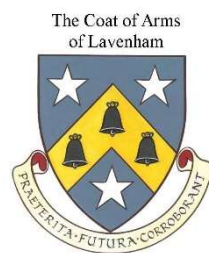


Lavenham Neighbourhood Plan 2016 Revision



Dear Fellow Resident

All of your Parish Councillors recognise that the village voted overwhelmingly to reject the proposed revision and updating of the successful 2016 Neighbourhood Plan.

At its February Meeting the Parish Council entrusted us, the undersigned Alison Bourne and Michael Sherman, with the task of taking the first steps towards developing a new Neighbourhood Plan.

We are aware of the need to respect the wishes of all Lavenham residents.

Our proposal is to take the best from the existing plan and the revision document known as NP2 and build upon them in the light of the wishes of the residents of Lavenham.

We will do this in the following way:

In order to achieve the widest possible participation, we will organise a series of informal meetings from which we can benefit from the ideas, hopes and aspirations of all residents. These views will provide us with the basis for our work and the village will be consulted at every step on the way.

In the meanwhile, in the light of new material issued by the 2021 census, we will update the factual information that will serve as a basis for our propositions and compose a piloted questionnaire constructed on evidence, that will allow ideas to come forward. The questionnaire will be delivered to every household. A dedicated team will assist those with queries and those who need help.

This is an immense task. As part of this participatory process, we will be asking those who live in Lavenham to volunteer to be part of the Group and the teams which will be set up to focus on particular issues that residents raise.

We need the ideas of all members of our community. We hope that many will come forward to be part of this participatory process.

Our aim is to produce a plan that is the product of the thinking of the overwhelming majority of residents of Lavenham, that is written in plain English, that is relatively short and succinct and that will be supported by all.

Regards

Alison Bourne and Michael Sherman, Parish Councillors, on behalf of the Neighbourhood Plan Group, February 2025