

Question 15

Landscape and nature:

How important is it to use our Neighbourhood Plan to try to find ways of improving the natural environment of the Parish?

If you think it's important, where in the parish should the improvements be?

[Written responses to the 'where in the parish' question are recorded with abbreviations of the respective tickbox 'importance' answer. VI = Very important; I = Important; NI = Not important; DK = Don't know.]

- I: Resurface pavements
- NI: Neighbourhood Plans across the country have proved pretty useless and ignored at higher level
- I: Facilities and amenities for locals
- VI: Dog bins repaired and emptied more frequently. Street cleansing more frequently
- VI: Haversham by the Greyhound Pub
- VI: Ouse Valley and the Northern Agricultural Area
- VI: It is vital our plan recognises the natural barrier of the Ouse and the importance of the Ouse Valley
- I: Not sure
- I: Not sure as live on outskirts of community

- VI A great improvement would be a reduction in 2 and multi car ownership. Retired couple with a car each! Dog ownership out of control!
- NI Providing matters are not made worse.
- DK I didn't think it's possible we need to develop to provide more housing
- I Maintaining rights of way from over/under growth. Finding devices to stop fly-tipping often at the entrance of rights of way across fields. Litter picking regularly + dog/litter bins regularly emptied. Protecting River Ouse linear park.
- VI Find ways/money to maintain/cut back foliage on path down the hill to the village.

- VI Further road restrictions would help, road narrowing for instance.
- VI Any area it all needs protecting.
- VI In any overgrown areas, neglected footpaths and by the footpath between the estate and old village. Hedgerows and verges need attention.
- VI Haversham Village has a tired, run down, look to it. The stables adjacent to the lake is not a thing of great beauty.
- I Traffic management, sustainable transport.
- VI Hedges and verges, they are impeding visibility for motorists, walkers, cyclists & horseriders an accident waiting to happen.
- I Keep the area free of litter. If everyone just picked up the litter outside of their own houses what a vast improvement.
- VI More trees in Manor Drive, rec & wildlife area.

- VI Vacant area not occupied by allotments. Road verge down to village
- VI Don't spoil it by building on it!
- VI Maintaining all hedgerows so beneficial for wildlife and landscape
- VI Creation of wildlife meadow and woodland areas

- VI Shrubs, trees, flowerbeds could be used in any unused areas. Generally the estate and village are well cared for and the community takes pride in where they live. Existing footpaths could become 'rights of way' so they cannot be subsumed by building
 - VI Encourage more community engagement. We have an excellent, proactive and committed social committee but I do think we are missing a central location (limited by school hall)
 - VI Community orchard in lower Haversham 'village'
 - VI More formal link to Linford Nature Reserve and walks and extend riverside walk/cycle paths along river/lakes to Little Linford particularly + making a 'buffer' zone around lower village so character and history maintained as has been done in rest of MK
 - Ensure hedges/trees are well kept (safety reasons)
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- VI – Generally, all over the Parish, especially the footpaths, very hard to walk on these, especially Wolverton Road.
 - VI – All available spare land – add planting to encourage wildlife.
 - VI – Plant more trees and high carbon absorbing plants, climate change is not going to reverse itself.
 - VI - Not sure but it is very important to preserve the natural environment particularly during a time when climate change is such a prominent issue.
 - VI – Along the River Ouse.
 - VI – Habitat creation, more nesting sites for swifts, owls, bats; more trees (not just replacing ones that have been cut down).
 - VI – Between estate and village and exit out of estate towards Hanslope.
 - I – Make more of the lakes – we don't use them as they are difficult to access (in terms of footpaths).
 - VI – We see a large amount of wildlife; from game birds, hares, deer and small birds which is a pleasure. Any improvement on this would be fantastic.
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- VI – try & maintain the village feel & diversity of nature while expanding
 - I – ensure that upkeep of footpaths is kept
 - VI – cut all verges including those between settlements. Trim all hedges. Other items that improving the natural environment requires land & that's failed on previous attempts
 - VI – ensuring that any future development doesn't damage the current green spaces, encouraging more wildlife not damaging it with new developments
 - Area between the bridge on Wolverton road & the viaduct. Triangle near T junction at Crossroads farm. Wide verge along 'Broadacre' fence line
 - VI – vital – tree planting, a parish rubbish / environment team. Discussions with local farmers about hedgerow cutting & leaving some areas wild
 - VI – get rid of the stinking Wolverton re-cycling centre
 - VI – continue to support the already wonderful environments we live in
 - No comment - continue to support the already wonderful environments we live in (same 2nd comment BC)
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- I – the overall area in general
 - I – highlight heritage of Haversham & its role on the edge of MK
 - VI – protecting surrounding agriculture & fields. Keeping footpaths cut back (by the bus stop on Wolverton rd. & path into fields at top of Wolverton rd.)
 - VI – in all of it! Preserving the natural environments that surround are an integral part of the parish
 - VI – Haversham estate
 - I – ensuring footpaths are clearer for people to walk on some of the paths in Haversham
 - VI – don't smack houses down on top of green land
 - VI – north area
 - I - better litter picking on verges

- VI - Planting The Green and the grassy areas on Wolverton Road. Ban all parking on grass verges. Limit car ownership by imposing a PC fee for more than 2 cars.
- VI - I like the parish as it is
- I – A review of local villages should be undertaken to compare and identify what’s missing
- VI – Footpath at the top of hill
- I – Opinions of the residents matter beyond all else, so the Neighbourhood Plan should be used to highlight areas of improvements
- VI – Footpaths at Crossroads Farm. Recycling plant – noisy and pollution
- VI – We can have our input and some control over what happens
- VI – Pathway through all the village all the way to Mill Road
- VI – Resisting dense developments, keep the village feel

- VI hedgerows, some need better maintenance
- I Look at the road verges and hedges to make them safe for car users.
- VI Some way of getting to the riverside paths without having to walk down Wolverton road where the traffic is very intrusive and polluting (though I know that I contribute to this problem when I drive out of Haversham!)
- VI Making the village more unified and less just rows of houses along main roads.
- I I would like to see more effort to encourage essential species like bees and butterflies. Wild flower planting in areas such as the Rec ground would be great to see.
- VI Patches of area for wildlife throughout the parish.
- VI Rather than one location I would suggest a string of environmental pockets to enable wildlife to flourish.
- VI footpaths / shared open spaces

- I. Sustaining or increasing Biodiversity
- I. Ensure any new developments fit in with the landscape.
- VI. There are areas in the village that should not be developed due to their importance to the village
- VI. Places to walk
- VI. The Greyhound pub could do with a little modernising
- VI. Areas designated as protected nature reserves such as the sailing lake and the Little Linford Wood.
- VI. More trees in existing green areas
- I. Don’t know specifics
- VI. More hedging and tree planting. Only one tree planted on the Green since 1980 but six removed. More wood planting to encourage bio-diversity.
- VI. More footpaths

- VI. A bench or two strategically placed would be great too.
- I. Continued improvement to riverside area
- VI. Litter prevention down by river
- VI. Public footpath at the top of hill
- I. Preserving natural environment. Preserving as much natural environment as possible i.e. hedgerows, planting more spinneys or trees to shield new developments could create new attractive areas

- VI. By not increasing traffic flow/directing high volumes and link roads through the community
- VI. More footpath signs. Develop a heritage/nature site walk
- I. Not improvement but continual care of the Ouse Valley area is important
- A general tidy up and maintenance of current facilities
- VI. Keeping and improving green areas e.g. hedgerows and maybe planting woodland

- VI. Retaining the historical and rural character of the village. The traffic is heavy at peak times – perhaps the plan can address this without adding to it.
- VI. Footpaths and Bridleways should be protected and maintained and hedges should also be maintained to provide a habitat and thoroughfare for nature.
- VI. Consideration for those with houses
- I. Riverside

- I I think it is important to have a neighbourhood Plan but I expect that where realistic and necessary improvements are required they will generally be met with NIMBYism.
- I Improve grass verges.
- VI Hedges, Grass.
- I We moved to a village so we could be surrounded by green space - not houses!
- VI I love the trees, bushes, grasses etc but can we stop them covering road signs and keep cut back at road intersections. The cross over point from the estate to old Haversham can be dodgy in summer.
- VI Leave it alone. Build somewhere else.

- VI No developments, maintain countryside
- I It's important that the parish consults the residents and gains wide opinion
- VI Not so much "improve" but the plan should protect and preserve the natural environment
- VI Every area deserves such consideration
- VI Ensure the pathway between the old and new Haversham is maintained and kept clear of overgrown hedges etc
- VI The path between the new and old parts of Haversham. There has to be a better way of managing the bank and overgrown areas to keep a safe and natural balance between the path and hedges, bank etc
- VI Keeping Haversham environment from changing as that's only reason we moved here
- I No particular area, just to keep the environment as natural as possible
- DA Its stunning as it is!
- I If we can make the natural environment more resilient and more diverse then we should do so. Focus on safe habitats and crossings for wildlife.
- I The natural environment is already good. It is important to maintain what we have and not significantly diminish what we already have
- NI This is beyond the remit of a village plan.

- VI Around the flood zone.
- I More plants, nature areas & walks.
- VI Keep cars off the grass.
- I Suitable parking to prevent erosion of verges through incorrect usage.
- I 1) Enhance the MK links beside the river from Little Linford to the viaduct. 2) In each new housing area. 3) Create a decent pitch to play the annual cricket match!!
- VI Better parking. Slow down traffic through the old village.
- I Pleasant pathways to link both parts of the village other than the road and pathway. Link the yachting lake and river to the existing linear park at the viaduct.
- VI Access and tidiness of pathways.
- VI It would be good to have the verges and hedges kept better down to the village.

- I Grass areas
- VI Currently alright but preserving what we have.
- VI Quality of roads all over the parish

- VI Clearing of the land (The Spinney, as it used to be) adding a seat on this area as a resting place for those tackling the steep hill

- VI More seats to enjoy the view
 - VI Any development should only happen for the use of local Parish people
 - I What is going to happen to the quarry at the bottom of Wolverton Road?
 - VI More footpaths would give different walks
 - VI Not so much improving as retaining
 - NI National Planning Policy and Milton Keynes Local Plan cover this through SSSI, Wildlife site and ancient woodland sites
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 - VI All the green space would benefit from better management and enhancement. Stop cars parking on the grass verges would be a good move! The Parish Council website could promote.
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- I Keeping paths clear of overhanging branches eg between estate and village, and tidying up section on RH side as you approach the village which used to be very nice.
 - VI In the general maintenance of verges and footpaths and areas such as the allotments
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 - VI This depends on the area that has been found to be of particular importance.
 - VI Don't know.
 - VI Traffic management. (Dead wildlife on the roads.) Flood management. Encourage wildlife in open areas e.g. owl boxes.
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 - VI Wherever possible I would like to see the planting of trees including a community orchard.
 - VI Traffic!!!
 - VI All over.
 - VI Path (14). Tree planting /replacement in 'new' Haversham.
 - VI Improve bridleway s and countryside footpaths to encourage local residents to use them. Salcey Forest in Northampton has been a great success with fairly basic development such as better footpaths, café, playground etc.
 - I In that I'd like the natural environment as it is now to be maintained (but enhanced if possible). The 'triangle' has been raised as an issue.
 - I By the river to prevent the car park and surrounding areas flooding, when the weather is bad.
 - I Safe walking areas. Off road parking areas.
 - I Improvement to walking i.e. Haversham to Little Linford - no footpaths. Improvement to Church Lane Little Linford -potholes! Car park for visitors that wish to visit our parish and walk to view the fields and woods and animals that we take for granted.
 - I Mostly important to preserve but could the road to St Peters Church be a bridleway instead of road for dirt bikes and cars.
 - Ouse Valley Park. Used to be scenic - now an odd mix of barbed wire rubbish collection and randomly dumped machinery.
 - I Wherever they can maintain the individuality of the area.
 - VI Ensure the preservation of the Nature Reserve.