

St Ippolyts Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group short questionnaire

Responses from Awareness sessions

WI Garden party, Gosmore 19 August 2015

What makes St Ippolyts special?

Community spirit
Church and hall
St Ibbs Park
Some interesting old houses
Countryside between St Ippolyts village and Broadmeadow Estate
Countryside between Gosmore village and Hitchin

How could St Ippolyts be improved?

Fill in potholes outside church on Brookend Lane - dangerous on a bike
Improved road surfaces on minor roads!!
Footpaths (pavements) along roads for walking - some lanes inaccessible to foot traffic
Agree Gosmore Road, Agree Ashbrook
Traffic needs slowing down
If housing needed should be varied type and design and tenure
By not having estimated 24 dwellings in Stevenage Road/Sperberry Hill
I was amazed that Brownfield site in Almshoe has not got building permission. There is a bus route just by and Green Belt sites are more valuable
Keep countryside between settlements

St Ippolyts Church 16 August 2015

What makes St Ippolyts special?

A church school
Our lovely church
A parish hall
Countryside around the villages

How could St Ippolyts be improved?

Bring back the post office
Bus to and from St Ippolyts village
Small number of affordable housing
Some bungalows
Elderly people's complex
Only small number of houses in Stevenage Road – not 24!!!

Bird in Hand, Gosmore, Friday 14 August

What makes St Ippolyts special?

An island of calm in a sea of madness
The quiet (no city folk)
The grumpy people
I like, the people, the land, the animals. I also like the shop, also like The Bird! Very friendly
Peace and quiet, nice community spirit, nice local (The Bird)
Beautiful countryside and walks

How could St Ippolyts be improved?

Maintenance of public walkways needs to be addressed
Clear horses shit after them
More bungalows
We want more houses for local people, so younger people can have families here!
More housing for younger people
More social events
More events to build community spirit

No new estates x 2
More houses for previous residents or relations within the villages
A chippy (fish and chips van)
More community spirit!

Community Lunch, Parish Hall 05/08/2015

What do you like about St Ippolyts? stick a leaf on the tree - aimed at children

The park is very special

What makes St Ippolyts Special?

Post it notes on boards

We still have plenty of wildlife including tawny and little owls, great crested newts etc
It is still a village (just) with green space around us
Plenty of footpaths giving us access to the countryside without houses!
There is a community that identifies itself as St Ippolyts
We have an identity and have not subsumed by Hitchin
Lovely countryside around where we live, long horn cattle in St Ibbs Park and adjacent field also sheep in Lammas field plus wildlife
Lovely parish church, good pubs, schools and stores.
Good facilities at parish hall and activities to suit most age groups.
Countryside, open spaces and recreation ground
Good location to nearby towns, rail station and airport
Character of parish with residential area, villages and hamlets
It is my home and where I belong.

Input from people at tables

St Ippolyts church / lovely church / friendly congregation
St Ippolyts parish hall / great parish hall / lots of activities in parish hall
Community lunches (3 tables)
Community identity
Community spirit (3 tables)
Beautiful countryside
Urban area, villages and hamlets
Lovely location tranquil / quiet
Memories of my childhood (2)
History
Its name and different spellings
One of two churches dedicated to St Hippolytus in England
Historic buildings preserved and loved
Low crime rate
Friendly people
Good neighbours
Not too far from Hitchin
Good place for walking

How could St Ippolyts be improved?

Post it notes on boards

The removal of the shadow of more housing, solar farms, waste transfer facilities (2)
A post office (2)
Warden assisted housing / Warden controlled housing
A sheltered complex for local people so they can move out of their family home and free it for a family to move in and so they don't have to move into Hitchin but can stay in the villages
Retired persons gated community with maintenance of gardens etc (3)
Waste bins on green areas emptied more frequently
Bus service to and from East View into Hitchin
Replace football pavilion with modern sports pavilion
Improve parking around church/school
Ensure countryside between urban areas of parish including HT2 does not encroach any further into the Green Belt.

Proposed housing sites to provide wide mix of suitably designed dwellings such as affordable homes, family homes, self-build homes, starter homes, 55 plus people's homes (independent retirement, assisted living and retirement bungalows) disabled people's homes - to include home-ownership, shared ownership and social rented housing.

Input from people at tables

Reduce St Ippolyts village green back to path (1)
Regular bus service to and from St Ippolyts village / bring back bus service to East View
A footpath along Stevenage Road where Dell Field is (1)
Bring back the post office (2 tables)
Stop parking round church and school (1 table)
Improve parking round school/church (2 tables)
Remove weeds in kerbs
Overhanging hedges in Brookend Lane / B656
Far too much litter on side of roads
Willing to help with organised litter pick (1)
Transport to community lunches (5)
Better road closed signage at Stevenage Road (1)
Walking bus to school
Reduce speed limit along Preston Road (nasty corner) from The Bull up to Gosmore Hill

Football Day, Recreation Ground 25/7/2015

Children

It is fun
It makes me feel cosy
Very nice and very cool
I like St Ippolyts because it's quite small and cosy

How could St Ippolyts be improved?

Better Park and more things to do for young people
Could do with traffic calming around the Bull crossroads
We used to have a great choir at the church – miss it!
Football games
Fantastic landlord and landlady at The Bird in Hand (La (?) and Stu would be good)
Rat run to / from Luton, people speeding through the villages
More bus transport to the station around commuter and back again
Litter patrol. I would be willing to help once a month
Litter/weed control patrol once in a while?
More community spirit and involvement in community affairs
Somewhere for local young people to live! (which they can afford!)
Because we have values.

What makes St Ippolyts special?

Saturday morning football and the school
Great people
Brilliant school. lovely church, love living here
The people. Lovely countryside
Because it's so small
Love this village! Born and raised here 28 years living in the village would love for my kids to have this village culture
Community spaces
Doughnut lives there!
Good school. Good church. Good pubs = Perfect
The Park and Saturday morning football
5 minutes from a lovely market town, but still a village and it must stay that way!!
People who always say hello

Toddler Group 15/7/2015

How could St Ippolyts be improved?

Keep traffic moving/ calm
Playground needs updating and fencing
Tennis court/ cricket club

What makes St. Ippolyts special?

Good walking, nice pubs, parish hall
Lovely countryside, pretty church
Activities in parish hall, community spirit, peaceful, lovely school, shop

St Ippolyts School Summer Fair 26/06/2015

What do you like about St Ippolyts? stick a leaf on the tree - aimed at children

Football!!
I feel safe
Going to the park
There is a park nearby
My big garden
The teachers
Cycle
They are going to build on the field next to us
Playing in the wreck
I like living in the houses
Lots of space around the school

How could St Ippolyts be improved?

People driving too fast on London Road
Bring back the post office
School car park
Put speed cameras on London Road
Footpath cross fields Broadmeadow to school
More cycle routes
Traffic calming on London Road
Blackhorse Lane onto London Road one way
Tea room café
Street Lighting on Newlands Lane

What makes St Ippolyts Special?

The amazing teachers who work at this school
Quietness
New path to school field
Community is good
Village atmosphere
Lovely walks
Lots of walks
Open green spaces
Lovely school