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General feedback from the County Council relating to transport issues is that:

In the current financial climate, villages should bear in mind that they are more likely to be successful if:

- The Parish Council is willing to invest money in the project
- The Parish Council can genuinely demonstrate that the community supports the project
- In the case of projects involving access the landowner is prepared to grant Rights of Way. The County Council is able to provide support with the legal aspects.
- The Parish is willing to meet the County Council halfway on any project.

ISSUE HEADING	ACTION/HOW	Recommended to:
HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS		
1. Safeguard existing rights of way	Liaise with Rights of Ways Officer, developers and authorities when new footpaths are planned for access to and from Home Farm and Northstowe	County Council response: A county council officer is working on the linkages of the rights of way network in and around Northstowe to improve the existing footways and bridleways and to try and create new. This however will only be successful if landowners are prepared to cooperate. I would therefore say the action is Peter Duthie, Northstowe Project Officer, peter.duthie@cambridgeshire.gov.uk 01223 718805 is the owner and work is ongoing, but is subject to landowner cooperation
2. Long term management of rights of way	Establish a long term management structure for funding the maintenance of all future new footpaths between Longstanton and Northstowe	County Council response: See above and also Parish Paths Partnership: http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/environment/countryside/access/parish/
3. Cycle paths to Northstowe	Secure access and safety of new cycle paths to Northstowe facilities and secondary school	County Council response: Advice Parish to plug into opportunities that Northstowe growth area provides.
CONSERVATION/ ENVIRONMENT		
1. Conservation areas protection	a) Preserve, protect and enhance, Longstanton Conservation areas; trees; rural features. b) Establish a guaranteed green separation of at least 200m between Longstanton and Northstowe, free of urban use amenities/ facilities c) Seek implementation: long term management structure for funding maintenance	Planning response: The Council are looking to do appraisals of conservation areas and since Longstanton is affected by the new settlement of Northstowe will be amongst the first to be done. The Northstowe AAP is to be adopted in July and this mentions green separation. In the original draft then there was a 200 metre separation but as a result of the inquiry into the AAP the detail of the separation is to be considered in the masterplanning of the new settlement.

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2. Rural environment protection	Obtain confirmation that Home Farm/ Green End Farm developers will deal with: wild life protection, tree screening, hedgerows, extension of recreational green ground, tree re-planting. 106 agreement	Planning response: The development of this site would be considered using the LDF particularly the Development Control Policies DPD, which has policies to guide the appropriate development on a site respecting its surroundings.
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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

<p>1. Fly tipping</p> <p>2. Dog fouling</p> <p>5. Ditch Maintenance</p> <p>6. Wheelie Bins</p> <p>7. Recycling Plastic</p>	<p>1. Erect or replace 'No Fly Tipping' signs at key points. Bye-laws may need amendment if new sites are identified</p> <p>2. Erect no dog fouling signs including St Michael's leading to the airfield road</p> <p>5 a) Improve ditch maintenance and provision for the clearance of ditch debris and rubbish</p> <p>b) Challenge littering ditches; educate by publishing SCDC bye-laws</p> <p>6. Increase black wheelie bins frequency collection in hot summers.</p> <p>7. Identify site for and set up plastic recycling point in the village</p>	<p>Environmental Services response:</p> <p>1. Powers to tackle fly tipping are derived from the Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act 2005 and the Environmental Protection Act 1990. There are no relevant byelaws in place. Under certain circumstances, identified fly tipping hot spots can be placed under covert surveillance in order to catch and prosecute culprits. Contact: Chris Bradley, Environment Enforcement Officer (chris.Bradley@scambs.gov.uk). 'No Fly Tipping' signs may have limited effect at such locations. However, if the Parish Council would like to cover purchase and installation costs, SCDC could make all the necessary arrangements.</p> <p>2. SCDC no longer provides any dog-related services other than its statutory duty to collect strays. Parish Councils may provide their own signs and if any witnesses to fouling incidents are prepared to give a statement and attend court SCDC will consider taking a prosecution.</p> <p>5. The main award ditches within the parish are maintained on an annual basis. The maintenance consists of vegetation removal using mainly flail mowers attached to tractors. In the village area works are undertaken by hand - also annually. Every 10 to 15 years, the accumulations of silt are removed from the ditches and in the village area, this must be removed from site. Very difficult to eliminate litter. However, the drainage section of the Council has a policy of attending to gratings/trash screens and culverts where debris is known to accumulate during periods of heavy rainfall. This is the case with Longstanton and substantial quantities of debris are usually removed during a rainfall/flood event. Flooding does not occur as a result of blockages within the village area.</p> <p>As a general point I should mention, in particular, the amount of</p>
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		<p>silt in the watercourse along the High Street. The quantity at this location is a relatively small percentage of the overall volume in the ditch. The primary cause of any hold-up in flow is down to the culverts within the village area. Silt could be removed every year but this would still not change the problems associated with the culverts.</p> <p>6. There are no plans to increase the frequency of bin collections over the summer. Provided a few simple steps are followed experience has shown that when the bins are used properly there should be no problems with either the black or green bins; put some cardboard or scrunched up newspaper in the bottom of the bin to absorb any liquids; wrap food waste in newspaper; keep bin lids closed; clear up any spillages on/around the bin straight away.</p> <p>7. SCDC has a limited number of plastics recycling banks sited at strategic locations throughout the district, which are currently all fully utilised. If the Parish Council can identify a suitable site, consideration can be given to relocating a bank if any become available in the future.</p>
SPORT & RECREATION		
2. Golf Course	Replacement of Longstanton 'Cambridge Golf Course' before development starts	<p>Planning response: This golf course will be lost when Northstowe is built and the need for a replacement was considered at the Northstowe AAP inquiry. The inspectors at this inquiry have concluded that mention of the golf course be deleted from the plan. Their reasoning is as follows: "15.1 Overall, we conclude that the golf course requirement is ill thought out and unrealistic, failing tests vii and viii. It would provide a facility close to the new town, if it could be provided at all. However, its financial repercussions would be likely to reduce the sustainability of the development. The loss of the existing golf course is a disadvantage of the development of Northstowe on the AAP site, and it has not been shown that the existing course is surplus to requirements. However these considerations are outweighed by the unrealistic nature of the replacement proposal, its financial impact, and the need for the development at Northstowe to go ahead. In addition, we give weight to the fact there is a relatively good supply of golf facilities in the</p>

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		Northstowe area, even though 'affordable' courses are on the edge of the catchment area. 15.2 In the light of the above conclusions, the references to a golf course in Policy NS/23 and its reasoned justification should be removed....."
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YOUTH

3. Youth Activities	a) Investigate employing a youth worker to supervise recreational youth activities b) Research facilities/activities offered to young people 14 to 25 in other villages and emulate successful models (contact Cllr Charlie Nightingale, Great Shelford, for info re. funding). Publish information in LLife	Locality Team – response to follow
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COMMUNITY & SAFETY

2. Police Educational Visits	Meet with police to seek their involvement in educational visits to tackle anti –social behaviour.	Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership: Contact PCSO John Mason - 07921 938051
3. Police Officer 'open house' meetings	Parish Council business to contact police	Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership: Local CBM and PCSO attend the Swavesey Neighbourhood Panel where local issues can be raised or use contact number above.

TRANSPORT - PARKING, ROAD SAFETY & IMPROVEMENT

1. High St safe crossing points	Ensure that proper crossing points are provided in the High Street in concert with traffic calming measures (High st. & B1050/High St.)	County Council response: Since the Plan has been published two new crossings have been installed, which should have take the heavy traffic taken out of village.
2. Parking problems	Study the parking difficulties: High Street, Hatton's Park to All Saints, including provision for the disabled; meet with CCC	County Council response: If Parishes think they have a problem and are willing to put some money to solution, Highways will consider appropriateness of parking controls.
3. Local buses: a) reliability b) OAP information, fares c) Access and stops	a) For increased frequency, reliability and routes of local buses: contact Stagecoach & CCC re: subsidies;	County Council response: Think the service has improved since the Parish Plan was written as it now operates every 30 minutes. Fares will improve

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	<p>consult parishioners about needs</p> <p>b) availability, fares and information targeting OAP: seek information from bus company, SCDC, CCC, P.O; publish collected information in LLife and notice boards</p> <p>c) Study of bus access, stops and comfort for the disabled and those with pushchairs</p>	<p>again for OAPs next April. This is a commercial service, low floor buses are expensive and so unlikely to be borne by the bus company.</p>
<p>5. Roads & Highway Maintenance:</p> <p>a) Repairs</p> <p>b) Drainage</p> <p>c) Overhanging trees</p>	<p>a) Survey: of pavements in need of repair; of potholes. Contact Highways Officer at Whittlesford, and Cllr S Johnstone</p> <p>b) Implement road drainage along Woodside/St Michael's; consult Highways Officer Whittlesford for roads/drains maps</p> <p>c) Better maintenance of overhanging branches; consult Whittlesford Highways Officer</p>	<p>County Council response:</p> <p>The Parish Council should log all Highways problems with the Contact Centre (0845 045 5212) who will ensure it is fed to the correct person.</p> <p>Highways is a one stop shop for defects of any kind on the highway.</p>
<p>6. New cycle paths</p>	<p>Lobby authorities for Highways to deliver cycle paths along the B1050 to Bar Hill and through to Willingham and Over</p>	<p>County Council response:</p> <p>Advise Parish to plug into opportunities that Northstowe growth area provides</p>
<p>7. Road access</p>	<p>a) Support access for cyclists and pedestrians to Oakington along the Airfield Road during Northstowe road access construction</p> <p>b) Re-instate late Bus service to Longstanton via Bar Hill during construction: support and publicise timetables in LLife and notice boards</p>	<p>County Council response:</p> <p>a) The County Council wish to close the airfield road.</p> <p>b) Following previous incidents of antisocial behaviour on late night services to this area, it has not been possible for the council to secure operators to run the service</p>
<p>10. A14 upgrade</p>	<p>Seek implementation of a co-ordinated road infrastructure before developments start including A14 upgrade through consultation and</p>	

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	inform parishioners	
11. Street lighting	Survey inadequate street lighting along Rampton Road, Woodside, St Michael's	County Council response: Parishes can fund own street lighting if they wish.
12. Street calming traffic measures	Seek improvements on effectiveness: organise a site visit, inform parishioners	
13. Additional B1050 lanes	Seek implementation of additional lanes to the B1050, including cycle and pedestrian lanes	County Council response: This is likely to be implemented as part of Northstowe growth area
14. North Willingham bypass	Liaise with Willingham/Over/Swavesey Parish Councils to seek their views re: bypass with roundabout between Over and Willingham, Swavesey and Longstanton by 2016; inform parishioners of outcome	County Council response: This is an action for PC to take forward

EDUCATION

4. Adult Education a) Information	Seek better information for adults re: community colleges, Cambridge Regional College, and other educational centres; publicise information (leaflets etc) in Post Office	TBC
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HOUSING

1. Low cost housing	Encourage the development of low cost housing	Planning In the Development Control Policies DPD there is within the Housing Chapter a number of policies relating to affordable housing. Technically housing that is on the market for a low cost is not part of affordable housing but I am assuming that Longstanton mean that they want housing that people can afford to be built in the village. Policy HG/3 – Affordable Housing states that 40% and more of all new dwellings should be affordable. This is for planning applications on sites of two or more dwellings, which will mean that in the future more affordable housing will be available in villages.
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HEALTH

2. Dental, medical and paramedical services	Information from PCT and findings publicised in LLife, Post Office, Notice Boards	<p>PCT response: For information on services available contact Jessica Bawden, (Jessica.bawden@cambridgeshirepct.nhs.uk) Director of Communications and Public Involvement at Cambridgeshire PCT should be a useful contact in the first instance.</p> <p>If however, you are unsure how to access services, then contact Susan Last, Susan.Last@cambridgeshirepct.nhs.uk Patient Advice and Liaison (PALS) manager</p> <p>Cambridgeshire PCT website is also a useful source of information: www.cambridgeshirepct.nhs.uk</p>
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ONGOING AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

Home Farm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Seek compensation from developers for flood defence, improved sewage capacity, electricity supply upgrading 3. seek support from the developers for the construction of a new multifunctional village community Centre and inform community 4. Review the need for Home Farm 6. 3ha business park in view of planning for business parks in Northstowe. Report finding to local community 	<p>Planning responses</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Likewise this is related to the development of Northstowe and as such would be part of the negotiations for masterplanning. Since we have received the binding report from the inspectors into the inquiry on Northstowe AAP greater emphasis is now being placed on the masterplanning. Details that previously had been included in the AAP are to be left for negotiation with the developer and the Council at the master planning stage. 4. The Council along with Cambridge City Council are currently carrying out an Employment Land Review assessing the land needs for employment with the Cambridge area. There are policies to protect the loss of employment land within the district. Any business parks in Northstowe would be to serve the needs of the population of the new settlement
Northstowe	Northstowe Secondary School & Sixth Form College catchment area to include Longstanton	TBC
3. Water Management	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enlargement of Longstanton Brook 2. Diversion of the brook west of Longstanton 3. Installation of a pump assisted system of water management 	<p>Environmental Services response:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This is not required as the study for the Home Farm development indicated. The ditch is capable of dealing with the level of flow as prescribed by Government guidelines. However, there would be an advantage to widening and deepening in the village area but the

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	<p>4. Provision of proper flood defences 5. Upgrading of sewage drains, Inform community 6. Seek implementation of water management infrastructure before house building starts</p>	<p>associated costs make this option economically non viable. 2. This was seen as a possible solution to many of the flooding problems in the area. However, the costs are not likely to be met by SCDC. Works associated with the Northstow development are likely to alleviate the flooding to some degree but the developers have yet to quantify the extent of the benefit. 3. A pumped system is unlikely to get support unless it can be demonstrated that this feature would offer real benefits. The question of who would have the long-term upkeep and maintenance responsibility would also need to be resolved. 4. Usually very advisable. However, a feasibility study is normally necessary and a cost/benefit analysis would then be required to justify these. For the Longstanton area this is unlikely to prove possible as no funding is available at present. For individual properties, permanent defences are a very good idea but would require funding from property owners. 5. This is an issue for Anglian Water 6. Other than the Anglian Water issue, this is now in place.</p>
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