



# EDWARDSTONE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

## Please give us your views!

You may have seen the article in the January edition of the Box River News, about the Neighbourhood Plan and the initial community questionnaire.

We would be grateful if you could spare some time to tell us how you feel about the village as a place to live, both now and in the future. Our aim is to begin the process of defining what it is about Edwardstone that we, as a community, would like to protect, promote and develop.

Members of the Plan Steering Group are calling at every house in Edwardstone during January & February to hear from you first-hand what you think. We would like to hear from anyone over 16 years of age.

If you have received this note and the attached questionnaire in your letterbox, that means we called and you were out.

You can either:

- tell the person who calls what you think, and they will take notes;  
or
- complete the questionnaire in your own time and return it.

Paper questionnaires can be returned in the box either in the entrance of the White Horse Pub or at Boxford Post Office. Alternatively, you can scan it and email it to [edwardstoneplan@gmail.com](mailto:edwardstoneplan@gmail.com) or contact a member of the Steering Group who will arrange to collect it.

If you would rather complete the questionnaire on your PC, Laptop or iPad, you can download it from the Parish Council website at <http://edwardstonepc.onesuffolk.net/edwardstone-neighbourhood-plan/>. In this case you can return it by email to [edwardstoneplan@gmail.com](mailto:edwardstoneplan@gmail.com)

In completing the questionnaire, you may want to consider some of the following:

- **Housing** - is there a need for additional housing and if so, what type (e.g. starter homes for those on low incomes; homes for the elderly).
- **Environment** - do any parts of our environment or our landscape require special protection? Is there a need to protect or create wildlife corridors, or improve biodiversity?
- **Green spaces** - is there a need to protect existing formal green spaces or create more?
- **Air quality and light pollution** - do you have concerns about these?
- **Services** - you may want to consider things like water quality, waste water, communications, public transport, facilities for the young.

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- **Facilities** - you may want to consider the Parish Hall, the White Horse pub and anything additional that you would want to positively support if a proposal were put forward.
- **Economy** - are there local businesses that are important to the community as a whole to retain?
- **Countryside accessibility** - do we need to protect the footpath network? Extend or connect existing footpaths, or create new ones?
- **Views** - are there any views that you enjoy and would wish to see protected?

*These are just examples! Please feel free to tell us about any concerns you have, or hopes for the future of the village. If they turn out to be outside the scope of the Plan, the Parish Council may decide to pursue them separately.*

*Once we have received all the responses we will take a careful look at all the comments and will be letting you know what the views are of people in the community. This will be followed up by a more detailed questionnaire on issues that are important.*

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any member of Steering Group in person or by email to: [edwardstoneplan@gmail.com](mailto:edwardstoneplan@gmail.com)

The members of the Steering Group are:

Phil Baker

Tom Bird

Mike Gibson

Matthew Glason

Erica McDonald

& Nick Raymond

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE BY THE END OF  
FEBRUARY 2022**

**THANK YOU**

We also have an online map of the Parish at

<https://www.placecheck.info/maps/view/?map=edwardstone>

If you register at this site you can join the community and place pins on the map of things that you like, things that you don't like or things that you think could be improved. Please have a look and add to the comments.