwise alternative locations should be explored and set aside for such business developments.

All of the above objectives should have a proviso which states ....'that are environmentally friendly, "Thriving Village Centre" is both sides of the A697. We Need a safe crossing point similar to that at Village needs to encourage more businesses to open

The memorial hall is under-utilised and needs to offer opportunities for the young in particular Not only sustain but improve where possible.

We need smaller starter units for businesses - we don't need to be just a commuter village.

Item 4.4 is contradictory. You can only create employment if there are new businesses for people to work in. We do not require more businesses if they will cause more problems.

Some businesses would be welcome, of course. It might be worth considering what would not be welcome.

We urgently need car parking to allow shops to thrive.

Add need for connection to gas mains. In the next decade gas is likely to switch to hydrogen in the pipes. The village needs to meet future green fuel planning.

As an older resident, it would be easier to walk more if more seating was provided.

Main park dog restriction is old fashioned. This needs addressed. Most households in village now have dogs and facilities aren't appropriate any more.

The above new spaces are an asset to the village and enhance it visually and socially.

Somewhere in the plan allow space for small business units.

**Objective 5: Infrastructure and Transport Objective**

**Do you agree with this Objective?**

Yes: 81

No: 2

**Comments:**

The lack of retail parking has always been a hindrance to local retail. Adequate and safe parking can only be a catalyst for business growth.

Definitely parking facilities.

While the objective is generally sound, it must be recognised that the A697 is a major access road for farms, villages and visitor attractions in North Northumberland and the borders. Without the unlikely prospects of a bypass road coming to pass, it is impractical to attempt to reduce traffic volume. The emphasis must be on road safety, reduction of parking / waiting along the A697 and pedestrian safety for access into the village centre and crossing the roads.

desperate need to improve current situation.

Electric car charging points are going to be a critical need - this could be an opportunity for income for the village.

Our dark skies are an asset - please don't encourage excessive street lighting which will spoil this.

5.7 should state 'to ensure and improve....' We don't have any at present.

There should be an additional objective:

5.8 To ensure an environmentally sympathetic and effective public transport system which provides regular daily access to Alnwick, Morpeth and Rothury, which encourages a reduction in single user car usage.

Cycling safe lanes through village and onward to Longhorsley would keep bikes away from traffic (lorries).

Urgent help is needed to cross A697 , somewhere between the Butcher and the south end  
Avoid planning permissions that make parking worse and affects existing businesses, and withdraw permissions if truth hasn't been told at outset

I would like to see action taken to reduce vehicles parking on footpaths & verges. I see this disregard of consideration for pedestrians as a serious safety risk.

Move the south entry 30mph sign further south.

Parking in village is difficult and some people park in dangerous places, why don't they use the tank turn.

Footpaths around the village and cycling options definitely need to be improved

There is conflict with supporting a thriving "village centre" when there is inadequate access for delivery vehicles and A road traffic.

The provision of a playgroup/first school needs consideration. Could space be found adjacent to the Memorial Hall?

Except 5.5 - no need to reduce speed - 30mph adequate - but enforcement needs to be carried out mainly along Rothbury Rd.

5.3 Stop at 'connect the village'. The rest doesn't make much sense.

Do not agree with 5.4 as businesses rely on passing trade. 5.6 would also seem to be impossible to achieve without cutting into the village green spaces.

5.3 - too late already happened

5.6 - nowhere suitable

5.7 - crossings? nowhere suitable. One in Longhorsley rarely used, people cross anywhere e.g. Equestrian Centre - causes road congestion, damage, noise as evidenced this weekend from loud speaker system.

Do not see a need for a reduction in speed limit but somehow ensuring present 30mph limit is observed.

Also, to ensure the level of traffic air pollution does not reach dangerous levels.

NB - 5.5 & 5.6

Good luck.

A697 and Longfram village is not suitable for HGVs which should be routed via A1. Reduce speed through village to 20mph.

5.6 and 5.7 are essential if Objective 4 is to be achieved.

There is a lot of heavy haulage using the main road through the village as a short-cut to Scotland.

The heavy vehicles should be directed back onto the A1 route.

The more people, the more bus times will be available.

At least one pedestrian crossing (preferably two but I don't believe in miracles) are needed.

Provide notices to encourage parking on the tank turn.

A safe pedestrian crossing on the A697 is vital. There should be a speed limit of 20mph on Rothbury Road.

A little more passenger support would ensure that we retain the local bus service to help non car owning people to travel out of the village.

Facilities to reduce speeding on Rothbury Road. Review Alnwick bus service.

The safe streets and spaces especially should be improved, ie the Rothbury Road/'Carr's Corner' junction needs urgent attention before someone gets injured or worse. Cars should be greatly limited in numbers for a start. The pothole situation is another big problem.

Improve frequency of bus services to Alnwick, Morpeth and Rothbury. (This would lessen the number of cars travelling to these towns.)

Traffic is a nightmare. Speed and road noise are issues. Pavements are narrow and obstructed by overhanging vegetation. Blocked road trains cause ponds creating spray from traffic. Need more speed cameras.

Unsure about how to reduce traffic and speed however reducing parking on main road would help safety. Additional parking facilities to support local businesses in the centre would be useful, with safe crossings for pedestrians. Additional public transport infrastructure would also be very

This could only be seen as a good thing. Speed limits and new routes.

Reducing the speed limit to 20mph throughout the village, including the A697, would make a

massive difference.

1. Traffic calming on Rothbury Road should be an essential objective.

2. Vehicles should not park on footpaths to ensure safe pedestrian movement.

3. Stop idling vehicles, a small step for controlling vehicle emissions in the village. It is illegal (Ref: Highway Code Rule 123)

Reducing speed through village and a safe pedestrian crossing are an absolute necessity.

## Objective 6: Biodiversity Objective

### Do you agree with this Objective?

Yes: 82

No: 1

### Comments:

We are fortunate to live in an area rich in wildlife and biodiversity. Maintaining and developing this is essential to maintaining the character of the village and its place within the local environment  
Stop netting hedges for a start.

Propose bird / squirrel / bat / hedgehog boxes to encourage additional wildlife around the village. We need sufficient spaces that are not "tidy". The centres of some of the green spaces should be mown to a "meadow" grassland regime. Even Highways England have accepted this in their plans for maintenance of verges.

6.3 should state: 'to ensure that any development or land use change, including those for business or community purposes, does not negatively impact any of the above'  
new objective:

6.4 to actively discourage the use of pesticides and the use of chemicals which harm the environment

Reduce concrete, develop green spaces that protect our pollinators

Local fields and woodland should be made more accessible

See <https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk> for what more can be done in particular with verges and green open spaces. The prolific use of weed killer by county council could be avoided if biodiversity plans were implemented.

Arable farmland' does not support much biodiversity, pasture could.

Arable farmland supports very little environmental assets.

697 South the verges have lovely trees. Could the verges 697 North, Rothbury Road be planted in a similar way.

Vital.

Stop hedgerow netting.

Please ensure that any housing development is not done at the expense of any indigenous trees, long established.

Yes work as a team to keep a lovely village.

A good objective, it's nearly 2020 and we should preserve and encourage.

Can the area around the Doctors surgery be cut back and tidied please.

Do everything we can to maintain our flora and fauna.

Perhaps there is an opportunity to enhance the objective in the park and dog walking area.

Very strongly support any plans to help biodiversity and local wildlife, including dark skies.

Very important! Could do more; litter picking, planting trees, attract eco businesses.

Re protecting wildlife, the Council must surely be aware that open arable and general farmland where pesticides are used, does far more damage than any new housing development would.

As red squirrel activity has been reported at North End of village, the application for 40 houses which we neither want nor need, should be refused. The squirrels are more important.

## Objective 7: Green Space Objective

### Do you agree with this Objective?

Yes: 82

No: 1

### Spaces to include:

Village green

As mentioned above.

All spaces not already built on.

The playing field and the fields surrounding the village

Playing fields, dog walking area, public foot paths, allotments

As above plus the village boundaries.

should also include footpaths ,cycle and bridle ways

All those identified in the objective.

All those in the report

The playing field, the dog walking area, open spaces on the new housing estates, public rights of way & the verges around the village.

Anywhere that is currently managed by either county council or developers to promote open spaces

All the above

Keep the existing established green spaces. eg. play park, dog field etc

all of the above mentioned

The recreation area/ the pitch. The dog walking field. Allotments and cemeteries.

As already existing.

The Green, dog walking field, allotments, road verges.

Those mentioned

Children's playing field, dog walking field/allotments, fenced off area at bottom of Rimside View. All areas that haven't been built on where there is access to public footpaths.

Existing playpark and sports facilities are more than adequate as is dog walking field - therefore no more needed.

Could part of the green/park area and dog field be left to grow wild - does it all need mowing?

Encourage a wildflower area.

Football field, play park, dog walking field (but needs enforcement of clearing up after dogs)

Fenwick Park green, allotments

The present ones. Generous provision here and could be used even more.

All mentioned in the plan, plus the public footpaths leading out of the village - they need to be clearly marked and maintained.

The park, the green, the Churches, the graveyard

Between Fenwick Park and Knogley Way

The existing Village Green, allotment areas. Keep the streets clear of dog fouling so the dog walking field should remain. Villa Lane/ Harrogate Lane?

The main village green. The dog walking field.

Play field, create nature reserve perhaps starting Villa Lane or between Healey Coat

Village green and play park / dog field / allotments / Villa Lane - for walking

Playpark, dog walking field, allotments. Could another playing field be created beside Rimside to serve Fenwick Park houses.

All the ones listed in Section 7.

The park's position (close to the busy road) should have a wider footpath for safe crossing for dog walkers and young people alike.

Play park, allotments, dog walking field. Support ideas to build additional protected areas - develop woodland and public walking areas/routes.

Parks, footpaths, greens

Obviously those already in the village. Beyond the village, perhaps local landowners and new developers could enhance public footpaths and green spaces for use by the community.

All public spaces

**Comments:**

Should read:

7.1. To conserve, enhance and provide further village green spaces including the play park, allotments, and dog walking field, footpaths, cycle and bridle ways which allow for recreation and social interaction among all age groups.

7.2 Actively seek a freedom to roam policy within the Longframlington Parish boundary.

7.3 To encourage the development of wild spaces which will increase the extent of local fauna and flora in the village.

A good start well put together

Keep up the good work. Its very good of you all to work hard to protect our village boundary.

Play areas need to be developed to suit local needs giving children easy convenient safe access

Allotment use often appears to be overlooked.

The Parish could sign up to a Climate Emergency Declaration (NCC has already done so, but it is important for Parishes to do so as well).

Thank you to those promoting this Plan. This (the older part) village is a wonderful place to live.

Very sociable, great provision of activities, shop, paper shop, pubs (I suppose!!). The new houses are not a good addition but they are here. There are enough. We live in the countryside. Please, please let it stay that way.

Keep up the good work

Fenwick Park area has added a new green space - well done.

I think the whole document has been well thought out and well presented for presenting the views put forward. Thank you.

New developments should include their own playparks

Maybe a footpath could be made taking back the park's boundary where feasible.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on an excellent plan.

See previous point about inclusion of dogs. I can bring a dog into a pub and not into a park...seems ridiculous.

Having attended 2 of the village plan meetings (the average age of the people there seeming to be 60+) I would like to add that the "vision" outlined in this pamphlet scares me as it wants to eliminate development and the people on this Council have their own agenda.

Thank you for all your efforts to maintain the integrity of Longframlington.

You are doing a good job!



# Longframlington Neighbourhood Plan - Vision and Objectives Questionnaire

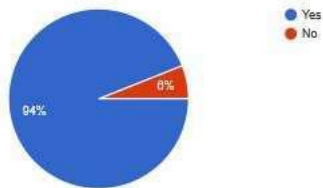
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## Vision

Do you agree with the 'Vision' as it is currently worded?

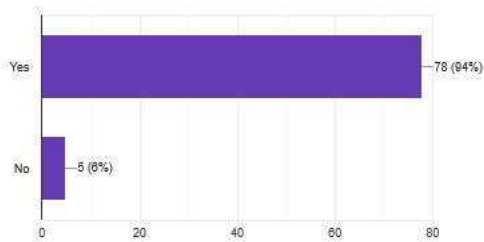
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## 1 - SETTLEMENT BOUNDARY OBJECTIVE

Do you agree with this objective, that we should protect Longframlington's village boundary?

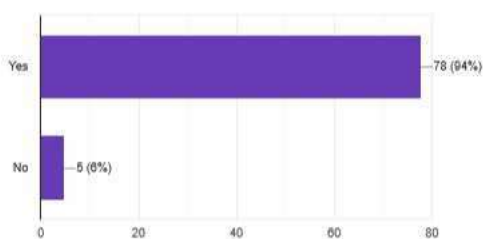
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## 2 - DESIGN OBJECTIVE

Do you agree with this objective, that we should protect the character of Longframlington as a rural village/parish?

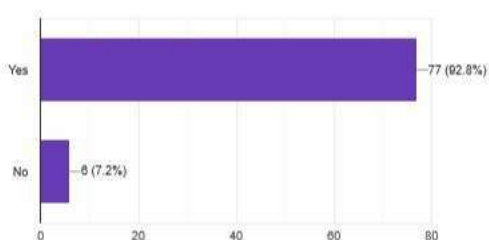
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## 3 - HOUSING OBJECTIVE

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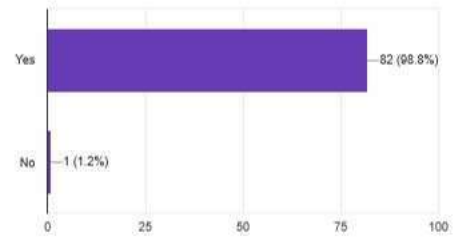
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## 4 - FACILITIES AND BUSINESSES OBJECTIVE

Do you agree with this objective?

83 responses



## 5 - INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT OBJECTIVE

Do you agree with this objective?

83 responses



## 6 - BIODIVERSITY OBJECTIVE

Do you agree that this should be included as an objective for the Neighbourhood Plan to address?

83 responses



## 7 - GREEN SPACE OBJECTIVE

Do you agree with this objective?

83 responses

