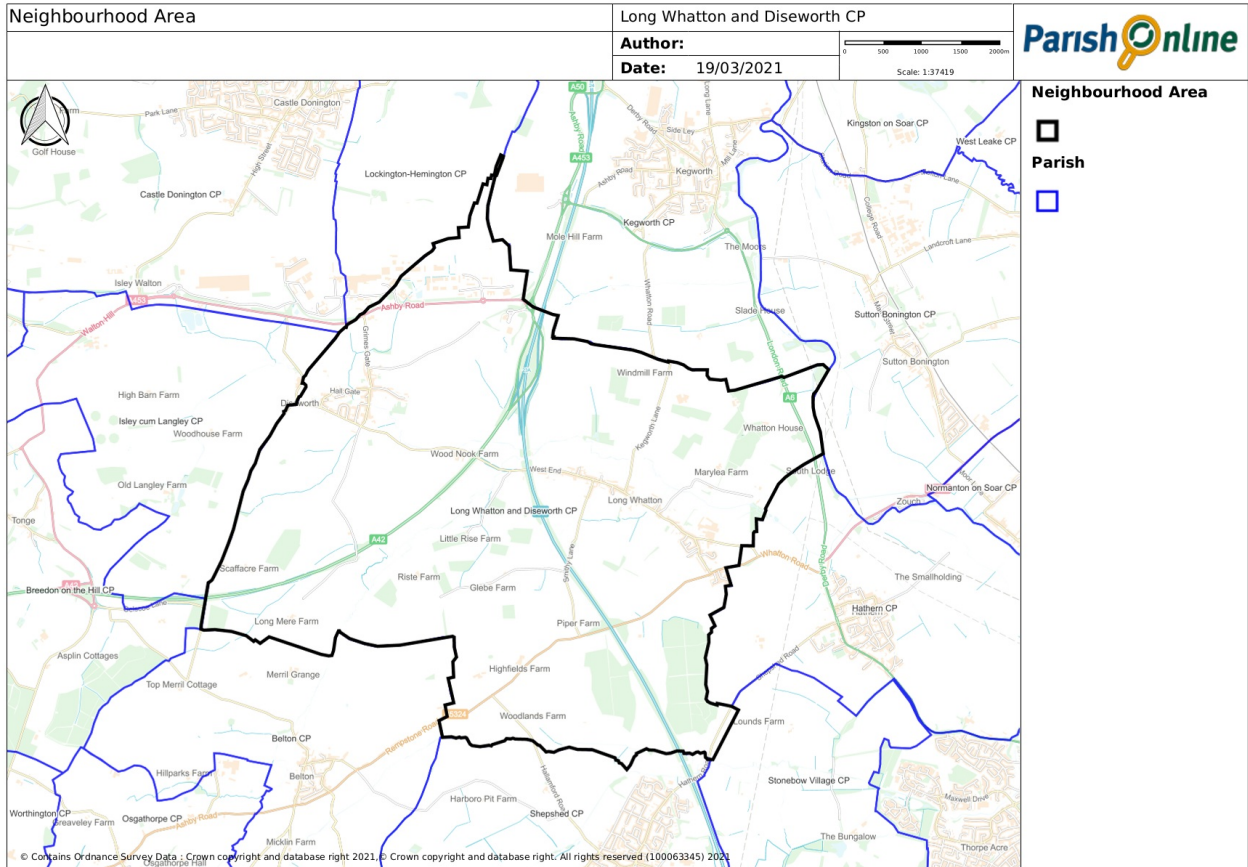


# Long Whatton and Diseworth Neighbourhood Plan

## Questionnaire



## Long Whatton and Diseworth Neighbourhood Plan

This survey is optimised for completion online.

The online survey is quicker, easier, more accurate and safer. So please complete the survey online if you can at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LongWhattonDiseworthNP>

The following QR code can be read using a smartphone or other device to take you straight to the online survey.



# Long Whatton and Diseworth Neighbourhood Plan

Dear Resident,

The 2011 Localism Act has given communities the right to draw up a Neighbourhood Development Plan. This right is aimed at giving local communities genuine opportunities to influence the future of the places where they live.

The Long Whatton & Diseworth Neighbourhood Plan will allow people who live, work and have a business in the Parish to have a say where they think new houses, businesses and shops should go and what they should look like. The Long Whatton & Diseworth Neighbourhood Plan will be a statutory plan which means that once it has been finalised, it will be the starting point for deciding planning applications in the Parish.

We do not have a completely free hand on the preparation of our Neighbourhood Plan. We have to take account of North West Leicestershire District Council's Local Plan. The District Council is currently preparing a new Local Plan for the area which will provide for substantial housing growth.

This questionnaire seeks your views on the key issues for the Neighbourhood Plan. We welcome your answers to the questions in this survey as they will help us prepare the Neighbourhood Plan - your feedback is important.

All members of your household, including younger members, can complete the questionnaire, please telephone 07989 173441 or email [parishcouncil@lwdpc.org.uk](mailto:parishcouncil@lwdpc.org.uk) if you need further paper copies of the questionnaire. Please answer as many questions as you can- you must answer the questions marked with an asterisk (\*).

Your completed questionnaire should be submitted by **Friday 16 July 2021**. Paper copies of the questionnaire should be returned to:

- Capel Farm, Hall Gate, Diseworth, DE74 2QJ; or
- 27A The Green, Long Whatton, Loughborough, LE12 5DA

Your response will remain confidential and will be combined with others to inform the views of the community. We hope someone from every household completes this survey.

**Thank You**

# Long Whatton and Diseworth Neighbourhood Plan

## Key Issues

Please help us to identify the key issues our Neighbourhood Plan should address.

**1. What are the most important issues for the Neighbourhood Plan?  
(Please rank as many as you can in order of importance where 1 is the most important)**



Protecting green areas where you live



Protecting the countryside



Conserving local heritage



Meeting local housing needs



Improving or retaining local services and facilities



More employment opportunities for local people



Maintaining village identity



The impact of traffic



**Protecting and improving nature conservation**



**Protecting important views**



**The design of new buildings**



**Climate change**



**HS2**



**East Midlands Airport**



**A42/M1**



**Noise and disturbance**



**Flood Risk**



**Large-scale new development nearby**

## Countryside

Long Whatton and Diseworth is a large rural parish of some 1,942 hectares.

The undulating landscape is often dissected by minor watercourses such as the Diseworth and Long Whatton Brooks. Agriculture is mostly pastoral with small game coverts and larger blocks of ancient woodland at Piper Wood and Oakley Wood. A pattern of smaller fields surround the villages of Long Whatton and Diseworth.

With the exception of East Midlands Airport, industrial and commercial activity is generally limited and small scale. The Parish is bisected by the A42 and M42 which meet at junction 23A. These major roads can be visually and audibly intrusive.

### 2. Do you agree that the countryside around Long Whatton and Diseworth should be protected for the sake of its intrinsic character, beauty, heritage and wildlife?

Yes

No

Other (please specify)

### 3. How do you use the countryside around Long Whatton and Diseworth? (please select all those that apply)

Dog walking

Horse riding

Cycling

Walking/rambling

Running/jogging

Nature study

Farming

Other (please specify)

**4. How often do you use the footpaths/bridleways where you live? (select one)**

- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Rarely
- Never

## Important Views

There are some scenic rural views, and long distance views around both Diseworth and Long Whatton that may be worthy of protection.

In Long Whatton there are views of Church of All Saints, although the M1 motorway is also a strong presence and there can be distant views of Ratcliffe Power Station. Similarly, in Diseworth there are views to the spire of St Michael's Church but there also detractors such as large farm sheds and mid-distance views of the airport and wind turbines.

### 5. Please identify any other local views that are important to you.



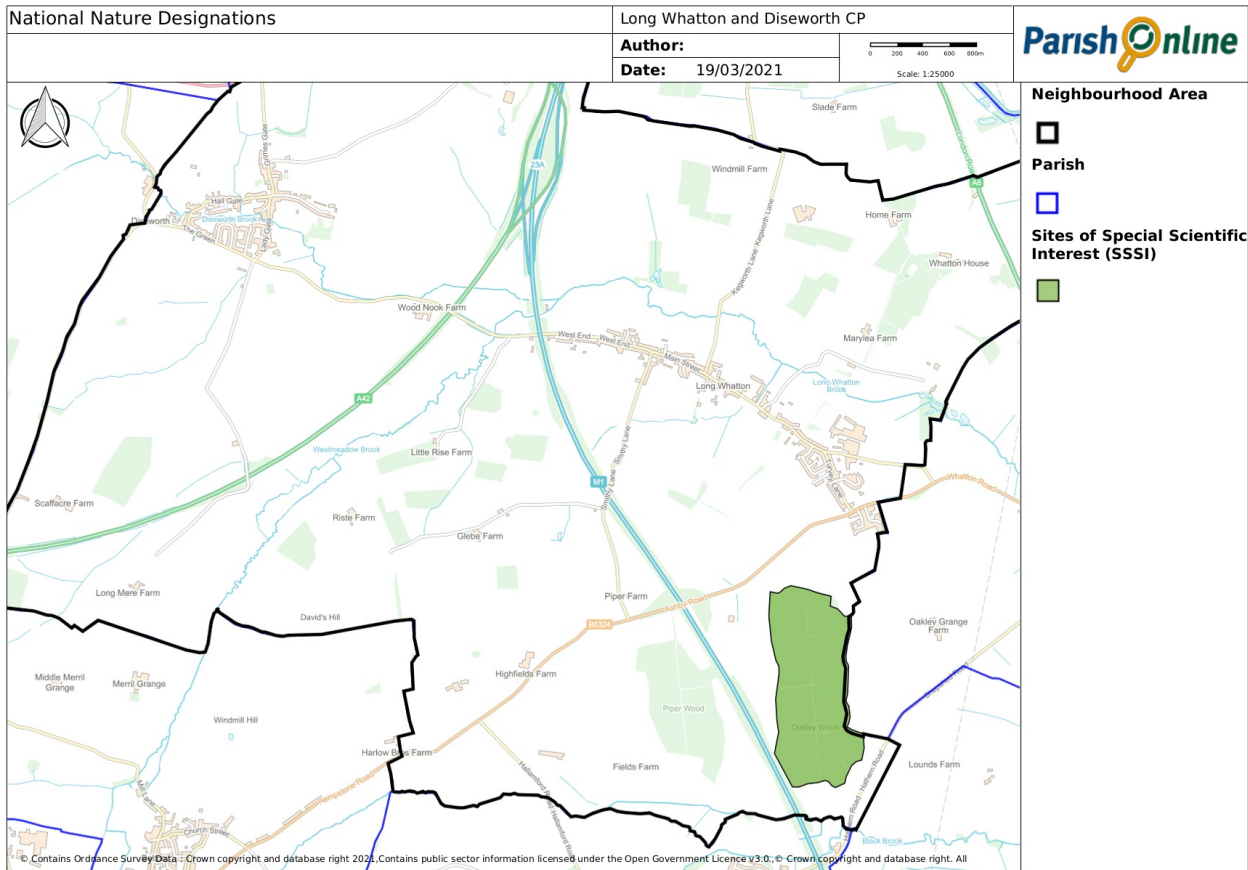
## Habitats and Biodiversity

Our Neighbourhood Plan should identify, map and safeguard local wildlife-rich habitats and wider ecological networks.

A Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) is a formal conservation designation. Usually, it describes an area that is of particular interest to science due to the rare species of fauna or flora it contains - or even important geological or physiological features that may lie in its boundaries. Oakley Wood is the only SSSI in the Parish. This site provides the only example in the county of the transition from oak woodland on free draining acid soil to the ash and hazel typical of the heavy clays of eastern central England.

There are several Local Wildlife Sites within the area too. They include other areas of woodland, ponds, trees and hedgerows.

Biodiversity net gain is necessary for developments when granting planning permission. Biodiversity net gain is an approach which aims to leave the natural environment in a measurably better state than beforehand.



**6. What are the most important priorities for habitat improvement in the area? (Please rank as many as you can in order of importance where 1 is the most important)**



**Trees and woodland**



**Ponds and watercourses**



**Meadows and grassland**



**Hedgerows**



**Bat roosts**



**Badger setts**



**Bird roosting and nesting places**



**Other**

## Flood Risk

Our Neighbourhood Plan should take a proactive approach to mitigating and adapting to climate change and take into account the long-term implications for flood risk.

There have been several flooding incidents over the last few years in both Long Whatton and Diseworth. Following this, Leicestershire County Council began a project to investigate the sources of flood risk and to assess the viability of options to reduce the risk of flooding.

Flood modelling demonstrates that flooding across the catchment is split into several distinct and relatively disconnected Wetspots. Flooding in Diseworth is general constrained to the route of the Diseworth Brook, caused by a lack of conveyance capacity and functional floodplain (caused by encroachment from development). Flooding in Long Whatton is largely the result of rapid runoff from the steep-sided surrounding landscape which exceeds the capacity of culverts and channels which route this flow through the village and into the Long Whatton Brook. The magnitude of runoff is exacerbated by discharges from the M1.

Runoff from the EMA site has a minimal impact on overall flood risk in Diseworth and instead it provides a significant level of protection.

The National Planning Policy Framework sets strict tests to protect people and property from flooding which all planning authorities are expected to follow. Where these tests are not met, national policy is clear that new development should not be allowed.

### 7. Are you concerned about flood risk where you live?

- Yes
- No
- Other (please specify)

### 8. Do you agree that we should steer new development to areas of lower flood risk as far as possible?

- Yes
- No
- Other (please specify)

**9. Do you agree that development should be managed so that flood risk will not be increased overall and that opportunities to reduce flood risk are taken?**

- Yes
- No
- Other (please specify)

**10. Do you agree that even minor development should incorporate water attenuation, storage and treatment arrangements?**

- Yes
- No
- Other (please specify)

## Noise

Noise needs to be considered when new developments may create additional noise and when new developments would be sensitive to the prevailing acoustic environment.

When preparing our Neighbourhood Plan there may also be opportunities to consider improvements to the acoustic environment.

### 11. Do you have concerns about noise and/or disturbance from the following?

(Select all the options that apply)

- Local farming activities
- East Midland Airport
- Local road traffic
- A42/M1
- Donington Park
- Other (please specify)

## East Midlands Airport

East Midlands Airport is one of the UK's most import gateways for goods. It's a regional and national port of entry and exit which enables businesses to quickly get goods to customers or suppliers.

Despite the devastating impact the pandemic has had on its passenger operation, the cargo operation has grown. The airport supported the rapid movement of PPE to frontline healthcare providers in the early days of the pandemic and there has been a rise in demand for dedicated air cargo flights due to a lack of bellyhold capacity on long-haul passenger routes. December 2020 saw an increase in volume of goods rise by 43% compared with December 2019. In 2020 an additional 50,000 tonnes of goods passed through the airport, an increase of 13% from 2019. Annual tonnage now stands at 421,000.

Aircraft and airport operations at East Midlands Airport result in high levels of noise disturbance, particularly at night when background noise is generally lower. As a result of the recent implementation of a permission to extend the runway there are now some restrictions in respect of night time noise associated with planes using the airport. Notwithstanding these restrictions there remain some concerns about night time noise issues.

All three of the Parish's communities lie close to East Midlands Airport and while our Neighbourhood Plan cannot control airport activities, the following questions will allow us to understand local concerns, if any.

\* 12. On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is not a problem, how concerned are you with aircraft noise?

0 10



\* 13. On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is not a problem, how concerned are you with air quality issues associated with aircraft emissions?

0 10



\* 14. On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is not a problem, how concerned are you with water run-off from the East Midlands Airport site?

0 10



**15. Do you think that the growth of East Midlands Airport and the Gateway Industrial Cluster has significantly increased road traffic through your village?**

- Yes
- No
- Other (please specify)

**16. Do you think that the growth of East Midlands Airport and the Gateway Industrial Cluster has significantly increased local house prices?**

- Yes
- No
- Other (please specify)

**17. Do you think that the demand for housing from those working at East Midlands Airport and the Gateway Industrial Cluster makes it difficult for local people to buy housing?**

- Yes
- No
- Other (please specify)

# Long Whatton and Diseworth Neighbourhood Plan

## New Settlements

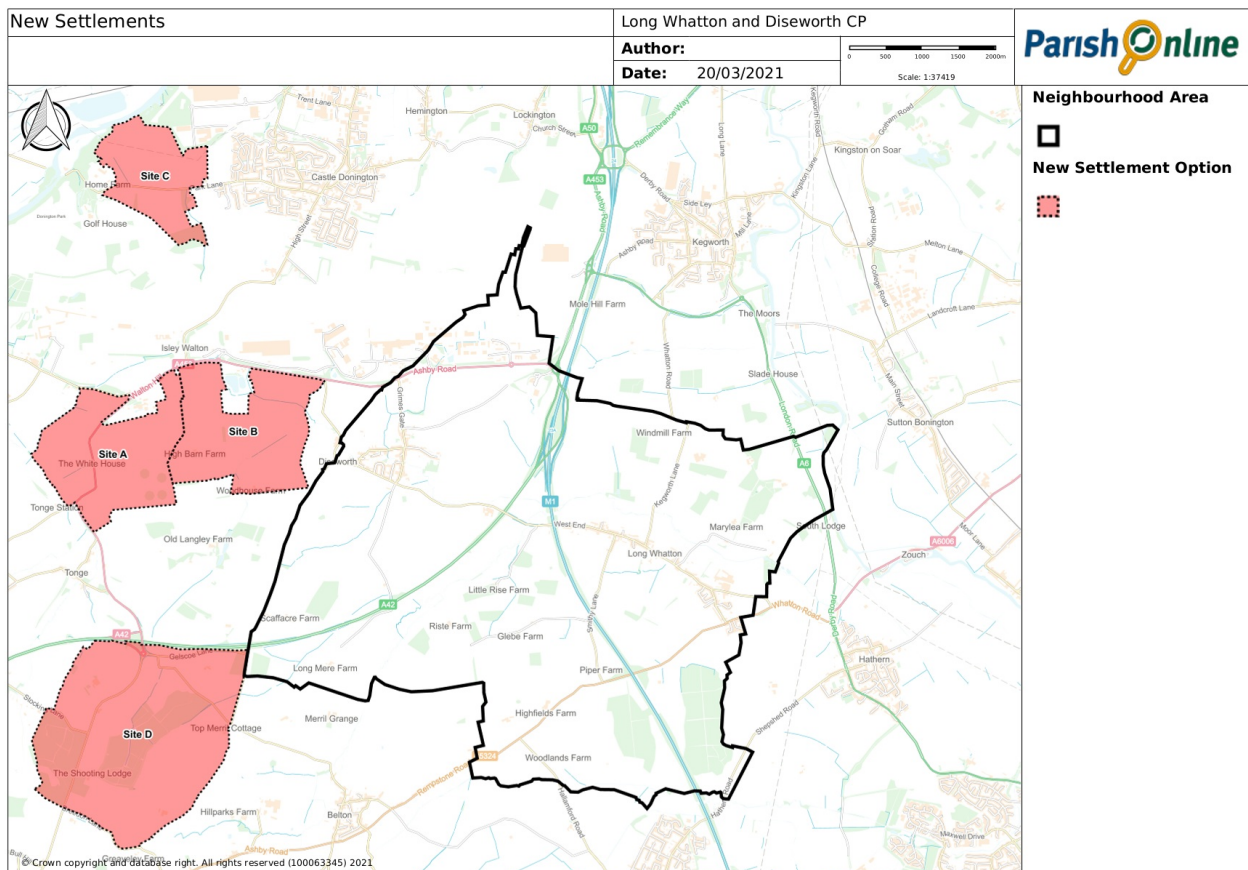
The area is experiencing rapid growth focussed on East Midlands Airport and the East Midlands Gateway which is bringing many jobs to the area. There are also proposals for the construction of new settlements. We are aware of four options under consideration:

- Site A: Land west of Isley Walton- 1,200 to 2,400 dwellings
- Site B: Land east of Isley Walton- 1,170 to 2,340 dwellings
- Site C: West of Castle Donington- 713 to 1,425 dwellings
- Site D: - South of the A42/A453 Junction- 2,600 to 5,200 dwellings

Sites A and B could be developed together.

The allocation of one or more of these sites will be a matter for the review of the North West Leicestershire Local Plan. The scale and distribution of development potentially envisaged means that strategic approaches to delivery will be required – particularly for sewerage provision, primary and secondary schools, and GP surgeries. Western Power Distribution has also identified that the electricity supply network within the area is almost saturated.

A strategy of providing for housing growth in this way should mean that, in future, housing development in Long Whatton and Diseworth Parish will be more limited.








**18. Do you support the development of new settlements as a way of meeting the need for housing growth?**

- Yes
- No
- Other (please specify)

**19. Which new settlement option is best? (Please rank in order of preference where 1 is the most preferred)**

 Option A
 Option B
 Option C
 Option D
 Option A and Option B together

**20. What are your main concerns with these options? (Please select all the options that apply)**

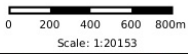
- Traffic growth on local roads
- Lack of public transport
- Lack of school capacity
- Lack of healthcare capacity
- Lack of utilities capacity e.g. sewerage, electricity
- Impact on landscape
- Loss of biodiversity
- Impact on heritage
- Flood risk
- Safety issues relating to operations at East Midlands Airport
- Other (please specify)

## HS2

The Government plans to present an Integrated Rail Plan for the North and Midlands by the end of the year, informed by an assessment from the National Infrastructure Commission, which will look at how to deliver HS2 Phase 2b, Northern Powerhouse Rail, Midlands Rail Hub and other rail programmes better and more effectively.

Subject to this, the Western Leg of HS2 Phase 2b will run between Crewe and Manchester, connecting to the West Coast Main Line south of Wigan, and the Eastern Leg will connect the West Midlands with Leeds.

The Government has asked HS2 Ltd to pause work on the Eastern Leg which passes through Long Whatton and Diseworth parish, bisecting the two villages. This is bound to cause uncertainty. This proposed route impacts significantly our settlements, both during the construction phase and through the long-lasting effects when the route is in operation.



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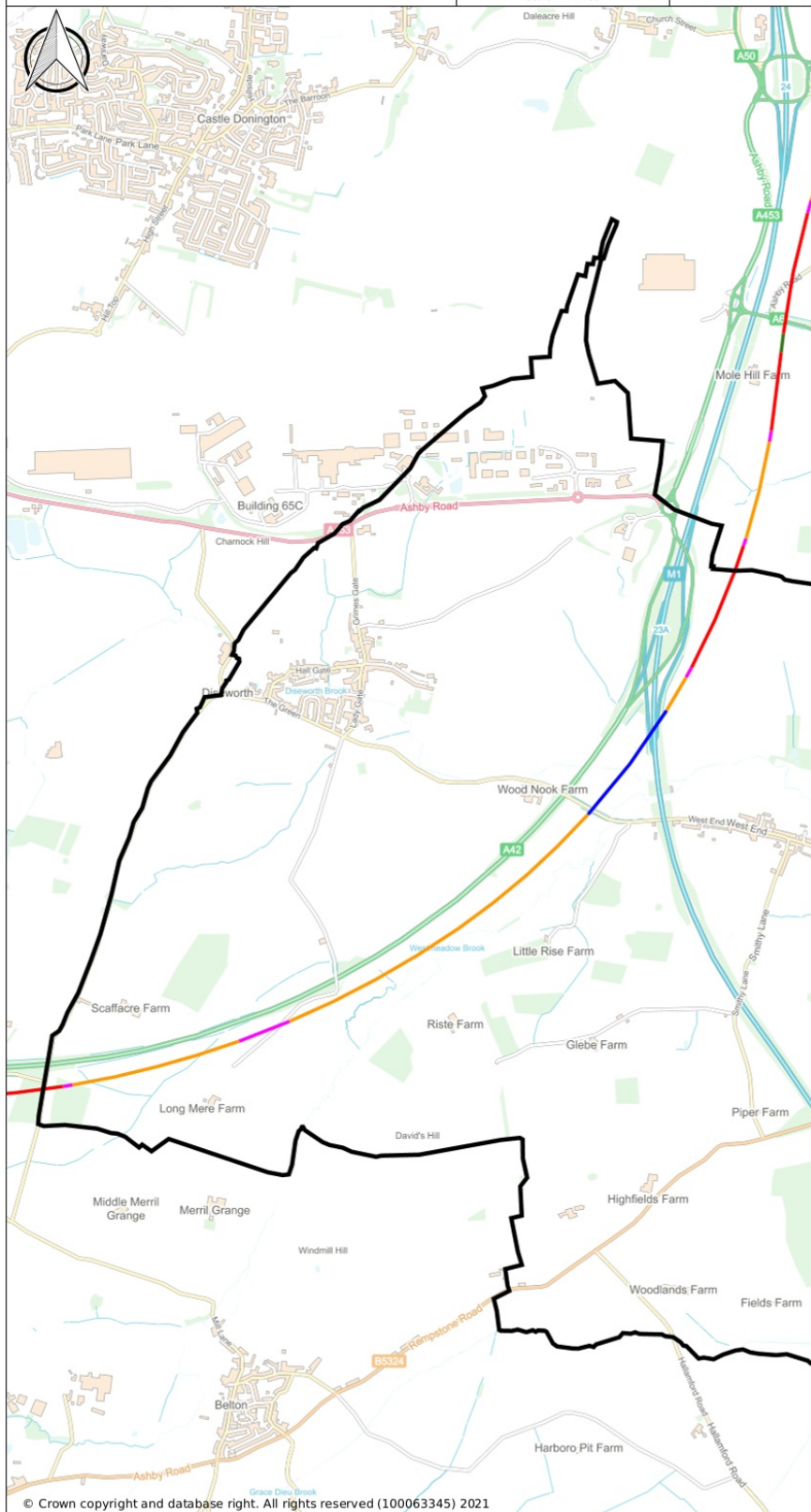
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Neighbourhood Area

 **HS2 Phase 2b - Route Alignment - Leeds**

-  At Grade
-  Cut And Cover Tunnel
-  Cutting
-  Embankment
-  Viaduct



**21. Do you support HS2?**

- Yes
- No

**22. What are the main concerns for Long Whatton and Diseworth? (Please select all those that apply)**

- Railway noise and disturbance
- Disturbance through construction phase
- Air quality issues during construction phase
- Construction traffic
- Impact on the landscape
- Impact on nature conservation
- Loss of agricultural land
- Impact on historic environment
- The future of the land between HS2 and the A42/M1
- Links between Long Whatton and Diseworth
- Flood Risk
- Other (please specify)

### Active Travel between Long Whatton and Diseworth (1)

The UK Government has declared a state of Climate Emergency and is encouraging us to leave the car at home, particularly for short journeys. Active Travel is travelling with a purpose using your own energy and is good for your physical and mental health, and the environment.

The road linking the two villages (The Green) is winding, has no footpath, and a national speed limit of 60mph. We are therefore seeking views on encouraging residents to to walk, cycle, wheel or ride between our two villages.

**\* 23. Do you walk, cycle, wheel or ride along The Green between the two villages?**

- Yes, regularly      Go to Q24
- Yes, sometimes      Go to Q24
- Never                  Go to Q26

### Active Travel between Long Whatton and Diseworth (2)

\* 24. Do you feel safe when you walk, cycle, wheel or ride between the two villages?

- Yes    Go to Q27
- No    Go to Q25

## Active Travel between Long Whatton and Diseworth (3)

### \* 25. What changes would make the journey feel safer?

- Off-road route
- Wider pavement
- Slower vehicle speeds
- None
- Fewer HGVs
- Other (please specify)

Now go to Q27



## Active Travel between Long Whatton and Diseworth (4)

### 26. What changes would encourage you to walk, cycle, wheel or ride between the two villages?

- Off-road route
- Wider pavement
- Slower vehicle speeds
- Fewer HGVs
- Nothing, I have no need to make this journey
- Other (please specify)

## Active Travel between Long Whatton and Diseworth (5)

### 27. What else can we do to increase active travel within the Parish?

### 28. Why is active travel important?

- Improved physical and mental health
- Reduced traffic congestion
- Improved air quality
- Reduced carbon emissions
- Fewer road casualties
- Improved quality of life
- Cheaper means of travel
- Other (please specify)

## Long Whatton Methodist Church

Methodism in Long Whatton can be traced back over 200 years. The 19th Century saw a huge rise in the number of practising Methodists, or Wesleyans as they were called, across England and the tiny villages in North West Leicestershire were no exception. In 1829 a Chapel was built in Long Whatton behind the site of the existing church and throughout the century a large congregation was built up with a flourishing Sun-day School.

### 29. Would you support the Parish Council purchasing the Methodist Church for community use?

- Yes
- No
- Other (please specify)

## About you

Your response will remain confidential and will be combined with many others to learn about overall responses. However, we do need some personal information to make sure our survey is representative of the Parish.

We also want to know where you live so that we can ask you some more specific questions about your local area.

### 30. What type of household do you live in?

- One-person household
- A couple with dependent children
- A couple with no dependent children
- A lone-parent household with dependent children
- A lone-parent household with no dependent children
- A multi-person household where all are students
- Another form of multi-person household

### 31. What is your age?

- Under 18
- 18 to 24
- 25 to 34
- 35 to 44
- 45 to 54
- 55 to 64
- 65 to 74
- 75 or older

### \* 32. Where do you live?

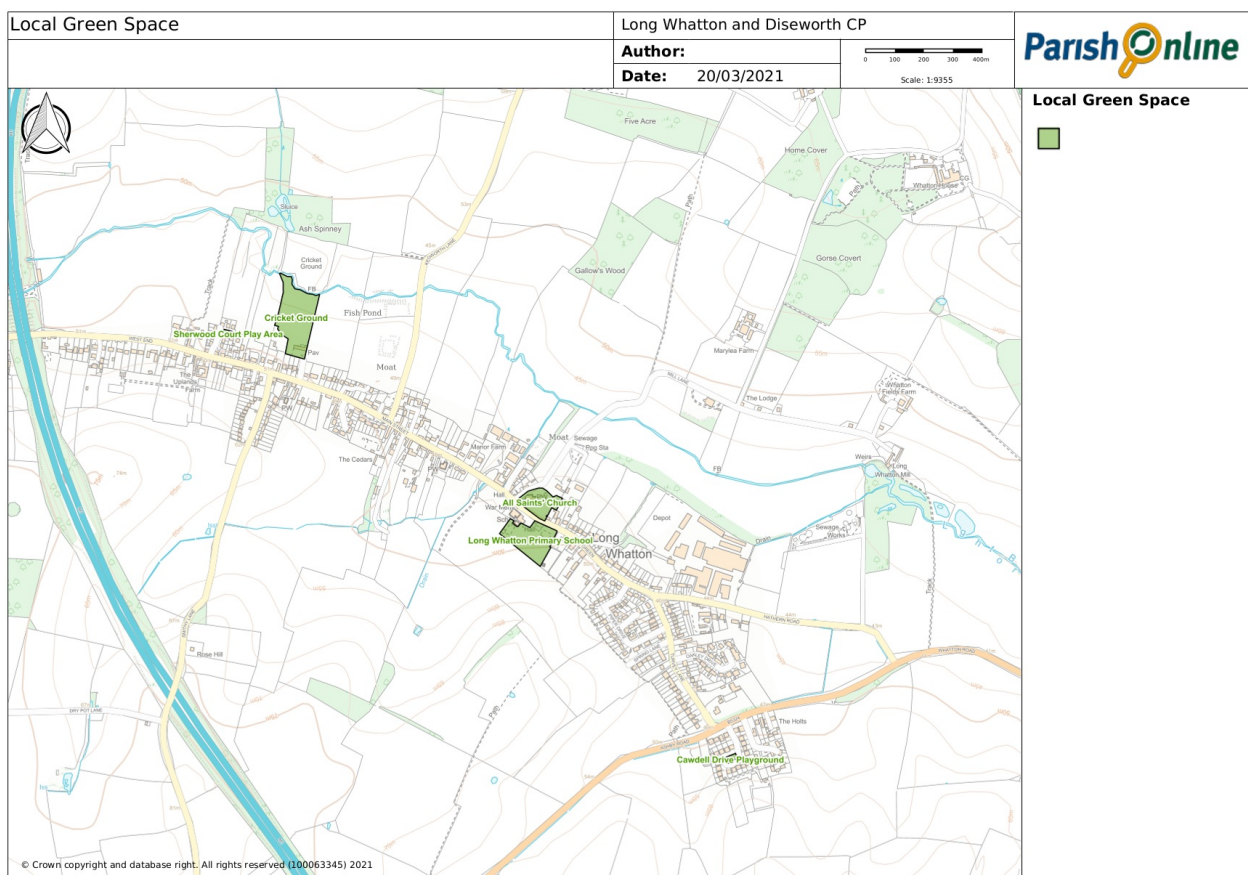
- Long Whatton
- Diseworth                      Go to Q49
- None of the above              Go to Q63

# Long Whatton and Diseworth Neighbourhood Plan

## Local Green Space (Long Whatton)

Local people can use the Neighbourhood Plan to identify green areas of particular significance to them. This local significance could be because of the green area's beauty, historic importance, recreational value, tranquillity or richness of its wildlife.

By designating land as Local Green Space in the Neighbourhood Plan, we will be able to rule out new development other than in very special circumstances.



**33. Which of the following should be identified as a Local Green Space?**

**(Please select all the options that apply)**

- All Saints' Church
- Long Whatton Primary School
- Cricket Ground
- Sherwood Court Play Area
- Cawdell Drive Playground
- Other (please specify)

### Area of Separation (Long Whatton)

Long Whatton has extended eastwards to the district and parish boundary and towards Hathern. The countryside gap between the two villages is about 900m.

**34. Do you think an area of separation is required between the built-up areas of Long Whatton and Hathern to safeguard the special character of both villages?**

Yes

No

## Heritage (Long Whatton)

Long Whatton is first recorded in the Leicestershire Survey of circa 1125-29, although at the Domesday Record of 1086/7 it appears that its resources along with those of Lockington and Hemington were listed under Shepshed.

Although there has been a significant amount of post-War infill development, the predominant character of Long Whatton is derived from the informal grouping of farmhouses, outbuildings and the former agricultural related cottages along the principal linear thoroughfare. The area also portrays the development of the hosiery industry from its domestic origins through to small workshops.

There are 17 Listed buildings in the village. The Parish Church of All Saints is listed at Grade II\* as being a building of particular importance. The Church, with the exception of the late twelfth/early thirteenth century tower, is largely fourteenth century in origin although it was much restored and partly rebuilt in 1865/6.

The other listed properties have Grade II status and include the five timber framed properties dating from the fifteenth to eighteenth centuries. Keeper's Lodge (No. 61 Main Street) has very fine close studding to its front and north-western elevations. No. 4 Main Street was formerly The Boot Inn.

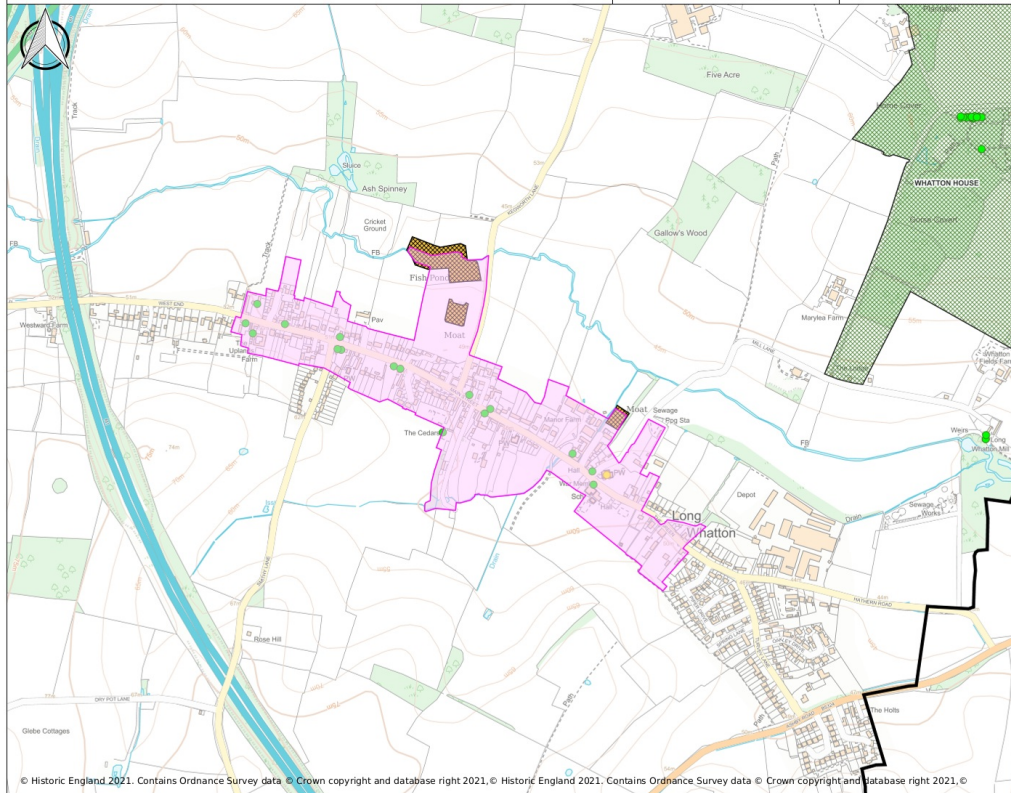
The Long Whatton Conservation Area was originally designated by North West Leicestershire District Council in 2002.

The Area contains two sites designated as Scheduled Ancient Monuments; both concentrated on medieval moated enclosures. Such sites typically served as prestigious residences with the provision of a moat intended as a status symbol rather than an effective military defence.

To the north-east of the village is Whatton House which was originally built in 1802 for Edward Dawson and was bought by the first Lord Crawshaw in the 1870s when the Dawsons moved to Launde Abbey. Only a short time later a disastrous fire struck, leading to the house being almost entirely rebuilt in 1876. Although parts of the original 1802 gardens remain, much of what can be seen today was laid out in the late 19th century by the wife of the first Lord Crawshaw.

The above places have already been designated and offered protection through national and local planning policies, however there may be other buildings and sites in the village that make a positive contribution providing local character and sense of place because of their heritage value.





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35. If there are any other places that you think should be protected for their local heritage interest, please let us know.

## Services and Facilities (Long Whatton)

Long Whatton has a basic range services and facilities- two pubs, primary school, general store, church and bus service.

### 36. Should the Neighbourhood Plan be used to protect these services and facilities?

- Yes
- No
- Other (please specify)

### 37. Are there any additional services and facilities you would like to see? (Please select all the options that apply)

- Allotments
- Sports facilities
- More community meeting space
- Better bus service
- Facilities for young people
- Children's play area
- Better internet connection
- Better mobile phone signal
- A cafe
- More shops
- Other (please specify)

## Traffic (Long Whatton)

One of the key issues for the village is transport, but there is sometimes confusion over what kinds of transport issues a neighbourhood plan can address. Many traffic matters fall outside the scope of planning. For example, changes to traffic management on existing transport networks are usually a matter for the highway authority to deal with. So, changes to parking restrictions, speed limits, signage, weight restrictions and traffic circulation fall outside the scope of our Neighbourhood Plan.

Nonetheless, if there are localised traffic and parking issues our Neighbourhood Plan can highlight them. We are aware that there have been multiple accidents along West End/Main Street/Hathern Road and along the B5324 Ashby Road.

\* 38. On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is not a problem, how concerned are you with speeding traffic through the village?

0  10

39. Which of the following measures would you support to help reduce vehicle speeds?

- More signs and road markings
- Vehicle activated signs
- Speed indicator devices
- Virtual speed humps
- Road surface treatments
- Road humps
- More speed cushions
- Raised tables
- Village gateways
- Chicanes
- Narrowing the highway
- Greater enforcement

Other (please specify)

**40. Is inconsiderate parking a problem in the village?**

- No
- Yes (please specify where)

## Housing Provision (Long Whatton)

Since 2011, 16 dwellings have been built in Long Whatton (to 31 March 2020). A further 16 dwellings had planning permission at that time including four at The Grange and four at 17 West End (under construction).

The Long Whatton and Diseworth Neighbourhood Plan must be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the North West Leicestershire Local Plan (2011-2031) and it should not promote less development than set out in the Local Plan or undermine its strategic policies. The North West Leicestershire Local Plan identifies Long Whatton as a Sustainable Village where development is confined to infill housing development and the development of previously developed land.

A comprehensive review of the Local Plan is being undertaken to take account of, amongst other things, changes that have occurred since adoption in 2017. It will need to identify potential housing and employment sites to meet the identified need, along with the new infrastructure required as well as reviewing the existing policies.

The new Local Plan will set out a new housing requirement for parishes however the Local Plan is not sufficiently advanced to do this yet. We will approach the District Council to provide an indicative housing provision for the Long Whatton and Diseworth Neighbourhood Area for the period 2021 to 2039, but before then we would like your views.

### 41. How many more new homes should we plan for in Long Whatton?

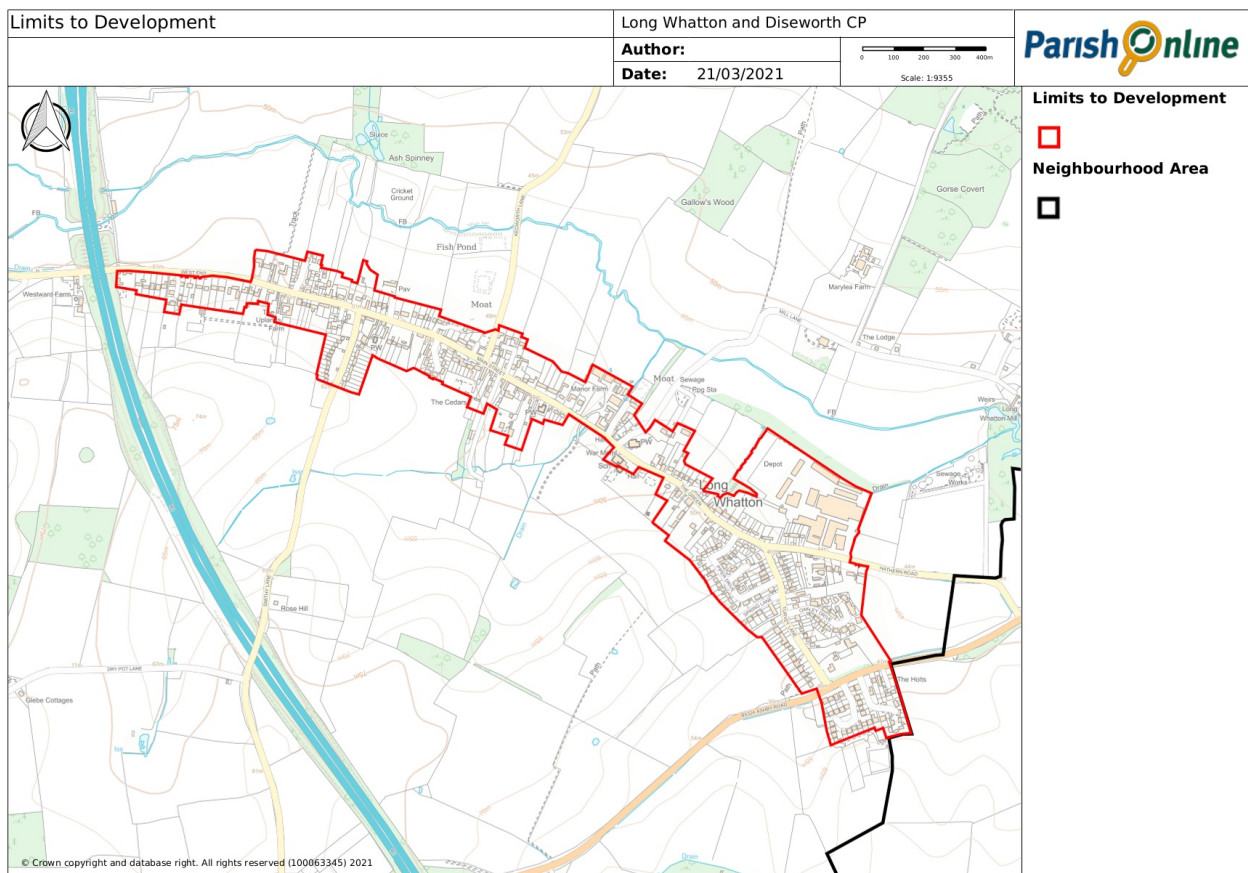
- None
- 1-10
- 11-20
- 21-30
- 31-40
- 41-50
- More than 50

**42. If there is a need for more housing in Long Whatton, how should it be met? (Please select all the options that apply)**

- Infill development
- Sites on the edge of the village that have a low impact on the landscape
- Other greenfield sites
- Redevelopment of farms
- Brownfield development
- Conversion of rural buildings
- Other (please specify)

## Long Whatton Limits to Development

The Local Plan supports infill development in Long Whatton. To clarify where infill development would be acceptable, the Local Plan defines Limits to Development for Long Whatton. Outside the Long Whatton Limits to Development, new greenfield residential development will not normally be supported. We can use the Neighbourhood Plan to update and amend the Limits to Development. It will need to be revised to take account of new development or if we allocate greenfield sites on the edge of the village.



**43. Do you think that the Limits to Development have been a good way of controlling development in Long Whatton?**

- Yes
- No

**44. Do you agree with the current Long Whatton Limits to Development?**

- Yes
- No (please specify the changes you would like to see)

**45. Outside the Long Whatton Limits to Development, which of the following types of housing development would you support?**

- Rural workers housing
- Re-use of redundant or disused buildings
- Subdivision of existing dwellings
- Homes of exceptional design quality
- Affordable housing
- Brownfield
- Other (please specify)



## Employment (Long Whatton)

Harlow Bros is a family-owned timber manufacturing and merchanting business. The head quarters occupy a large site to the east end of Long Whatton. We will be contacting the business about their future plans but in the meantime we would like your views.

### 46. Should we safeguard the Harlow Bros site at Long Whatton for business use?

- Yes
- No
- Other (please specify)

### 47. Would you support the extension of the Harlow Bros site?

- Yes
- Yes, but only small-scale
- No

### \* 48. Do you agree that the existing business should not have unreasonable restrictions placed on it as a result of new development nearby?

- Yes
- No
- Other (please specify)

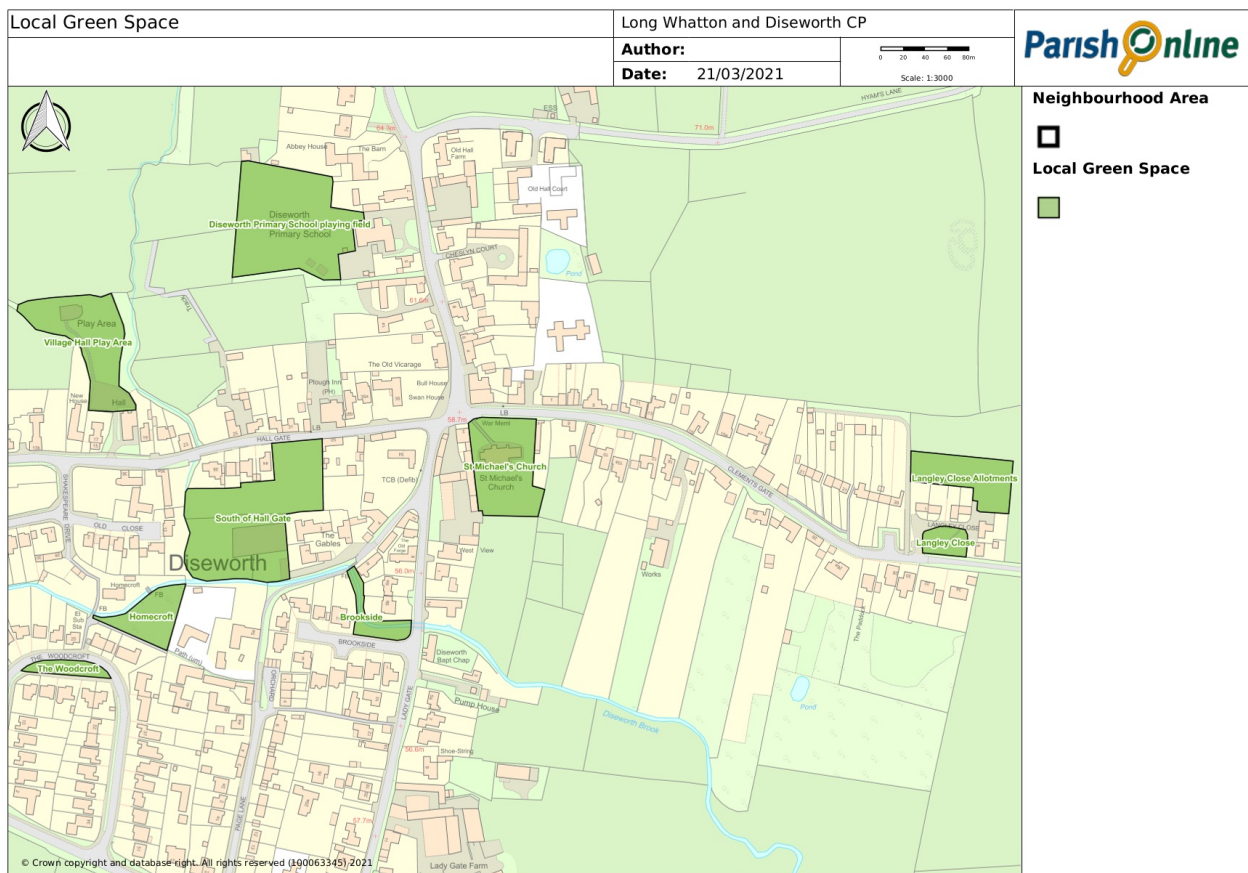
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# Long Whatton and Diseworth Neighbourhood Plan

## Local Green Space (Diseworth)

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**49. Which of the following should be identified as a Local Green Space?**

**(Please select all the options that apply)**

- St Michael's Church
- Langley Close Allotments
- Langley Close
- Brookside
- South of Hall Gate
- The Woodcroft
- Homecroft
- Village Hall play area
- Diseworth Primary School playing field
- Other (please specify)

### Area of Separation (Diseworth)

An East Midlands consortium, including the airport, was one of eight proposals selected for Freeport status in England.

The East Midlands bid for Freeport status was submitted by a consortium led by the two local enterprise partnerships, including East Midlands Airport. The Freeport is to be based around the East Midlands Airport Gateway Industrial Cluster as well as two other industrial sites in the region. Areas given Freeport status will benefit from a wide package of tax reliefs, including on purchasing land, constructing or renovating buildings.

The countryside gap between Diseworth and East Midlands Airport is about 540m.

**50. Do you think an area of separation is required between the built-up areas of Diseworth and East Midlands Airport to safeguard the special character of the village?**

Yes

No

## Services and Facilities (Diseworth)

Diseworth has a basic range services and facilities- a pub, primary school, village hall, church and bus service.

### 51. Should the Neighbourhood Plan be used to protect these services and facilities?

- Yes
- No
- Other (please specify)

### 52. Are there any additional services and facilities you would like to see? (Please select all the options that apply)

- Sports facilities
- Better bus service
- Facilities for young people
- Better internet connection
- Better mobile phone signal
- A cafe
- General store
- Other (please specify)

## Heritage (Diseworth)

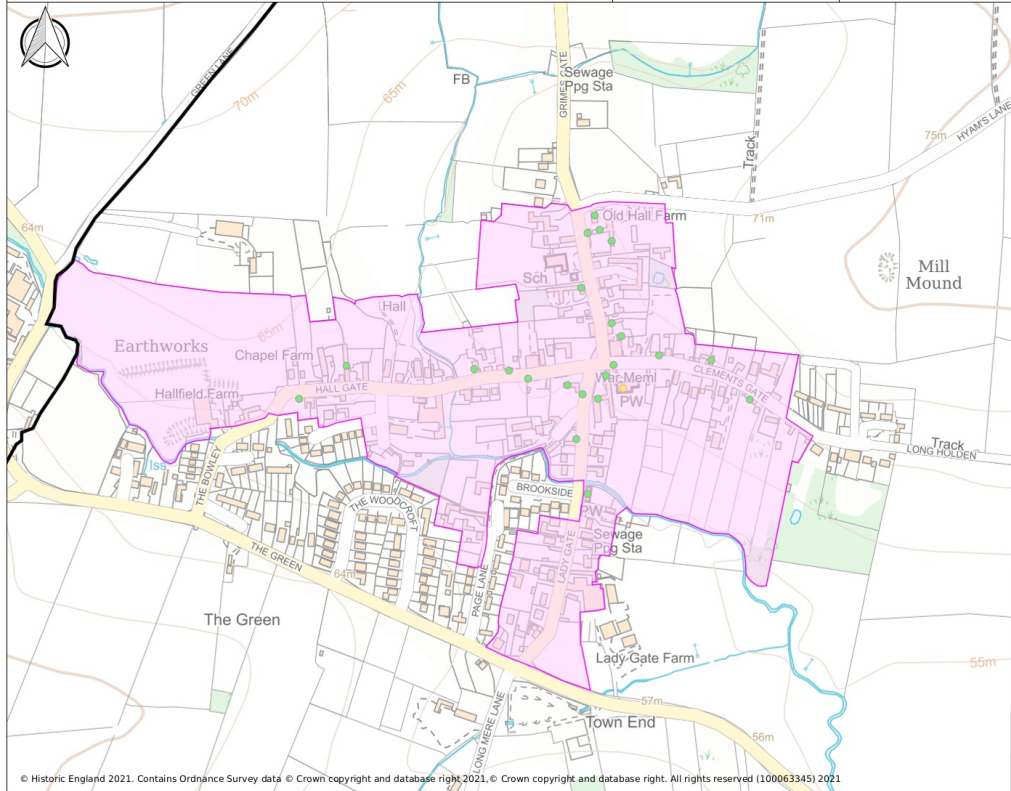
Diseworth had been established by the sixth century and the cross shaped pattern of the principal streets had been formed by the end of the tenth century. The Church of St Michael's and All Angels, with sections of eleventh century built fabric in evidence, is the oldest surviving building in the village. The earliest secular buildings are of the late medieval period.

There are twenty-two Listed buildings in the village. They are predominantly sixteenth to eighteenth century in origin and largely display local vernacular building traditions. The Church of St Michael's and All Angels and Lilly's Cottage (No. 54 Hall Gate) are listed at Grade II\* as being buildings of particular importance. Lilly's Cottage was the birthplace of the astrologer, William Lilly (1602 - 1681). The other listed buildings are listed at Grade II as being of special interest.

The Diseworth Conservation Area was first designated in 1974 but was reviewed by North West Leicestershire District Council in April 2001.

The above places have already been designated and offered protection through national and local planning policies, however there may be other buildings and sites in the village that make a positive contribution providing local character and sense of place because of their heritage value.

The Diseworth Heritage Trust aims to preserve the historical, architectural and constructional heritage of Diseworth and the surrounding villages, from Saxon times to the present day. Diseworth Heritage Centre accommodates a small museum of artefacts, documents, pictures and memorabilia. Recent floods and the COVID-19 pandemic have led to the temporary closure of the centre.



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53. If there are any other places that you think should be protected for their local heritage interest, please let us know.

## Traffic (Diseworth)

One of the key issues for the area is transport, but there is sometimes confusion over what kinds of transport issues a neighbourhood plan can address. Many traffic matters fall outside the scope of planning. For example, changes to traffic management on existing transport networks are usually a matter for the highway authority to deal with. So, changes to parking restrictions, speed limits, signage, weight restrictions and traffic circulation fall outside the scope of our Neighbourhood Plan.

Nonetheless, if there are localised traffic and parking issues our Neighbourhood Plan can highlight them.

**\* 54. On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is not a problem, how concerned are you with speeding traffic through Diseworth?**

0 10



The image shows a horizontal scale from 0 to 10. At 0, there is a white circle with a grey border. A grey line extends to the right, ending at 10. At 10, there is an empty square box.

**55. Which of the following measures would you support to help reduce vehicle speeds?**

- More signs and road markings
- More vehicle activated signs
- Speed indicator devices
- Virtual speed humps
- Road surface treatments
- Road humps
- Speed cushions
- Raised tables
- Village gateways
- Chicanes
- Narrowing the highway
- Greater enforcement

Other (please specify)



**56. Is inconsiderate parking a problem in Diseworth?**

- No
- Yes (please specify where)

## Housing Provision (Diseworth)

Since 2011, 19 dwellings have been built in Diseworth (to 31 March 2020). A further 37 dwellings had planning permission at that time including 10 at 9 Lady Gate, 10 at 14 Grimes Gate and 8 at Village Farm. All three of these sites are nearing completion.

The Long Whatton and Diseworth Neighbourhood Plan must be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the North West Leicestershire Local Plan (2011-2031) and it should not promote less development than set out in the Local Plan or undermine its strategic policies. The North West Leicestershire Local Plan identifies Diseworth as a Sustainable Village where development is confined to infill housing development and the development of previously developed land.

A comprehensive review of the Local Plan is being undertaken to take account of, amongst other things, changes that have occurred since adoption in 2017. It will need to identify potential housing and employment sites to meet the identified need, along with the new infrastructure required as well as reviewing the existing policies.

The new Local Plan will set out a new housing requirement for parishes however the Local Plan is not sufficiently advanced to do this yet. We will approach the District Council to provide an indicative housing provision for the Long Whatton and Diseworth Neighbourhood Area for the period 2021 to 2039, but before then we would like your views.

### 57. How many more new homes should we plan for in Diseworth?

- None
- 1-10
- 11-20
- 21-30
- 31-40
- 41-50
- More than 50

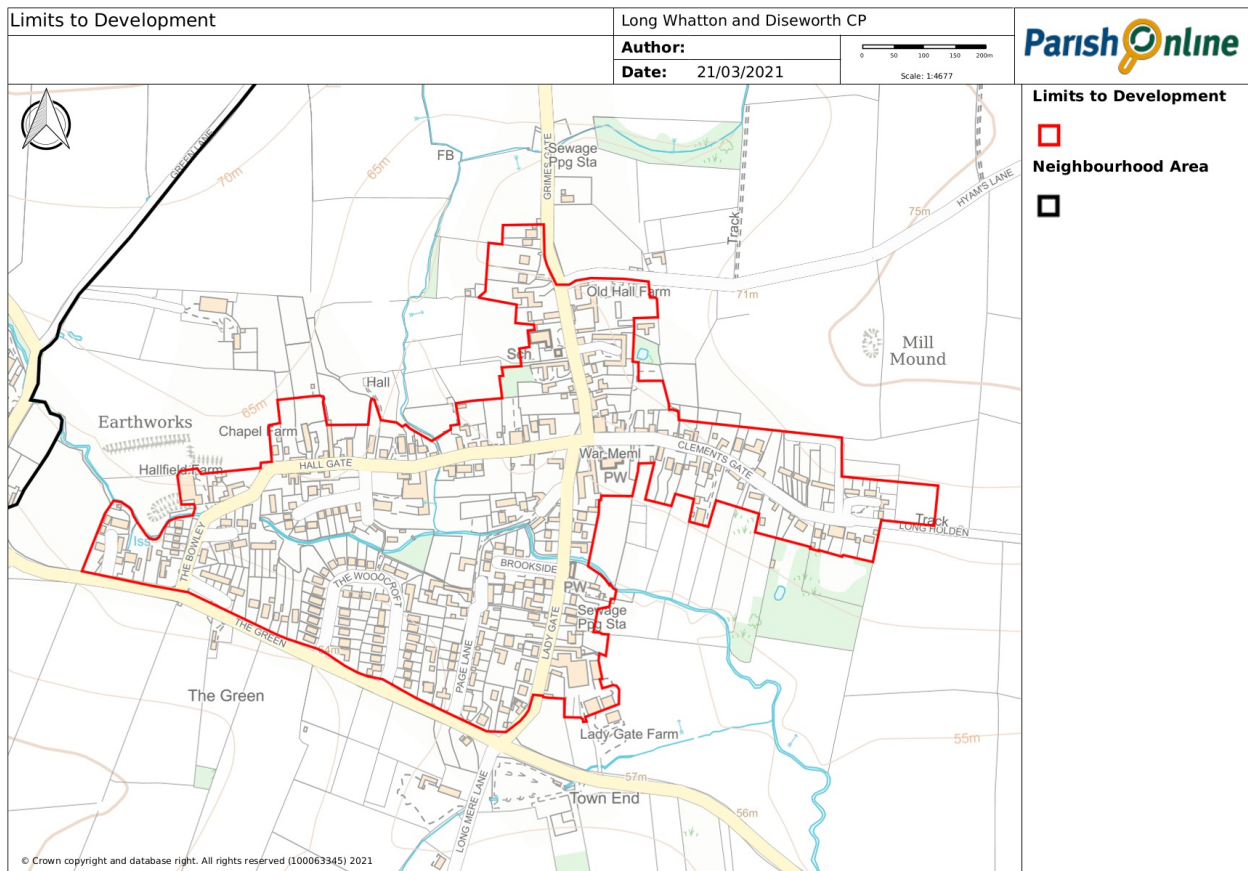
**58. If there is a need for more housing in Diseworth, how should it be met?**

**(Please select all the options that apply)**

- Infill development
- Sites on the edge of the village that have a low impact on the landscape
- Other greenfield sites
- Redevelopment of farms
- Brownfield development
- Conversion of rural buildings
- Other (please specify)

## Diseworth Limits to Development

The Local Plan supports infill development in Diseworth. To clarify where infill development would be acceptable, the Local Plan defines Limits to Development for Diseworth. Outside the Diseworth Limits to Development, new greenfield residential development will not normally be supported. We can use the Neighbourhood Plan to update and amend the Limits to Development. It will need to be revised to take account of new development or if we allocate greenfield sites on the edge of the village.



59. Do you think that the Limits to Development have been a good way of controlling development in Diseworth?

- Yes
- No

**60. Do you agree with the current Diseworth Limits to Development?**

- Yes
- No (please specify the changes you would like to see)

**61. Outside the Diseworth Limits to Development, which of the following types of housing development would you support?**

- Rural workers housing
- Re-use of redundant or disused buildings
- Subdivision of existing dwellings
- Homes of exceptional design quality
- Affordable housing
- Brownfield
- Other (please specify)

### Tea Kettle Hall

The site, which is roughly L-shaped in plan, lies to the south-east of the Diseworth, with an existing access from the B5401; Long Whatton Road.

The site shows evidence of work relating to the construction of a hotel, for which approval was granted in 1996. The visible evidence of construction is limited to surface level works relating to the car park and access roads and the walls of the hotel, which have only been completed to a low level.

The site has been the subject of several planning applications for residential development. A proposal for 19 dwellings was dismissed at appeal in 2014 and there have been further application since, but none have been permitted. The site remains abandoned.

From time to time, the redevelopment of the former Tea Kettle Hall site comes up and we'd like your views on the future of the site so that we can properly reflect local views.

**62. What uses do you think are appropriate for the long-term use of the former Tea Kettle Hall site? (select all that apply)**

- Keep it as it is
- Agriculture
- Forestry
- General Industrial
- Storage or distribution
- Hotel- Use as a hotel or as a boarding or guest house where, in each case, no significant element of care is provided
- Residential institutions- Use for the provision of residential accommodation and care to people in need of care. Hospital or nursing home. Residential school, college or training centre.
- Secure Residential Institution- Use for a provision of secure residential accommodation, including use as a prison, young offenders institution, detention centre, secure training centre, custody centre, short term holding centre, secure hospital, secure local authority accommodation or use as a military barracks.
- Housing
- Learning and non-residential institutions- e.g. education, public hall, public worship
- Local community- e.g. small shop, community hall, sport or recreation
- Commercial, business and service
- Renewable energy- wind farm
- Renewable energy- solar farm
- Other (please specify)

## Local Housing Needs

We want to find out more about people's housing needs and aspirations to help shape the development of new homes.

**63. In the last ten years, have any members of your household left Long Whatton and Diseworth Parish due to a lack of available, suitable housing?**

Yes

No

**\* 64. Does your household, or anyone in your household, anticipate the need to find a new home in Long Whatton and Diseworth Parish within the next ten years?**

Yes      Go to Q65

No      Go to Q73



## Local Housing Needs Details

This section asks about the household/person that expects to need to move within the survey area in the next ten years, the size of home they require and how they intend to pay for their accommodation.

### 65. How many people of each age group are there in the household that expects to move?

0-9 years

10-15 years

16-19 years

20-44 years

45-64 years

65-74 years

75 years and over

### 66. How many bedrooms would that household expect to need?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5+

**67. How would you describe this household?**

- Single
- Couple
- Family (one or two adults with one or more children)
- Other (please specify)

**68. When would the household expect to need to move?**

- Within one year
- 1-3 years
- 3-5 years
- 5+ years

**69. Please give the reasons why this household's current home does not meet the household's need? (Please select all the options that apply)**

- Too small
- Too large
- Needs major repairs
- Unsuitable for physical needs
- Temporary accommodation
- Need to live close to employment
- Need to live close to relative/family
- Need to live closer to a carer or to give care
- Want to live independently
- Being harassed

## 70. Does this household have a specialist housing need?

- No
- Yes, accommodation on the ground floor
- Yes, sheltered housing with support services provided
- Yes, other housing with support services provided
- Yes, residential care
- Yes, other (please specify)

## 71. How would this household consider paying for this accommodation?

(Please select all the options that apply)

- Buy on the open market
- Rent from the private sector
- Build own house
- Affordable housing for rent: the rent is set by the Government's rent policy, or is at least 20% below local market rents; the landlord is a registered provider e.g. Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council or a Housing Association and it includes provisions to remain at an affordable price for future eligible households.
- Starter home: Where purchase is limited to those with a particular maximum level of household income.
- Discounted market sales housing: Sold at a discount of at least 20% below local market value. Eligibility is determined with regard to local incomes and local house prices. Provisions would be in place to ensure housing remains at a discount for future eligible households.
- Other affordable routes to home ownership: Housing provided for sale that provides a route to ownership for those who could not achieve home ownership through the market. It includes shared ownership, relevant equity loans, other low cost homes for sale (at a price equivalent to at least 20% below local market value) and rent to buy (which includes a period of intermediate rent). Provisions will ensure that the homes remain at an affordable price for future eligible households.
- Other (please specify)

## 72. Would an existing dwelling be freed-up as a result of this move?

- Yes
- No

## Design

All development should contribute positively to the creation of well-designed buildings and spaces. Through good design the character of Long Whatton and Diseworth should be maintained and enhanced with places that work well for both occupants and users and that are built to last.

**73. Do you think that any infill or additional housing should be consistent with and sympathetic to the to the existing character of the village?**

Yes

No

**74. Do you think that our Neighbourhood Plan should include guidance on the design of new buildings?**

Yes

No

## Rural Economy

Economic growth can create jobs and prosperity, reduce the need for people to travel to work by car, and provide opportunities for the expansion and growth of local enterprise.

A live/work unit is a property that is designed primarily for employment purposes but which also includes ancillary residential space connected to the employment premises.

**75. Which of the following economic activities would you support in your area? (Please select all the options that apply)**

- Home working
- Farm diversification
- The re-use of rural buildings for business use
- New, small-scale buildings for business use
- Large scale business development
- New live/work units

**\* 76. Are you employed?**

- Yes    Go to Q77
- No     Go to Q79

### Working from Home

During the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, government advice has said people in the UK should work from home if possible. This is easier for some workers than others.

#### 77. Did you do any working from home in the last week?

- Yes
- No

#### 78. Was the main reason you were working from home last week due to reasons related to coronavirus (COVID-19)?

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

## Business

There are several businesses which we know operate within the parish. We would like to know more about businesses and whether rural businesses are likely to feature as part of the development of the parish.

### 79. Do you own a business that is based in Long Whatton and Diseworth Parish?

- Yes    Go to Q80
- No    Go to Q88

## Existing Businesses

Individual responses will remain confidential and will not be shared with third parties.

### 80. What is the name of your business?

### 81. What size is your business?

- Micro business (1-9 employees)
- Small business (10-49 employees)
- Medium-sized businesses (50-249 employees)

### 82. What type of economic activity is your business engaged in?

- Primary e.g. agriculture
- Manufacturing
- Construction
- Retail and Wholesale
- Transport and Storage
- Accommodation and food service
- Information and communication
- Financial and real estate
- Professional and scientific
- Administrative services
- Education
- Human health
- Arts and entertainment
- Other (please specify)



**83. Is the business premise also your home?**

- Yes
- No

**84. What is the age of your business?**

- Less than one year
- 1-5years
- 6-10years
- 11-20yrs
- More than 20years

**85. Does your business engage in e-commerce? (Please select all the options that apply)**

- Goods and services can be ordered directly from our website
- Goods and services can be ordered directly from a 3rd party website
- Goods and services can be ordered from social media
- Have a website but no e-commerce
- No website, no e-commerce

**86. Do you plan to close or transfer your business in the next five years?**

- Yes
- No

**87. Do you require additional business space in the next three years?**

- Yes, at current location
- Yes, relocation within the parish
- Yes, relocation outside the parish
- No

## New Businesses

88. How likely are you to set up a business within the area in the next 10 years?

- Very likely
- Likely
- Not sure
- Unlikely
- Very unlikely

## Neighbourhood Plan Group

In Long Whatton and Diseworth Parish, it is the Parish Council that is responsible for neighbourhood planning. However, the Parish Council may choose to establish an advisory committee or sub-committee and appoint local people (who need not be parish councillors) to that body. If you wish to play a more active role in preparing the Neighbourhood Plan by joining such a Group please provide us with your details so that we can get in touch.

**89. Please provide your contact details if you wish to be involved in a Neighbourhood Plan Group.**

## Thank You

Thank you for completing our survey. Your feedback will be used to help us prepare the Long Whatton and Diseworth Neighbourhood Plan. Please let us know if you have any further comments.

### 90. Do you have any further comments?

- No
- Yes (please specify)