**Feedback from Open Morning 29th June**

These are some of the (verbatim) comments from our first public engagement exercise for the Melton Neighbourhood Plan. 50 people other than those on the working group and running the event turned up and participated.

**New Houses and New Housing Developments (15 comments overall)**

* Ensure Full use of existing houses before building more.
* Happy to see small new developments enhancing Melton.
* More affordable 3 or 4 bed houses with gardens big enough for families or shared ownership.
* All developments however small will need to give serious thought to the already overloaded roads.
* Careful consideration of safety and traffic.
* Preserve all wooded areas.

**Traffic Issues and How New Development Affects Traffic (29 comments overall)**

* Traffic lights and railway crossing create a backlog of traffic am and pm.
* There should be a relief road to link Rendlesham with the A12.
* Relief road from Bentwaters to A12 to reduce traffic through Melton.
* Melton should be bypassed. Current roads are already overloaded and cannot cope any more with demands.
* Worried about pollution.
* Make crossing Woods Lane to Bury Hill safer.
* More speed cameras on Woods Lane A12. Dangerous to get to Farlingaye.
* Improved road layout at Railway crossing including improvements to rail station forecourt and access.
* A bicycle lane on Melton Road.
* Improve car parking in Melton village.
* More development for business will mean more traffic and the workforce neither will nor be using bus services but travel to work via car unless car sharing.

**Facilities for young people (18 comments overall)**

* Youth Club attached to Lindos Centre
* BMX track for all to use.
* Wooden play area in the woods for climbing.
* Play area on green at Hall Farm Road.
* A new building for young people’s clubs.
* Keep and protect play spaces.

**Affordable Housing (2 comments)**

* Affordable in lifetime terms?
* Needs to be defined in terms of cost not size.

**Commercial Spaces and Need for Business Growth (5 comments overall)**

* Many available units unused.
* Supportive of local business development but not national multiples. Development must be to appropriate scale.

**Facilities and Amenities for older People (9 comments overall)**

* Sheltered bungalows with gardens and allow pets.
* Have seen wonderful 'sports' facilities on recreation grounds for older people in the north of England. Very gentle exercise via special equipment for older people.
* More”quiet areas” for older people.
* More social activities to get elderly people out and about to meet and see people.
* Every Wednesday any parishioners could come over to lunch in the church hall for £3.

**Preservation of historical buildings and Melton Centre (10 comments overall)**

* Imperative as it provides a sense of identity, belonging and pride.
* It is the reason we come here and is essential.

**Preservation of Wildlife, Rural areas and river frontage (21 comments overall)**

* Must preserve open spaces and green fields around the footpaths and bridleways.
* Preserve the Melton environment and atmosphere. Do not destroy it with over development.
* Essential to preserve green spaces and be aware of environmental / preservation issues.
* Avocet House would make a great riverside pub!

**General Comments (8 comments overall)**

* Need to find a way to communicate complex details boundaries and terminology more simply.
* Allotments
* Develop better communication strategy / public awareness of this initiative.