

Longstone Area Neighbourhood Plan

Village Meeting – 7th October 2025

A neighbourhood plan is a community-driven process where residents work together to develop policies and set out proposals for how their local area will change and grow in the future. These plans allow communities to influence the types and locations of new development, such as homes, shops, and offices, and to protect local assets like green spaces. Once approved through a local referendum, the plan gains legal force and guides development within the community.

Your Village

Your Choice

Your Voice



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Purpose of Public Meeting

Your Village – Your Choice – Your Voice

- *To communicate current status of the Neighbourhood Plan and explain the timeline -*
- *Introduce the Workstreams and thoughts on content – **cover the issues and not to develop the solutions***
- *Ask for further participation from villagers*
- *Introduction – Andy*
- *Workstream Slides – from the leads (NO Questions – save until later!)*
- *Next Steps – SWOT - Andy*
- *Refreshments*
- *Walk around the Workstream Boards, ask questions, volunteer*

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What a neighbourhood plan includes:

A shared vision for the area:

A long-term perspective on the desired appearance and growth of the neighbourhood.

Development and land-use policies:

Specific rules and guidelines for new building projects, including their location, scale, and design.

Identification of key sites:

Designation of land for specific uses, such as housing, retail, or community facilities.

Protection of local features:

Policies to identify and safeguard existing green spaces, heritage sites, and other community assets.

Proposals for improvement:

Plans for new infrastructure or improvements to existing facilities to enhance the community's well-being.

Some items covered will be an integral part of the Neighbourhood Plan,
other topics will form part of a Village Plan



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The process of creating a neighbourhood plan:

Getting established:

Community members form a neighbourhood group or forum to lead the process and define the neighbourhood area.

Evidence gathering and consultation:

The community gathers information and consults with residents to understand their needs and aspirations.

Drafting the plan:

A draft neighbourhood plan is created, incorporating policies and proposals based on community input and evidence.

Examination:

An independent examiner reviews the draft plan to ensure it meets legal requirements & supports the wider local plan.

Referendum:

If the plan passes examination, it goes to a local referendum where residents vote on whether to adopt it.

Adoption:

If the majority of voters approve the plan, the local authority formally adopts it, giving it legal weight.

Monitoring and review:

The community group monitors the plan's implementation and carries out reviews to ensure it continues to meet the area's needs.



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Benefits to Bradwell from their Neighbourhood Plan

- empowered Bradwell to negotiate a major housing development to meet local needs
 - Prevented overdevelopment /Secured affordable housing / Created a Community Land Trust (CLT)
- supported Bradwell's working economy and helped attract businesses by improving critical infrastructure and protecting employment sites
- ensured that development respected its unique natural and built character
- secured improvements to transport, amenities, and community assets

Bradwell Neighbourhood Plan delivered significant benefits by allowing the community to proactively shape its development, resulting in more affordable housing, controlled local growth, and a stronger local economy

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Workstreams

- Business and Tourism (Jeremy)
- Housing (Frank)
- Climate Mitigation and Renewable Energy (Jonathan)
- Land Management and Nature Recovery (Sara)
- Transport (Georgina)
- Creating Community (Simon)

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Business & Tourism

Content

- Harness opportunities for positive-impact tourism that economically and socially contributes to the village community, and is sustainable in its growth
- Manage & resolve unintended consequences of increased tourism e.g. parking & caravans

- How many local businesses do we think there are in our villages?
- Why do people visit our area?
- Areas to explore/links between Business & Tourism:

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Business & Tourism

- How many local businesses do we think there are in our villages?
- Not including Airbnb holiday business/holiday homes or home based/home working businesses – Best estimate 30+ (list for reference)

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Business & Tourism

- Why do people visit our area?

What is a tourist?

Holiday makers

Day trippers

Walkers/cyclists

Not all tourists provide income to the village businesses

Do we think tourism is a good thing/positive or bad thing/negative?

Too much or not enough?



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Business & Tourism

- Areas to explore/links between Business & Tourism:

How many businesses rely on tourism or could benefit from tourism?

Action: Plan to survey locals/tourist businesses/non-tourist businesses

Business Issues:

Concerns regarding Van deliveries/Drone deliveries

Future of business parks

Is there a need for Hot desking/Business Hub in Business Parks or one of Pubs?

Potential development of windfarms/solar farms/pylons

Tourism Issues:

How can we manage levels of tourism?

What is the 'ideal balance' of holiday homes to maintain tourism, but prevent negative impact on the villages and local housing?

What is the impact of large holiday venue businesses?

The use of QR codes on markers giving details of birds and wildlife or walks

Do we need Quiet Lanes? – restrict vehicle use or speeds, safer for walkers

I.E Back Lane to Ashford

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Housing

Content

- Meet local needs to sustain a thriving, multi-generational community that is large enough to support community assets like the school, village hall & pubs
- The village to be an attractive destination for young people to live

- Local Needs Housing
- Community Land Trust
- Development Boundaries
- Permanent residency clause

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Housing

•YOUR VILLAGE

HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

- Identify unmet housing needs
- Overcrowding or under-occupation
- Young adults living at parents
- Carers returning for dependents

Starts 10th November – important to get as many returns as possible, both from those needing housing, and those supporting/opposing a development in the area



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Housing

- YOUR VOICE

- Thornhill House Site
- The Vicarage
- Where Else?

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Housing

- YOUR CHOICE

- Do we want more housing?
- What kind of Housing?
- Where?
- Permanent Residency clause for new developments or conversions?

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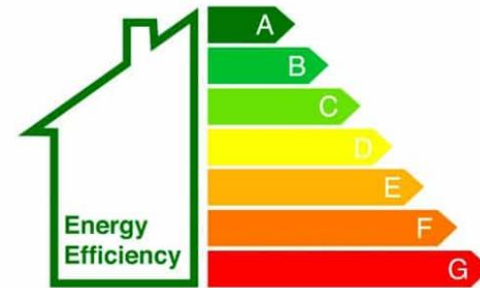
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Climate Mitigation and Renewable Energy

Content

Climate change mitigation through a focus on **renewables** & building improvements for **energy efficiency**, creating guidelines on what would be acceptable for the village

- Policy on visible renewable energy generators
- Energy efficiency advice/knowledge hub
- Community Energy Schemes



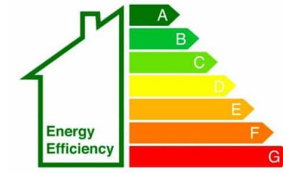
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Climate Mitigation and Renewable Energy



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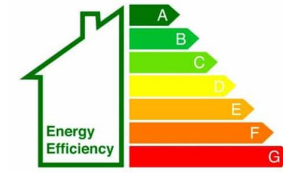
Climate change and net zero policies are often seen as largescale or global issues.

However, there are very local impacts and opportunities in this area.

- ***Home improvements – draughty, damp homes - harder to heat***
- ***Energy efficient homes – better insulated - lower fuel bills***
- ***Renewable energy – no fuel bills?***
- ***Contribution to broader low-carbon transition***



Climate Mitigation and Renewable Energy



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Policy on visible renewable energy plant in the plan

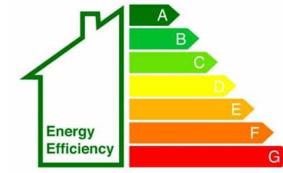
- How do we feel about renewable energy?
- Peak Park supports small scale renewable projects where it:
 - “**does not adversely affect** landscape character, cultural heritage assets, special qualities or other established uses of the area.” ..and or mapped “areas where renewable energy development is more or less likely to be acceptable.”
- What does “adversely affect” mean to us?
- What would we want in our policy?

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Energy efficiency advice/knowledge hub

Useful? What would it look like?

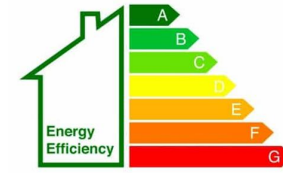
- Unbiased
- Up to date
- local knowledge/experience
- external support e.g. Marches Energy Agency

- ☐ Damp
- ☐ Insulation (internal/external)
- ☐ Heat Pumps
- ☐ Mechanical Ventilation
- ☐ Solar Panels
- ☐ Batteries
- ☐ Funding

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Community energy schemes – Solar? Wind? Hydro?

An Opportunity...

- Address fuel poverty/Cheaper bills
- Local investment/ empowerment
- Contribution to broader low carbon transition

Scale?
Impact?
Inclusivity/Access?
Infrastructure?

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Land Management & Nature Recovery

Sara

What this includes:

The nature and landscape of Longstone

- Biodiversity – habitats and species
- Protected sites
- Landscape character

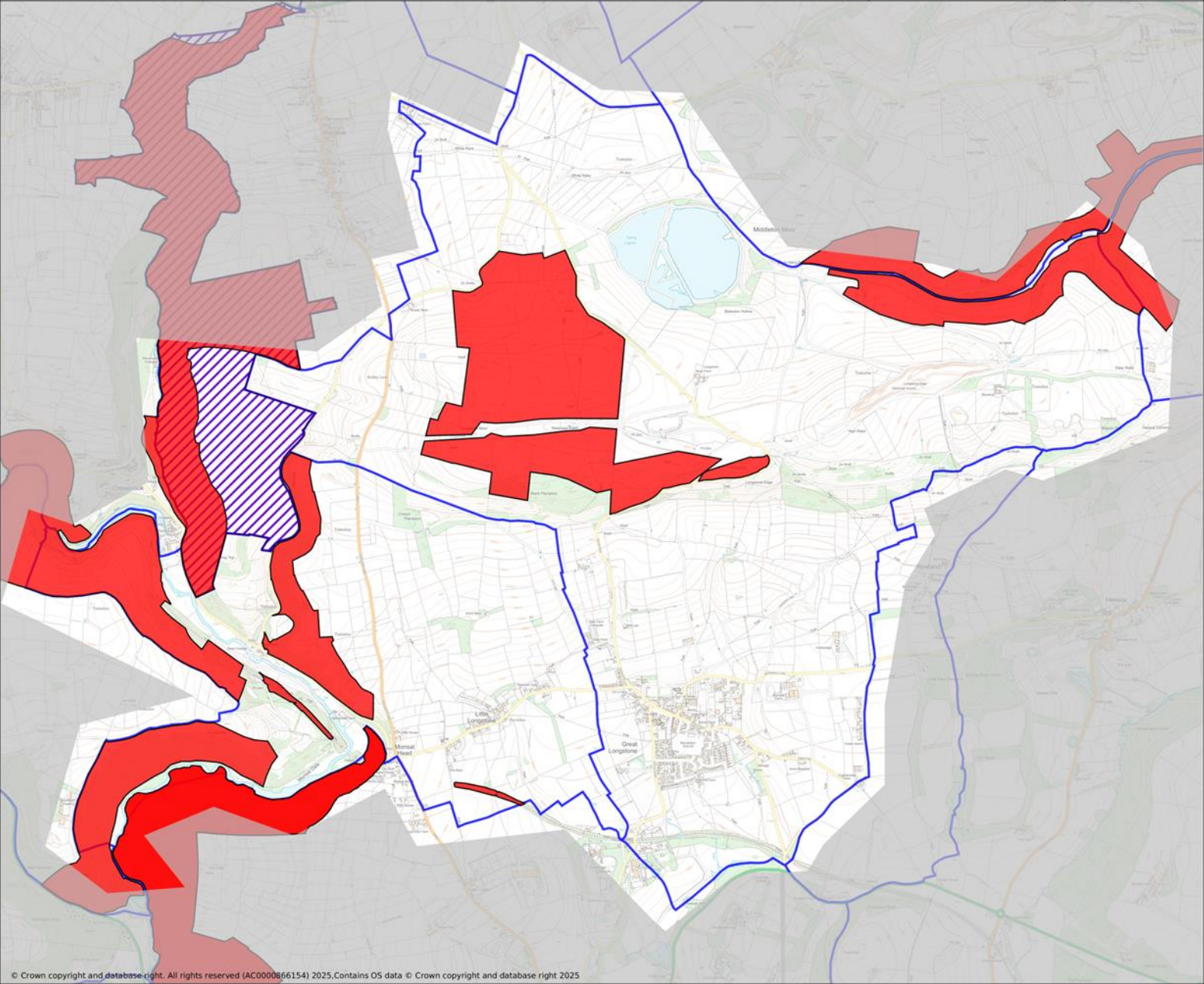
Land management

- Farming
- Minerals



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Parish



National Nature Reserves



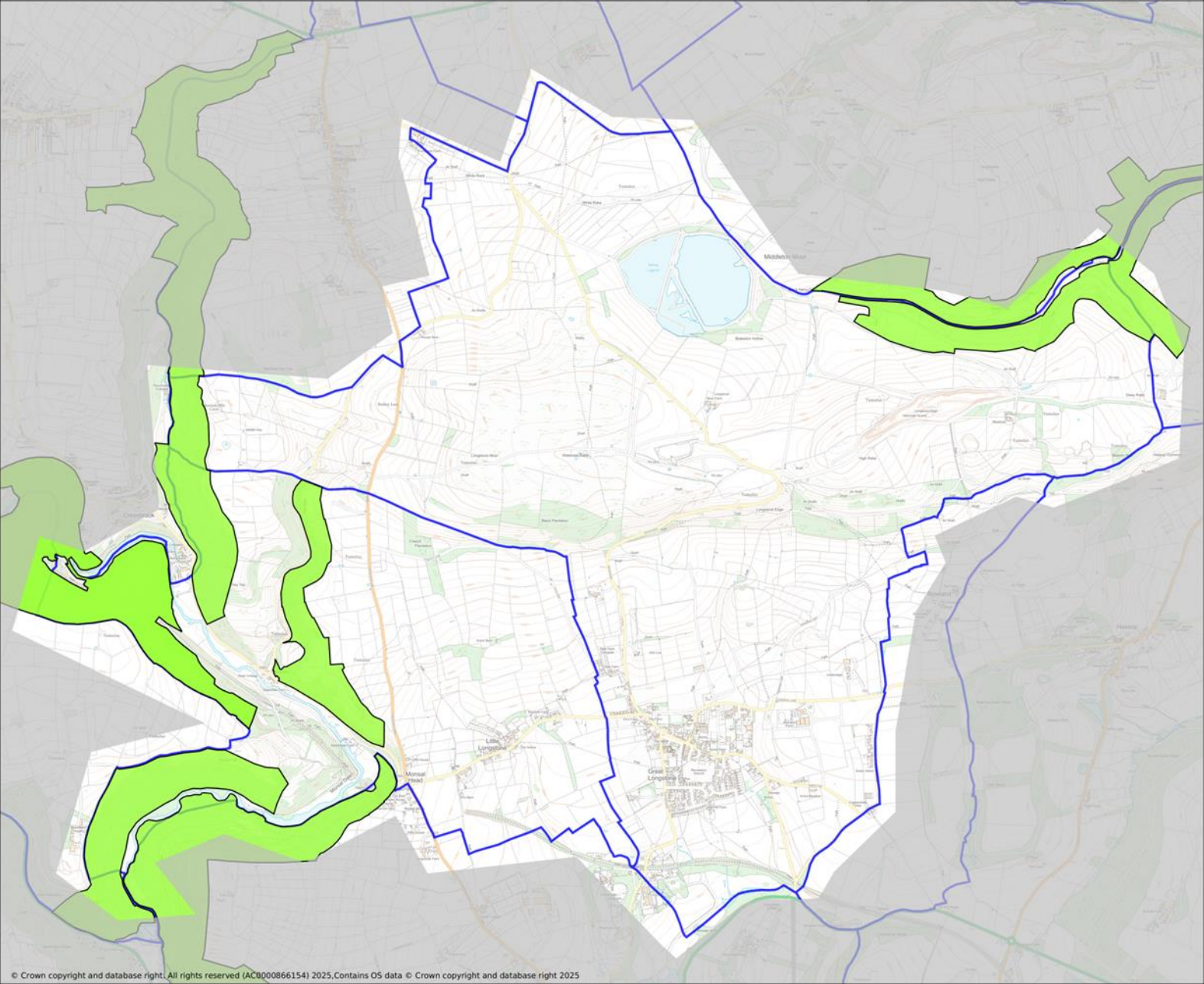
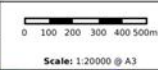
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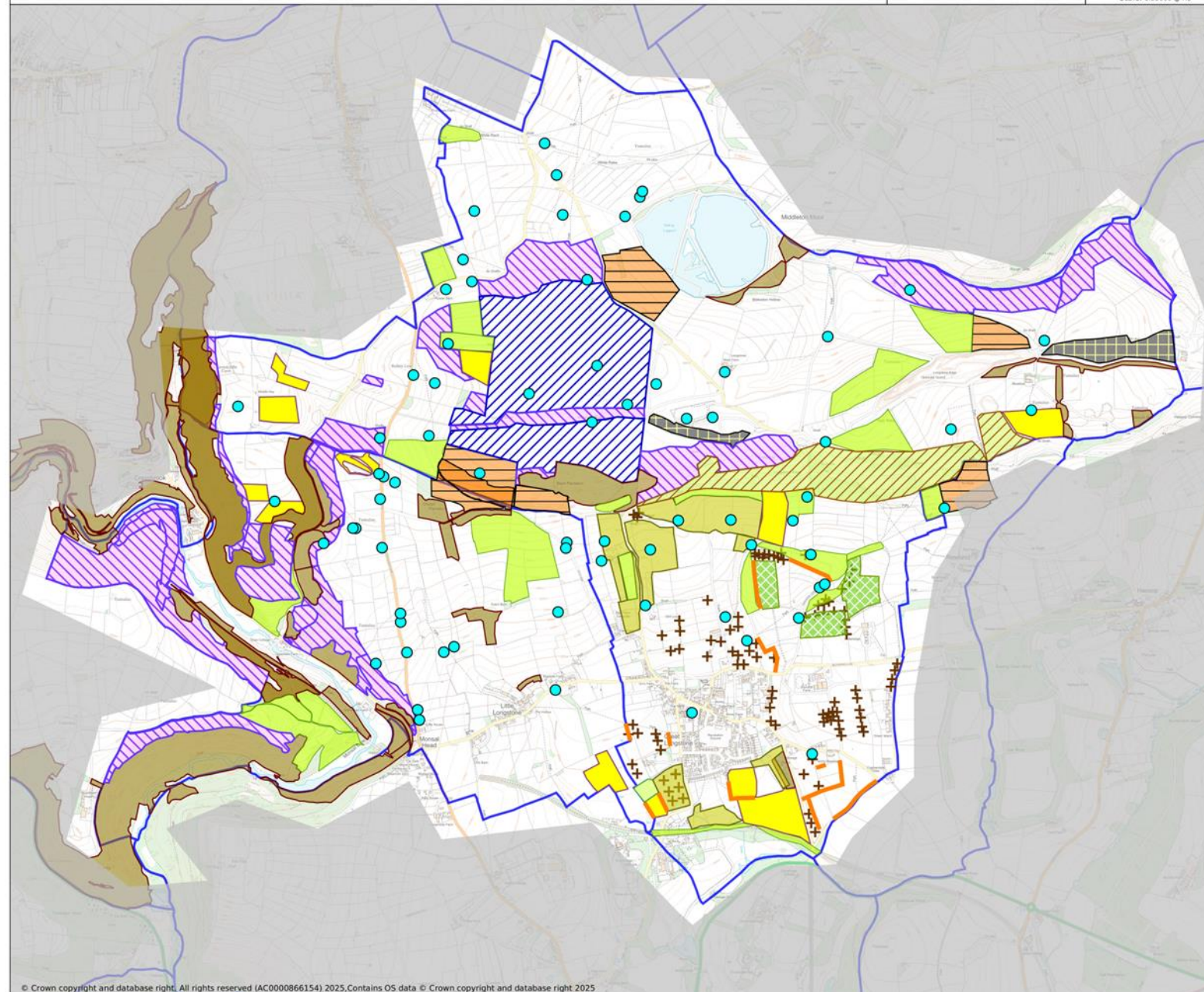
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Parish



Tree planting

+ Tree C

+ Tree H

+ TreeR

Longstone habitats

Limestone heath

Acid grassland

Flower-rich grassland

Grassland restoration (ex mining)

Hay meadow

Hay meadow restoration

Herbal ley

Limestone grassland

Limestone grassland & scrub

Woodland

Zero input grassland

Hedges



Ponds



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Land Management & Nature Recovery

Policy areas relevant to Land Management and Nature Recovery:

- Protect green spaces in the village
- Conserve and enhance the special qualities of the area e.g right habitat in the right place, landscape character
- Provide for Nature Recovery
- Farm diversification
- Conversion of farmsteads and use of traditional buildings
- Natural capital and nature based solutions to climate change and flooding
- Healthy soil, and clean air and water
- Mineral and waste development/restoration

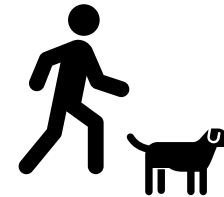
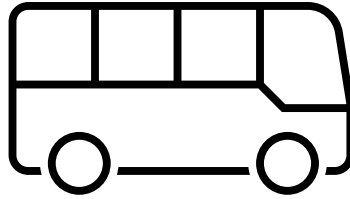
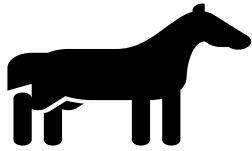


Land Management & Nature Recovery

- What is important to you?
- What are the risks facing the countryside surrounding the villages?
- What are the opportunities for more nature recovery and building on the great work that is already being done?



Transport



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Transport...

is important for almost everything:

- Village residents: ability to get to education, jobs, medical appointments, social activities
- Village businesses: ability to attract visitors and to get staff
- Nature of the village – peaceful/noisy, safe/dangerous
- Environment – impact of means of transport



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Transport

Q: What aspects of transport are covered by a neighbourhood plan?

A: Transport issues related to proposals for changes of use or the physical development of sites. For example,

- Ensuring a new development has cycle paths and parking
- Creating easy pedestrian access to public transport
- Making sure local transport capacity is adequate to serve development



Transport



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Transport

But we want... *(for example)*

- More frequent buses
- 20 mph zones
- Better bus/train connections
- Improved footpaths
- Fewer parking issues

CLAIRE WARD
MAYOR OF THE
EAST MIDLANDS



Picture by Moira Locke



Creating Community

Divides into 4 areas:

- Social and Educational
- Sports and Recreation
- Support and services for older people
- Support and services for young families / children

What do we want and/or need in each of these areas?

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Creating Community

Can also look at three categories:

- Formal or “Lead” Organisations (i.e. GLPC, LLPM, PCC, LASRA, LEAP)
- Physical Infrastructure (i.e. St Giles, Village Hall, Rec)
- Groups and Activities

We could consider doing a short “SWOT” analysis for each of the “Physical Infrastructure” and “Formal/Lead Organisations” as the health of these are key for the activities that they support.



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Creating Community

Village Diary

Start discussion by putting together a “village diary”.

March/ April: Lent & Easter Services

July: Village Week, including:

May: St Giles Flower Festival

- “Petaling” the Well Dressings (both villages)

August: Horticultural Show

- Blessing of the Well Dressings (both villages)

September/October: St Giles Harvest Festival

- School Fete (FOLS)

November: Remembrance Sunday

- Sports Day (LASRA)

December: Xmas Eve Carols on the Village Green

- Open Gardens (PCC)

- St Giles and Little Longstone Chapel Xmas services

- Little Longstone Chapel Flower Festival

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Creating Community

Next Steps:

- Create the 4 sub-groups and recruit to them
- Start thinking about the SWOT Analysis
- Start the discussion !

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Creating Community – what we already have

Public Houses	Allotments	LEAP - Book swap café	Xmas Carols
Village Hall	Fell Race	LEAP - Film Club	Longstone Ladies Group
Yoga in Village Hall	MUGA - Tennis	LEAP - Arts Club	Various Book Clubs
Baby/Toddler Group in Village Hall	MUGA - Pickleball	LEAP - Sewing Group	"Under the Edge"
Pilates in Village Hall	MUGA - 5-a-side	LEAP - Men's Cookery	Bakewell & Eyam Transport
Stained Glass Courses in Village Hall	MUGA - Netball	LEAP - Knit & natter	173 Bus Service (Bakewell to Castleton via Tideswell)
Residential & Nursing Home - Thornhill House	MUGA - Basketball hoops	Whist in Village Hall	Junior football pitch & nets
Home Delivery Service from Village Shop	Cricket Sq - Cricket	Y3A in Village Hall	Adult exercise equipment
Tilly's Dance Studio	Cricket Sq - Bowls	WI in Village Hall	Hosting 2 Annual Cycling Hill Climbs
Snooker in Village Hall	Cricket Sq - Croquet	History Society in Village Hall	Activities for children - football
Church - Bell ringers	Cricket Sq - Cricket nets	Horticultural Society	Activities for children - cricket
Village Week / Well Dressing	Tea Hut / Pavillion	Church - Services	Monsal Trial
	Children's play equipment	Church – Commemorations	Local Needs Housing for over 55's
	Outdoor Table Tennis table	Meals on Wheels	
	Ad-hoc running and cycling groups	Longstone School	
	Chapel - Peak Wesley Way	Church - Wednesday walking group	

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Next Steps

What is the best way to communicate?

- Surveys – online or paper?
- Questionnaires
- Village meetings or Workstream Groups?
- Facebook
- email

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Village Meeting 7th October Feedback Form

Please take time out to let us know if you have any ideas or suggestions for Workstream content or would like to get involved in any of the Workstream detail.

Business and Tourism

Housing

Climate Mitigation and Renewable Energy

Land Management and Nature Recovery

Transport

Creating Community

Please tick your preferred methods of engagement

On-Line Surveys		Paper Surveys	
Workstream Groups		Village Meetings	
Facebook		Email group	
QR Codes			

We have over 100 local residents on a regular email circulation, if you wish to be included then please leave your email address below, or email in to villageplan@greatlongstone-pc.gov.uk



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Strengths/Weakness/Opportunities/Threats - SWOT Analysis

Treat the Longstone Area NP, as an entity, then a SWOT analysis might be useful, list not exhaustive and in no hierarchical order, all sections are debatable

Strengths

Desirable place to live, clean environment, tidy,
Local pubs, shop, primary school
Low crime rate
LASRA/Sports field/Playground
Village Hall/LEAP/Book Swap
Thornhill House/BECT
Monsal Trail/Monsal Head/Monsal Dale –
Tourist attraction & Walking/Cycling routes
Environmental/engagement in conservation around the area
Not on a main road / tranquil / limited heavy traffic
Strong community organisations
Historical environment
Excellent internet

Weakness

Poor public transport
Limited parking/busy traffic at times
School traffic
Population diversity
Very few 'starter' homes
Some pavements & roads in need of repair
Dog poo
Limited employment opportunities
Lack of pavements in areas/non-continuous pavements
Pedestrian safety (mobility scooter users)
Electric car charging points
Monetising / exploit tourism

Opportunities

Improve public transport/reduce car traffic
Help local business capitalise on tourism
Explore opportunities for new business
Identify places for legal campsites/caravan
Identify areas for affordable homes/get better balance of holiday/second homes
Alternative use for Monsal Trail i.e. Public transport ?
Promote health & wellbeing activities
Renewable energy schemes windfarms/solar farms
Leverage environmental / conservation niche for tourism
Survey regular visitors / campers for benefits of GL
Car parking / manage car traffic

Threats

Aging population/ lack of young families
Too much tourism/Too much traffic/Illegal or bad parking
Increase of home deliveries/drones
Regional government interference
Loss of assets or amenities
Illegal caravan/camping
Increase in rubbish/waste/dumping
Lack of interest/engagement in LANP
Loss or reduced bus service
Nimbism
Percentage of rental / holiday homes to residential
Family homes occupied by one or two people
Need better engagement in all aspects of community
Lead contamination
Farming Policy / lack of government support
Land Tenure