

**WENHASTON
WITH
MELLS**

**VERY IMPORTANT FOR THE
FUTURE OF YOUR PARISH**

**WENHASTON WITH MELLS 2015 – 2030
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
QUESTIONNAIRE**



Wenhaston with Mells Hamlet is a beautiful and supportive rural parish which is worth protecting and enhancing. The policies contained within a Neighbourhood Plan will be the starting point for determining planning applications over the next 15 years. We are currently working on a Parish web site which can be viewed and used by all and we would now wish to go on to enrich other aspects of village life. The questions that we would like to investigate are:

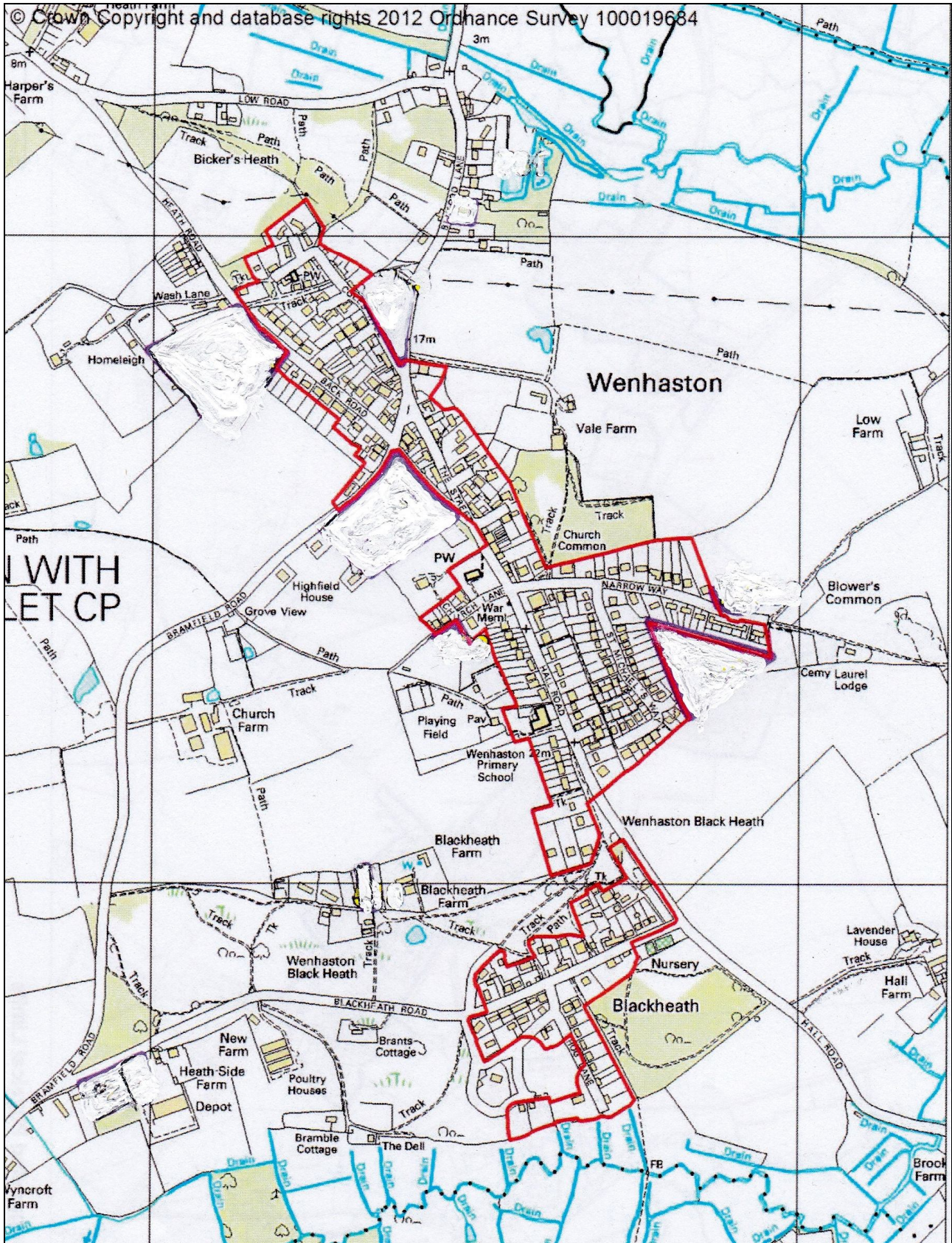
- ☛ **What makes Wenhaston with Mells special?**
- ☛ **Which aspects of our community need protecting and enhancing?**
- ☛ **What kind of development is necessary to meet the needs of the wider community?**
- ☛ **What must we do to meet the needs of our community over the next 15 years?**
- ☛ **Are the local services adequate to meet existing and future community needs?**

This questionnaire should be completed between May 30th and June 13th. Please return in pre paid envelope or to Wenhaston Post Office. If you need help filling in this questionnaire please contact Phil or Denise on 478505.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

This questionnaire is anonymous and the results will be used to draw up a draft plan which reflects the consensus of views held by the Community as a whole. From here the plan will be reviewed and revised until it is an effective document to determine how the village might evolve over the next fifteen years. At each stage the Parish will be asked whether there is more, or less that they would like incorporated into the plan.

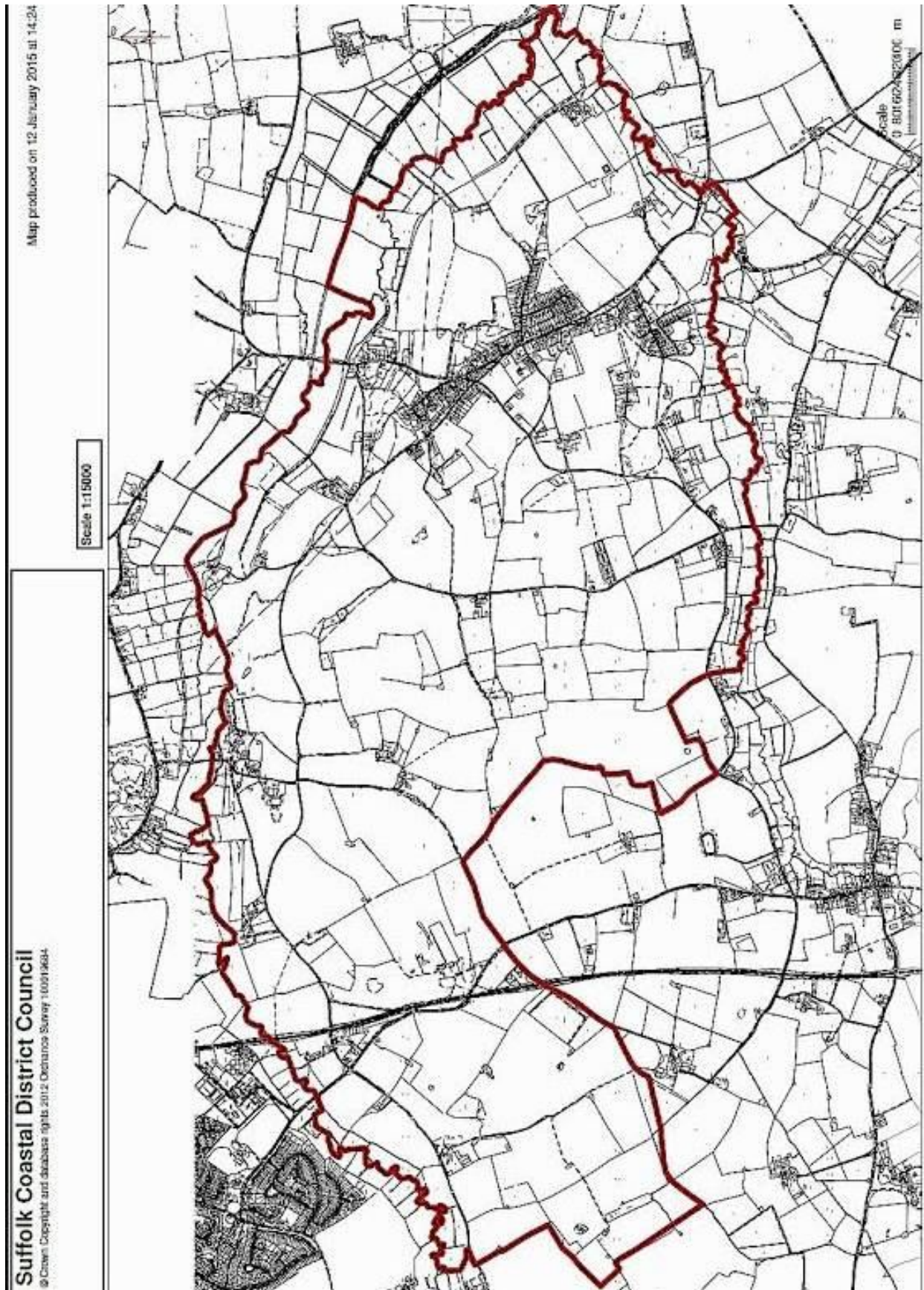
**MAP SHOWING 2015 PHYSICAL LIMITS BOUNDARY (VILLAGE ENVELOPE)
FOR WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET**



The red line shows the 2015 physical limits boundary (village envelope) and the dwellings outside of this (all of Mells) are technically in the countryside. The area to the east of the main through road, Hazel Lane/Hall Road/The Street/Blyford Lane is all in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. (AONB)

Photographs on cover by Jason Gairn and Phil Corbett

MAP SHOWING WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH BOUNDARY



The red outline is the parish boundary and also the designated area for Wenhaston with Mells Hamlet Neighbourhood Plan.
(North is on the left hand side of the page).

SECTION 1. ABOUT YOU (OPTIONAL).

a) Please enter the remainder of your Postcode

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b) Which statement best describes your household?

Two generations with under 18's	Two generations all adults	Single generation Working	Single generation retired	Other Please state.

SECTION 2. OUR PARISH.

a) How important are the following to your quality of life in Wenhaston with Mells Hamlet?

(Please tick relevant box for each line)	Not Important 1	2	3	4	Very Important 5	Under 18's enter a number 1 to 5
The scenic beauty in and around the village						
The peace and tranquillity within the village						
The commons and wildlife habitats						
Friendly, safe and quiet environment						
Vibrant and supportive community						
Village amenities and facilities (Church, Pub etc).						
Village activities and groups						
The balance of built and natural landscapes						
Other, please state.						

Comments: How could any of these be improved?

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b) Which of the following village amenities do you use?

(Please tick relevant box for each line)	Never 1	Daily 2	Weekly 3	Monthly 4	Yearly 5	Under 18's 1 to 5
Village groups and associations						
Post Office						
Heathside Store						
Church and Church groups						
Pub						
Playing field and sports equipment						
Primary School and Pre-School						
Fish and Chip van						
Commons, footpaths and open spaces						
Other, please state						

Comments: If there are some you never use, is there a reason for this?

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SECTION 3. HOUSING

The Planning Authority have reported that enough planning permissions have already been granted in Wenhaston with Mells to meet the 15 year target and there is no need to consider further development of any sort. However, we must also consider what expansion if any is needed so that the village remains a vibrant and desirable place to live.

a) In which of the following do you currently live and how might this change over the next 15 years?

(Please tick relevant box for each line)	NOW		FUTURE		FUTURE U18's	
	Owned	Rented	Owned	Rented	Owned	Rented
Bungalow						
House, 2 bedrooms or less						
House, 3 bedrooms or more						
Sheltered accommodation						
Affordable/social housing						
Eco house						
Other, please specify						
Move from Wenhaston (Give reason)						

Comments:

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b) How important are the following to the housing development of Wenhaston with Mells Hamlet over the next 15 years? Please refer to map with settlement boundary inside the front cover.

(Please tick relevant box for each line)	Agree	Disagree	Under 18's Agree or Disagree
New housing should only be allowed to meet local needs			
New accommodation should primarily come from refurbishment, rebuild and one for one replacement			
Infill and small groups of housing may be allowed OUTSIDE the physical limits boundary (village envelope)			
Infill and small groups of housing may only be allowed INSIDE the physical limits boundary (village envelope)			
Wenhaston with Mells is already about the right size			
No further development is needed			
Other. Please state			

Comments:

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c) If you believe that new housing development is necessary, what type do you think it should be?

(Please tick relevant box for each line)	NECESSARY 1	NEUTRAL 2	NOT NECESSARY 3	Under 18's enter a number 1 to 3
Sheltered Accommodation				
Affordable/social housing				
Bungalows				
Small houses. Up to 3 beds				
Large houses. 4 or more beds				
Eco houses				

Comments: State which other types of development you believe are necessary if any.

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SECTION 4. INFRASTRUCTURE, VILLAGE FACILITIES AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY

a) Wenhaston with Mells is known as a village which strives to retain its rural identity. How important to you and the future of the village are the following?

(Please tick relevant box for each line)	NOT IMPORTANT 1	NEUTRAL 2	VERY IMPORTANT 3	Under 18's enter a number 1 to 3
Preserving the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty				
Safe, quiet roads and pedestrian routes				
Protecting rural identity of the village				
Protecting local wildlife habitats				
Managing flood risks				
Reducing carbon footprint				

Comments:

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b) Are the following facilities/services adequate for now and future generations?

(Please tick relevant box for each line)	Adequate	Inadequate	Reason
The five Commons and footpath networks			
The Village Hall (and Post Office)			
The Playing Field and sports/play equipment			
Bus service to Halesworth and Southwold			
High speed internet			
Primary School and Pre-School			
Sewerage capacity			
Surface water drainage			
Street lighting			

Comment:

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SECTION 5. LEISURE, TOURISM, AGRICULTURE AND BUSINESS

How important are the following to the future development of Wenhaston with Mells?

(Please tick relevant box for each line)	NOT IMPORTANT 1	NEUTRAL 2	VERY IMPORTANT 3	Under 18's enter a number 1 to 3
Improved sport and play facilities				
Improved and safe cycle ways				
Increasing the caravan and lodge capacity				
Increasing the number of holiday homes				
Developing the Southwold Railway Site				
Expanded current businesses				
Encouraging new businesses				
Retaining existing farms				
Retaining or increasing existing pubs, shops and tradesmen				

Comments:

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SECTION 6. CONCERNS.

Related to life in Wenhaston with Mells, which of the following gives you cause for concern either for now or in the future?

(Please tick relevant box for each line)	Now	Future	Under 18's Now or Fut
Crime			
Road Safety			
Noise Pollution			
Flood Risk			
Over Development			
Anti-Social behaviour			
Lack of Public Transport			
Lack of Facilities			

Comments: Please add any other aspects of village life which give you cause for concern

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How do you get to know what is going on in the Parish? Please circle

Notice Boards	Warbler	Web Sites	Word of Mouth
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We would like to keep you informed about progress and emerging planning issues. If you want to be on our circulation list please write your e-mail address in the box below. You do not need to include your name and your details will not be passed on to any third party.

PAGE LEFT BLANK FOR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS.

Thank you for your help and support.