

# LAXFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: YOUNG ADULTS QUESTIONNAIRE

Numbers in red beside each question indicate how many people answered that question.  
Percentages beside each response indicate what percentage of those who answered the question gave this response.

Percentages have been rounded to the nearest whole number and therefore may not sum to 100%!

## About you

1. Please tell us your gender: 24
  - Male 67%
  - Female 33%
  - Other
  
2. Please tell us your age: 24
  - 16-18 21%
  - 19-23 33%
  - 24-28 46%

## Development in and around Laxfield

3. What do you think about the number of homes Laxfield currently has? 24
  - We have enough homes already 13%
  - We need a few more 71%
  - We need a lot more 17%
  
4. Laxfield currently has 415 homes; around 30 of these have been built or converted over the last 20 years (since 1998). In your opinion, how many homes should Laxfield have in 20 years' time (by 2038)? 24 responses

415	1	500	2
445	3	535	1
450	6	545	1
455	2	550	1
460	2	640	1
465	2	700	2

5. Do you think Laxfield should be allowed to expand outside the existing Settlement Boundary? 24
  - Yes 88%
  - No 13%
  - Don't know 4%

6. If your answer to Q5 is Yes, please mark clearly, with an X in the squares on the map, the areas where you think development should be allowed to happen

21 responses – numbers in brackets show the number of people who made an entry in this row; numbers in the grid squares show how many marked each square

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
A							
B (1)		1					
C (19)		1	18	18	16		
D (20)		1	20	17	16		
E (21)			19	20	20		
F (3)			3	3	3		
G							

7. How quickly should housing development happen? **23**
- Fewer than 5 homes per year **52%**
  - 6-10 homes per year **26%**
  - 11-20 homes per year **9%**
  - 21+ homes per year **13%**
8. How should this development take place? Please tick any that apply **22**
- As infill within the settlement boundary **73%**
  - Single homes in controlled locations outside the settlement boundary **68%**
  - Small scale development outside the settlement boundary **91%**
  - Large scale development outside the settlement boundary **0**
  - Conversion of redundant buildings **91%**
  - Other – please give details **0**
9. What types of new housing would you prefer to see in Laxfield? Please tick any that apply **22**
- Affordable/social housing for rent **68%**
  - Affordable/social housing to buy **82%**
  - Starter homes **82%**
  - Private rented housing **9%**
  - Small flats (1-2 bedrooms) **55%**
  - Smaller family homes (2-3 bedrooms) **82%**
  - Larger family homes (4+ bedrooms) **9%**
  - One storey accessible housing **27%**
  - Sheltered accommodation **50%**
  - Tourist accommodation **5%**
  - Self-build housing **64%**

- Multi-occupancy homes 0

### Transport, traffic and parking

10. What sort of transport do you use? 22

- Own car 68%
- Car share 32%
- Bicycle 55%
- Electric bicycle 0
- Motor bike or moped 5%
- Bus 23%
- Walking 73%
- Mobility vehicle 0

11. Which of these would make it more likely for you to use public transport? 18

	Unimportant	Not very important	Some importance	Important	Very important
Route (16)	19%	0	0	13%	69%
Bus stop location (17)	65%	12%	0	18%	6%
Bus shelter (17)	76%	6%	0	6%	12%
Linking arrival times with main bus & train service departures (18)	11%	6%	6%	6%	72%
Reliability (17)	18%	0	0	12%	71%
Availability (17)	18%	0	0	6%	76%
Cost (18)	11%	0	6%	0	83%
Access for those with disabilities (17)	29%	0	0	6%	65%

12. Which bus routes would be important to you if they were added/improved? Please tick all that apply 17

- Diss 65%
  - Framlingham 47%
  - Halesworth 65%
  - Beccles 59%
  - Ipswich 47%
  - Norwich 76%
  - Other 47%
- (please give details)

#### Comments:

- No use as have a car
- Still more likely to drive
- Harleston

13.How strongly do you feel about the following statements?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
We need lower speed limits (22)	14%	36%	18%	5%	27%
We need traffic calming measures (22)	5%	23%	9%	14%	50%
Car parking needs improvement (22)	0	0	0	9%	91%
We need to manage parking around the school (2)	0	0	0	5%	95%
There would need to be improvements or changes to roads to support increased residential and commercial development (22)	0	9%	9%	9%	73%
New houses should have off-street parking (22)	0	0	0	5%	95%
We need to manage parking in the centre of the village (22)	5%	0	9%	5%	82%

14.Please tell us how important the following things are, in your view, to our village: 22

	Unimportant	Not very important	Some importance	Important	Very important
Cycle paths (22)	18%	5%	18%	0	59%
More pavements (22)	18%	9%	14%	14%	45%
Wider pavements (22)	41%	18%	27%	5%	9%
Dropped kerbs for wheelchairs, mobility vehicles and pushchairs (21)	14%	0	14%	19%	52%

One or more pedestrian crossings (22)	77%	5%	14%	5%	0
Removing unnecessary signs (please let us know what type of signs) (22)	73%	9%	9%	9%	0
Off-street parking for all new housing (22)	0	0	0	5%	95%
Reducing traffic speed (22)	14%	18%	14%	0	55%

### Green spaces and footpaths

15. Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with these statements: 22

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	No opinion	Agree	Strongly agree
If faced with the choice, Laxfield's housing needs should take priority over protection of green spaces (22)	46%	9%	5%	9%	32%
Our hedgerows and mature trees need to be protected (22)	9%	5%	9%	14%	64%
We need more green spaces to walk in and enjoy (22)	9%	5%	18%	27%	41%
We need more footpaths and bridleways (22)	9%	0	41%	27%	23%
We need better signposting of existing public footpaths (21)	5%	5%	14%	29%	48%
I value the wildlife and biodiversity around the village (22)	9%	5%	5%	18%	64%
The open views across field and woodland are important assets to the village (22)	14%	0	0	27%	59%
We need more allotments (22)	18%	9%	41%	14%	18%
We need more community green space (22)	18%	9%	14%	18%	41%

16. If we had more community green space, what do you think we should use it for? 7

- More choice for children and teenagers and for adults to have a chill time with the family
- Something for the younger generation as so far questions seem to be aimed at benefitting the older people
- I chose disagree. I don't believe this is required
- Community growing areas; horticultural therapy opportunities; community orchard; bee-keeping
- Village green, wildlife areas and ponds with hides so people can watch the wildlife
- Woodland to walk in
- Village green with a pond and seats; trees and community orchard

17. Do you agree with these statements? 22

- It is important to retain the way the High Street looks 22

- Strongly disagree 0
- Disagree 14%
- No opinion 0
- Agree 23%
- Strongly agree 64%

- Laxfield should become a Green Village (being more environmentally aware and living more self-sufficiently and ethically) 22
  - Strongly disagree 0
  - Disagree 5%
  - No opinion 9%
  - Agree 32%
  - Strongly agree 55%

### Employment and education

18. If you work or study, how far do you travel? 22

- I work or study from home 5%
- Less than 5 miles 18%
- between 5 and 10 miles 32%
- between 11 and 20 miles 41%
- between 21 and 40 miles 0
- over 40 miles 5%

19. If you are in full time education, when you leave school will you be moving on to Further Education? 22

- Yes 5
- No 9%
- Don't know 5%
- Not applicable 82%

20. If you are in full time education, when you leave school will you be moving on to Higher Education? 22

- Yes 0
- No 14%
- Don't know 5%
- Not applicable 82%

21. What type of employment or career are you interested in following? 22

- Retail (shop) work 9%
- Catering 9%
- Hotel/tourism 9%
- Farming 23%
- Building/construction 14%
- Engineering 18%
- Sport and leisure 5%
- Office/secretarial 18%
- Professional 5%

- Information technology 9%
- E-commerce 14%
- Healthcare 0
- Hairdressing/beauty 0
- Motor trade 5%
- Education 5%
- Cleaning & maintenance 0
- Horticulture 5%
- Other (please give details) 5%

Comments:

- Household duties

22. What type of employment or career are you already following? 21

- Retail (shop) work 10%
- Catering 10%
- Hotel/tourism 5%
- Farming 19%
- Building/construction 14%
- Engineering 14%
- Sport and leisure 0
- Office/secretarial 29%
- Professional 0
- Information technology 0
- E-commerce 0
- Healthcare 0
- Hairdressing/beauty 0
- Motor trade 0
- Education 5%
- Cleaning & maintenance 0
- Horticulture 0
- Other (please give details) 10%

Comments:

- None
- Household duties

23. Do you run your own business (whatever its size) in or around the village or are you self-employed? 22

- Yes 0
- No 100%

24. If Yes, please let us know, by giving us your contact details below, if you'd like to talk to us about what you believe Laxfield's businesses need in order to thrive 0

25. Would you like to run your own business (whatever its size) in or around Laxfield? 22

- Yes 50%

- No 50%

26. If Yes, please let us know, by giving us your contact details below, if you'd like to talk to us about what you believe would help you to start your own business in Laxfield 0

### Culture & heritage

27. What do you value most in our village? Please rank each of the following from least to most valuable 22

	1 Least valuable	2	3 No opinion	4	5 Most valuable
The shops (22)	5%	0	0	5%	91%
The Village Hall (22)	5%	14%	36%	9%	36%
The pubs (22)	9%	5%	9%	18%	59%
The primary school (22)	0	5%	27%	23%	45%
The village clubs and their associated events (22)	32%	9%	23%	9%	27%

Please tell us which clubs and events your answer refers to

28. Which of these do you value most? 22

	1 Least valuable	2	3	4	5 Most valuable
The views of the countryside (22)	5%	0	18%	36%	41%
The playing fields (22)	0	14%	23%	5%	59%
The allotments (22)	23%	23%	23%	5%	27%
The village green spaces (22)	14%	9%	5%	0	73%
The village pond (22)	32%	0	27%	0	41%



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29. And these? 22

	1 Least valuable	2	3	4	5 Most valuable
The village history and built heritage (22)	14%	0	9%	27%	50%
The Church (22)	14%	18%	18%	23%	27%
The Chapel (2)	9%	14%	14%	18%	45%
The Guildhall (22)	14%	9%	9%	32%	36%
The Museum (22)	18%	14%	14%	23%	32%

30. How should we make more of the Laxfield Museum? 4

Comments:

- Not sure
- No comment
- Yes

31. Should we make more of the story of the Middy line (the Mid Suffolk Light Railway)? If so, please tell us how, in your view, we might do this 22

- Yes 23%
- No 27%
- Don't know 50%

32. Do we make the most of our listed buildings and built heritage? 5

Comments:

- Yea
- Listed building isn't always a good thing as can cause problems with repairs
- I'm not sure which buildings are listed, but the older buildings in the village lend it a sense of character. Without that the village would not be nearly as attractive
- Yes

33. Are there other aspects of our local heritage that you would like to see highlighted in some way? 4

Comments:

- No comment
- No

### Leisure and pleasure

34. Which sporting activities, facilities and clubs in Laxfield do you regularly take part in or belong to? (Please tick all that apply) 12

- Football 50%
- Cricket 17%
- Bowls 0
- Pilates 0
- Zumba 0
- Book Group 0
- Cycling group 0
- Petanque 0
- Horticultural Society 0
- Computer Club 0
- Bell ringing 0
- Other – please give details 50%

**Comments:**

- Would do cycling group, didn't think there was one???
- None of the above

35. Please tell us what sporting or leisure activities you would be interested in, that are not currently available in Laxfield (Please tick all that apply) **11**

- Yoga 36%
- Table tennis 9%
- Hockey 9%
- Chess 0
- Scrabble 0
- None 36%
- Other – please give details 55%

**Comments:**

- Cycling activities

36. Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with these statements: **22**

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	No opinion	Agree	Strongly agree
a) Our sports facilities need to be improved (22)	5%	0	18%	50%	27%
b) We have enough play areas (22)	5%	50%	27%	14%	5%
c) The village hall is a valuable asset to the village (22)	0	9%	18%	37%	37%
d) We have enough village groups, clubs and social activities (22)	5%	37%	50%	5%	5%
e) Our mobile library service meets the village's needs (22)	5%	52%	33%	5%	5%

Comments re a):

- The playing field is boring nothing there for 12-17
- Without being a member of any of the sports or social clubs I don't feel able to comment on the facilities available

Comments re c):

- Without the hall I imagine there would be much greater restrictions on clubs and events within the community

Comments re e):

- This modern age the day of the library has gone
- I have always travelled to Framlingham or other local libraries. I can see how the mobile library would be useful to others, but am unsure on how commonly it is actually used

37. The school's swimming pool may have to be closed because of the costly repairs that it needs. Do you feel that this is a valuable facility for the community that we should support financially in order to keep it open? 22

- Yes 14%
- No 73%
- Don't know 14%

Comments (Yes):

- It will be great if that was back in gear because not many people are able to travel, so it will be good

Comments (No):

- While swimming is a valuable form of exercise and a useful skill I don't see a strong advantage to having one at the school over using the one in Stradbroke
- Better to use Stradbroke and release the space – and cost – at the school for other things
- Costs too much to run
- Too expensive to maintain

38. Do you agree with these statements? 21

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	No opinion	Agree	Strongly agree
We have a full range of facilities/activities for different age groups (21)	5%	62%	19%	5%	10%
We have a full range of facilities/activities for both men and women (21)	5%	57%	29%	10%	0
We have a full range of facilities/activities for those under 16 (21)	5%	57%	29%	10%	0

39. How important do you feel the following shops and services are or would be to Laxfield? Please choose the four that you feel are most important (21)

- Local shops 100%
- Post Office 100%
- Tea shop/café 29%
- Local car servicing & repairs 76%

- Local farm shop 19%
- Taxi services 33%
- Milk delivered to the door 14%
- Papers delivered to the door 19%
- Fresh fish van 24%
- Mobile greengrocer 14%
- Fish & chip van 48%
- Community market 29%
- Other – please tell us what

40. What, if anything, do you feel is missing? (3)

**Comments:**

- Would like a dirt track for bikes and skatepark
- Just more stuff at park
- Darts & pool teams in the pub

**Social Infrastructure – health, education etc**

41. How far do you have to travel to see your dentist? 22

- Less than 5 miles 0
- Between 5 and 12 miles 45%
- More than 12 miles 41%
- I don't see a dentist 14%

42. If you use this practice, how easy do you find the current doctor's surgery in the Guildhall to use in terms of: 16

	I don't use this practice	Very difficult	Difficult	Not very easy	Easy
a) Access to the building (16)	44%	50%	0	0	6%
b) Surgery times (16)	44%	50%	0	0	6%
c) Other – please comment (2)	100%	0	0	0	0

43. Does the range of services offered by the current doctor's surgery meet your needs? 22

- Yes 5%
- No 27%
- Don't know 68%

44. What (if any) additional medical or well-being services would you like to see provided in Laxfield?

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**Comments:**

- Paper rounds for teenagers to get some pocket money
- No comment

45. Do you feel that the primary school needs: 22

- More space 77%
- Smaller class sizes 32%
- More parking 95%
- Other facilities – please give details 14%

46. Do you feel that the pre-school needs: 21

- More teaching space 57%
- More parking 100%
- Better facilities – please give details 14%

47. Should we make Laxfield a dementia-friendly village? 22

- Yes 50%
- No 5%
- Don't know 45%

48. Are there, in your view, ways in which we could and should help people to live their lives to the full extent of their capability? 1

Comments:

- No comment

49. How do you keep informed about what is happening in and around the village? 22

- The village website 0
- The Low House FaceBook page 45%
- The village noticeboard 9%
- The Parish Magazine 27%
- Word of mouth 86%
- Other - please give details 36%

50. Bearing in mind the possible developments that might result from the Neighbourhood Plan, how would you like Laxfield to be described in 2038? (Please tick one in each column: 1-5, 'like least' – 'like most') 22

	1 Like least	2	3	4	5 Like most
Affordable (22)	0	0	9%	5%	86%
Inclusive (15)	0	0	20%	20%	60%
Tranquil & quiet (6)	0	0	50%	50%	0

Vibrant (11)	0	0	45%	9%	45%
Creative (12)	0	8%	25%	8%	58%
Enterprising (19)	0	5%	16%	5%	74%
Modern (18)	0	6%	22%	6%	67%
Traditional (6)	0	0	50%	33%	17%
Tourist destination (7)	43%	14%	29%	0	14%
Commuter centre (7)	14%	43%	43%	0	0
Retirement destination (7)	57%	14%	14%	0	14%
Caring (16)	0	0	19%	13%	69%
A strong sense of community (14)	0	0	14%	7%	79%

Comments:

- Homes that I can afford. 2/3 bed £100,000