

Haynes Green Infrastructure Plan

Appendix 1

Consultation Summary

This appendix details the consultation activities specifically related to the production of the Haynes Green Infrastructure Plan. Carried out during 2018.

1. Workshop 1: Saturday 5th March 2018

The initial workshop held as part of the process of developing a Green Infrastructure (GI) Plan for Haynes was held at Haynes Village Hall, on the afternoon of Saturday 5th March 2018. Unfortunately there had been heavy snowfall the previous day and evening (the 'Beast from the East'!), but the event was still very well attended, with 56 attendees. This may have been aided by the 'drop-in' format, allowing people to stay for as long as they wished (or by the extremely generous offerings of cake!) as well as good local promotion. It was noted that many of the attendees stayed for at least half an hour, often longer.

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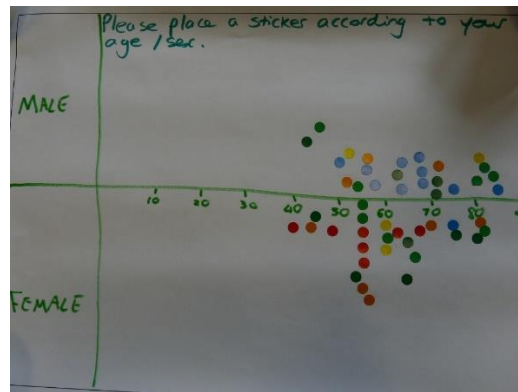
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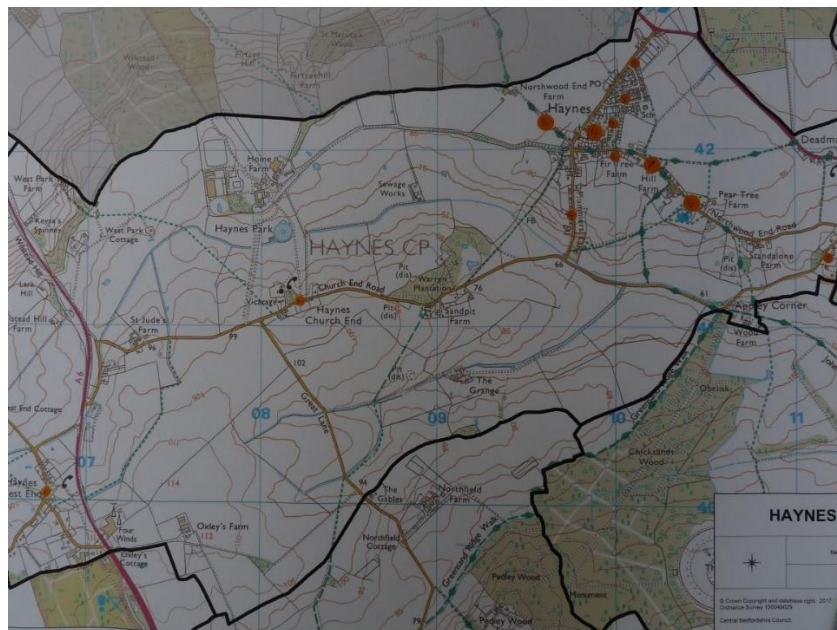
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The vast majority of those attending were aged between 40 and 80 (one under 16 did attend but did not place a sticker on the chart), and the balance between the sexes was an almost 50:50 split.



Participants were mainly from Northwood End and Silver End as the map below shows, with larger dots highlighting the areas from where 5 of more people came:



Workshop 1



a. Favourite View

Attendees were asked to identify their favourite view in the parish, using an arrow-shaped sticker to identify both the view and direction. They were also asked to record what it was of, where it was seen from and why it was special. 31 people identified a view special to them, and they fell into 4 broad clusters, as illustrated by the map below:



These four clusters have been identified below, with the comments recorded for the specific views collated within them:

1. South of Northwood End Road

- Beautiful view southwards – beautiful wide sunny vista – peace and quiet – just lovely Bedfordshire scenery and a good stopping off point on a longer walk
- A high point in the village with sweeping views across the fields
- Allotments view – lazy allotmenters drink coffee watching view
- Great views across the fields
- Sublime view across rolling greensand dipslope to distant Rowney Warren. Perfect sunrise.
- The sunrise from the top of the hill
- Truly beautiful, it never ceases to amaze me of its sheer beauty
- The view from the allotments across to Warren Plantation and Chicksands Woods is beautiful.

2. West and south of Plummers Lane

- Views across the valley towards Haynes Park. Many people use the seat that is situated here. View across fields
- Towards open countryside and the Grange
- Wonderful view good and bad weather.
- The view from Plummers Lane across to Haynes Park

3. From the Greensand Ridge escarpment to the north, looking north

- Cardington Hangers
- Across to Cardington Hangers and Bedford
- Such iconic structures. Would be a crime to lose them.
- Down towards Hammer Hill
- Sledging start point looking down Hammer Hill
- Towards Great Barford from the seat heading down to Wilstead

4. Over Haynes Park from the north

- Lovely view from churchyard towards Hayens park mansion
- Across to Haynes Park

b. Favourite Place

29 people specifically highlighted a favourite place.

Comments in brackets have been added to identify location, and have used map to do this.



- Haynes Churchyard – beautiful spot looking over to Haynes Park – peaceful and quiet and gives time to appreciate the history of all those in Haynes who have gone before
- Churchyard and views around
- View from the top of the Park palings walk footpath.
- For years enjoyed the view from the church car park over Haynes Park. Sadly it is now almost entirely obscured by a 20' hedge.
- Standalone Pit – this is a walk we have done for many years and I have always stopped to look and wonder how it was formed.
- Great footpath view (Standalone)
- Standalone Farm – rabbit field
- Rare parcel 10 acres of meadow uncultivated for many years, make an SSSI! (south of Standalone pit, north of road, west of pond).
- Sitting on the bench on the top of footpath 4 for the views.
- Great spot for photographs in summer and snow (Footpath 4)

- The allotments – a good place to sit and enjoy the view and also to work off the frustrations of life!
- Allotments – a chance to relax, grow our own veg and enjoy the wildlife. Have seen deer, pheasants and even a barn owl. Bliss!
- View in all directions lovely and clear (footpath crossroads south of Northwood End)
- Like the view – one year I saw a field full of poppies from here. Sent me on a sentimental journey of people I'd known. (as above)
- Amazing views all round, undulating countryside, unchanged scenery, so calming – life stands still for a moment (as above)
- Quiet and peaceful area – good birdwatching at times of the year that are appropriate e.g. bullfinches (green lane on northern edge of parish)
- Home – just feel comfortable there. Able to see around, see the Rec, hear birds and football and things on the Rec.
- View from my back garden.
- Rowney Warren: Sublime! Breathtaking on sunlit mornings and evenings.
- Peaceful and tranquil (north of Northwood End Rd)
- Playground and park
- Lovely views on my favourite walk (escarpment to north, just outside parish)

It is noted that some of the above is also relevant to the 'Favourite Views'. Not many of the above are specific green spaces – 4 broad groupings of areas of countryside, focused on rights of way/access routes reflect this:

1. Around the churchyard
2. Standalone pit area
3. Footpath west of Plummers Lane
4. Footpath south of Northwood End



c. Favourite Walks

Attendees were asked to draw the route of their favourite walk onto a map, then describe the route and indicate why it is special to them. 24 people recorded a walk.

1. No dogs
2. Walking – woodland and field
3. Warren Plantation
4. The big loop – Wilstead Loop – beautiful walk, varied scenery and gives a good long walk
5. Down footpath 4, along permissive path to Plummers Copse and join the Greensand Ridge path
6. Good Friday walk
7. Good circular walk – need more!
8. A 45 minute walk which gives you exercise for the day in one loop.
9. Lovely scenic walk, views of rolling countryside, unspoilt, bracing and enjoyable all year round
10. Not too long, lovely views
11. Goes to Clophill Old Church and look across fields
12. Through Chicksands Wood
13. Walks with views of Haynes Park down towards the stream with a circuit of the Copse before heading back to Plummers Lane.
14. Circular walk along Northwood End Road, Rowney Warren, Standalone Meadow. Gorgeous!
15. Good walk on a light evening after a day “cooped up” in an office. Can be added to by walking out to Church End and back around.
16. Circular walk ideal for family.
17. Start in village, via Standalone Farm path to Appley Corner, into and around Chicksands Wood, back to Appley Corner, along road to path up to Hill Farm.
18. Wilstead Loop walk via sewage farm
19. Good walk with mix of wood, open space including Plumb Lane Wood and rabbit field – great.

Although Plummers Copse not highlighted as a favourite place it is part of several favourite walks.

Map shows concentration around Northwood End and to the south, and to the west of Plummers Lane to Haynes Park – circular walks taking advantage of rights of way, roads and permissive paths.



d. Issues and Problems

23 people recorded. Some additional comments recorded below from solutions/projects section as they only identified an issue not a solution.

1. Water tables are changing due to climate change. Ghost ponds common in parts of East Anglia now appearing at bottom of agricultural fields and sometimes on flat plateau surfaces – causing damage to roads where the drainage channels are formed. Between 1980 and 2010 this was not very common. Wet areas could be converted to copses. **NFM?**
2. Flooding of North Lane – worse since repair works
3. Regular flooding at the drain at Silver End/A600 due to underground pipe filling up.
4. Drainage issues along many roads due to climate change – roadside drains need monitoring and maintaining and new ones put in.
5. Water damage to roads - unsafe
6. Litter issue on C roads in villages, especially between Warren Plantation and Appley Corner.
7. Litter issue all along Northwood End Road eastwards to Rowney Warren
8. Litter everywhere
9. Foster and red bull cans littered down Northwood End road – all year long – disgraceful
10. Some farm buildings falling down – no maintenance since 1930s. Can the Standalone Farm be restored along with its Victorian open bay courtyard? Forbid demolition!!
11. Impose a listing on standalone farm and its open bay courtyard to protect it. Must not be knocked down or allowed to fall down.
12. Frequent badger road kill point (marked on map)
13. Proliferation of signs as you enter the village – not all necessary and detracts from village setting

14. We have to be careful that we do not overdo signs in the village – 30, community speedwatch etc etc and litter and dog bins. We are a little village and a lot of these are unnecessary – especially when there is not even a sign to the parish church – there should be! The signs for the Old Piggery are out of all proportion!
15. Views towards Haynes Park obscured by hedging – should be lower as agreed and written down in Conservation Area agreement (from road)
16. Footpath in Church End (Haynes) – leading to sewage works has had a metal 5 bar gate (locked) shut across it. The only way in for walkers is to squeeze through narrow gap between fence and gate.
17. Some of the paths/RoW are not accessible because they are ploughed over by the farmer
18. Lack of footpath down Plummers Lane
19. Lack of footpaths at A600 end of Silver End – currently you have to walk the length of the village to get to a footpath.
20. Improve Four Winds site including access
21. Wood burning stoves causing pollution on winter evenings – bad for breathing.
22. Dog mess along walks and on playing field

Flooding, litter, views to Haynes Park, access issues

Other non-GI issues highlighted:

- Howard Close (no 8/11) tree root lifting pavement – trip hazard
- Poor pavements and lighting – Northwood End Road

e. Projects and Solutions

19 people provided ideas.

1. Permissive path alongside Plummers Lane (east side) to give access to Plummers Copse (9)
2. Litter and waste management strategy needed, especially to address fly-tipping and occasional littering (4)
3. Creation of more infield ponds where water tables are resulting in surface water run-off.
4. Alternative ponded areas could be planted with tree copses. Survey needed.
5. Creation of a pond
6. More footpaths that are suitable for use in wet weather.
7. More footpaths from A600 end of Silver End Road to link to paths that lead to Hammerhill.
8. Project discovering working wells and those covered in the parish (2)
9. Join bridle path from BW17-BW19 and onto road at Church end.
10. Footpath – exit out of top of Millennium Wood onto Plummers Lane
11. Make Standalone Farm Meadow an SSSI
12. Footpath, safe route for family walk along 'bottom lane'
13. Proper village green should be created (village hall location indicated on map)

Emerging themes appear to include:

- Pond survey/Natural Flood Management assessment
- Plummers Lane/Copse access
- Silver End A600 end access
- Wells survey
- Litter strategy

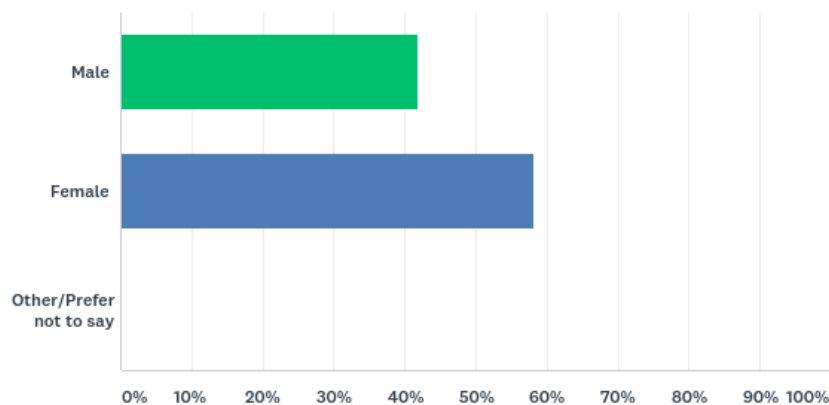
2. The GI Survey

A GI survey was also 'launched' at the initial consultation event, aiming to capture information from the wider community about their use of local green infrastructure. The survey was made available via an electronic survey (with a laptop set up with the survey at the event itself, and then a link circulated by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group via a range of networks) and in hard copy. Hard copies were made available alongside collection boxes at the village shop, village hall and Greyhound Public House. A copy of the survey is included at **Annex 1**. The survey closed on Sunday 26th March.

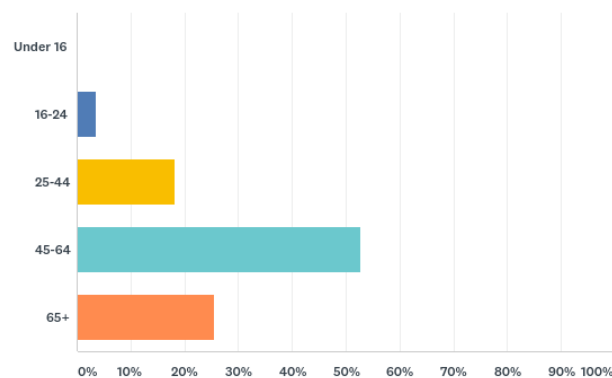
A total of 61 questionnaires were completed, providing further useful background alongside the workshop input. Approximately 50% were completed online, 50% in hard copy. Those in hard copy were manually entered into the online portal to allow comprehensive analysis.

The questions asked in the survey differed from those at the workshop, so that they (a) provided additional information, and (b) did not result in double-counting of results.

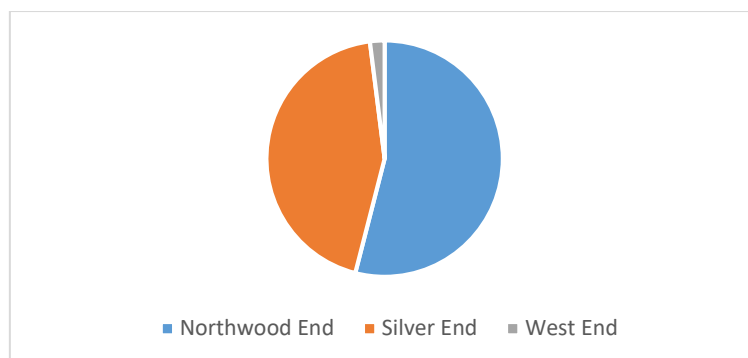
The demographics of respondents were different, showing a slight bias towards females (58% / 42%):



And also a better representation across the age ranges, although there was still a strong bias towards the older age groups with 78% of respondents aged 45 or older:



54% of respondents were from Northwood End, 44% were from Silver End and 2% were from West End (none from Church End):

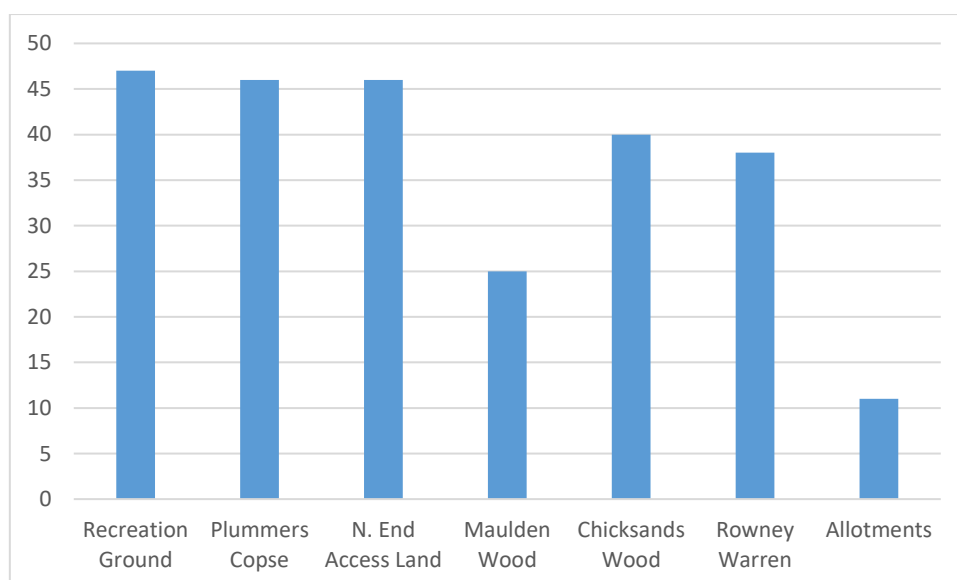


Just over 5% either considered themselves to be disabled or were not sure, while 100% were from a 'White British' ethnic background.

The vast majority of respondents use the local Rights of Way network (88% for leisure and a further 5% for shopping or accessing services, and from the responses to Question 3 it is clear that the parish is served by a relatively good network. It is most likely this is in part due to the additional network of 'permissive' access routes established by local farmers. The answers to Question 3 showed that:

- 80% of respondents felt that they could get to where they wished using Rights of Way (31% strongly agreed, 49% agreed);
- 72% felt signage was available and easy to use (11% strongly agreed, 61% agreed);
- 83% were confident that they wouldn't get lost (31% and 52%)
- 61% felt routes were free from obstructions and easy to use (15% and 56%);
- 92% of respondents said that they felt safe using local rights of way (44% and 48%).

The most popular local green space in terms of numbers of respondents saying that they used it was the Recreation Ground (47 respondents) closely followed by Plummers Copse (46) and the Northwood End Farm Access Land (also 46), Chicksands Wood (40) and Rowney Warren (38).



Exercise and relaxation were the main activities people stated as the reason for visiting green spaces, with watching wildlife and dog walking the next most popular uses. 98% of respondents stated that they had at least "some knowledge" of where their local greenspaces are.

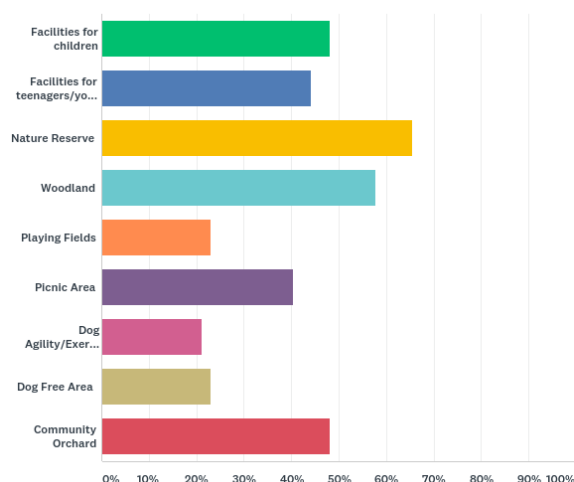
Wrest Park was the most popular large greenspace visited outside the Parish (39 respondents), followed by Priory Country Park in Bedford (33), Ampthill Park (27) and Millennium Country Park Marston Moretaine (25).

Opinion was relatively divided in terms of whether there was enough green space in the parish, with 47% feeling there is enough. It could perhaps be argued that there is a potential geographical bias, with the 32% stating that they did not feel there was enough maybe coming from those areas of the parish furthest from green spaces. However, 96% of respondents did state that they could get to a greenspace either on foot, cycle or by car.

Respondents were asked where they would put new greenspaces if they were created, a relatively small number of people made suggestions (19) which are illustrated below:



There was certainly more enthusiasm for identifying a range of types of green space that should be created, with the top six suggestions below all receiving over 20 'votes':

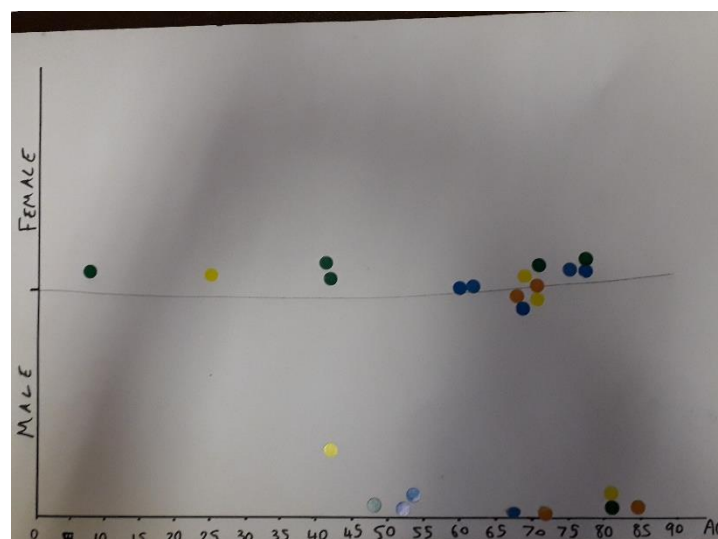


Nature Reserve was the top suggestion (34 votes) followed by woodland (30) and facilities for children and community orchard (both 25). Notably facilities for young people are definitely felt to be needed, especially if the 25 votes for facilities for children are combined with the 23 votes received by 'facilities for teenagers'.

3. Workshop 2: Saturday 27th October 2018

The second workshop, also a 'drop-in' event, was held on the afternoon of Saturday 27th October 2018. Attendance was lower than the initial workshop, but still a reasonable 28, most of whom stayed for at least 15-20 minutes if not longer. Although attendees came from across the parish, it was noted that Haynes West End had been significantly under-represented, so an invitation was extended to residents of that hamlet to view the materials and comment in an identical way to the workshop over the following 2 weeks at the Working Woodlands Centre (Greensand Trust office), located just south of Haynes West End and accessible on foot or by car. Two people took up this invitation, and their responses are recorded alongside those recorded at the workshop. Therefore the overall total contributing was 30.

Again the majority of those attending were aged between 40 and 85, with only two of the attendees under the age of 40, and the balance between the sexes was an almost 50:50 split.



The format of the workshop was similar to the one in March, with maps and information placed on tables according to the GI 'theme', and attendees were encouraged to record their views, particularly around whether they agreed with statements or not, and whether they wished to

suggest changes/additions to proposed policies. Written instructions were provided, and a member of Greensand Trust staff and several members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group were available to assist (without unduly influencing).

The proposed policies presented to attendees, along with a summary of responses, follows:

a. General Environmental:

- Protect and enhance the GI network, not permitting any development that might compromise it.
- Any development to result in net environmental gain.

6 people stated that they agreed with these policies, half of whom stated either “totally” or “100%”. There were no other comments. Therefore no changes to these policies are proposed.

b. Landscape:

- Protect and enhance important local views (those identified from the previous consultation were listed):
 - i. Views of Haynes Park from the south and east (including from Northwood End Road and Great Lane);
 - ii. Views from Greensand Ridge escarpment looking north;
 - iii. Views to west and south-west from Plummers Lane and its surrounds;
 - iv. Views south from Northwood End Road, Silver End
- To recognise, protect and enhance the special landscape value, distinctiveness and identity of the parish of Haynes and each of its individual ‘Ends’ that contributes to this.
- To protect areas of permanent pasture from development, particularly when they have no specific designation, and that landowners have access to information on the value of this land and how to ensure it is protected.
- To ensure the hedgerow network is protected and enhanced
- To ensure woodlands are protected, buffered and connected to each other.
- Protect the tranquillity of the parish
- Restore/create ponds and areas of wetland in the landscape, where they have previously existed, and to use ‘natural flood management’ techniques to help reduce issues with surface water flooding
- Any development must contribute positively to surface water management.

A total of 9 people responded to say they agreed with these.

There was a significant amount of further input provided:

- *Encourage land owners to restrict the height of hedges and planting of trees so that views can be maintained.*
- *Agree with comments above – it is a pity that the hedges are growing so high on the boundary of Haynes Park at Church End. What used to be a lovely rural view is now sadly obscured.*
- *Also, there has been a proliferation of ‘signs’ in Haynes – traffic signs, safety signs, signs that seem to have little value. These change the village from rural to more urbanised.*
- *Agree with last paragraph.*
- *Protect the rural heritage of the village.*
- *Agree with previous remarks*

- *Maintaining the hedgerow network*
- *Agree with proposed measures and comment regarding height of hedges.*
- *Agree with comment about too many signs*
- *Agree re the height of hedges especially such as North Lane where the narrow lane means elderly people and mothers with babies in pushchairs are required to get to the side of the lane when many farm vehicles or lorries collecting farm crops use the lane continually.*

It is not felt that these comments require any amendment to the landscape policies. The comments regarding hedgerow heights at Haynes Park are noted, but Landscape policy 1 (i) does specifically cover this view already.

The comment regarding lane width is less relevant to landscape and more to access, but it should be noted that the lane has permissive access and is not a public right of way. During the three occasions the author was in the vicinity carrying out associated survey work no farm traffic was observed. This is not to say that there isn't an issue at certain times of the year.

The comments about signs present an interesting (but not atypical) dichotomy. As the GI Projects Questionnaire (summarised later) shows, there are those who are asking for more measures to reduce traffic speed, and these could *potentially* include signage.

c. Biodiversity

- Raise awareness of local biodiversity
- To take account of existing and potential biodiversity value, seek to protect, buffer and enhance existing biodiversity assets (sites) and networks
- To create new and link areas of existing biodiversity value to create more robust networks, especially woodlands, grasslands and hedgerows.
- To protect areas of permanent pasture from development, particularly when they have no specific designation, and that landowners have access to information on the value of this land and how to ensure that they are protected.
- To ensure the existing hedgerow network is protected and enhanced.
- To protect and enhance existing orchards as a biodiversity and cultural asset for the village.

Five people commented on these proposed policies, broadly in support, with the following comments:

- *Agree with above but do not agree that all areas of permanent pasture should be protected at all costs from development – other factors are important in this decision.*
- *Totally agree with all 100% and increase wildlife habitat throughout.*
- *Add maintained to the hedgerow network. Happy with the suggested recommendations.*
- *Would like to see more habitat protection for hedgehog; Introduction of hedgehog homes.*
- *Make sure wildlife can run free.*

Although completely laudable, adding the word “maintained” to the policy is impractical in terms of enforcement, and it is sometimes difficult to clearly define what is ‘good maintenance’ and what is neglect. It is felt that a specific policy about hedgehogs would not add to overall biodiversity policies.

The permanent pasture policy will be reviewed in light of the comment above and feedback on similar policies in other Neighbourhood Plans.

d. Historic Environment

- When development is considered, take account of assets of historic environment value, and seek to protect them and their context
- To protect buildings and features that contribute to the historic fabric and distinctiveness of the parish, especially where they are not Listed.
- To raise awareness of the historic value of the parish and its contribution to its distinctiveness and identity.

These policies provoked a strong positive response, with 13 people specifically stating they supported them.

Additional comments made were:

- *New buildings should be in keeping with the village not brick 'boxes' a nice example of new build is on Plummers Lane it fits in well with its surroundings.*
- *New builds should be of sympathetic design and material to historic/established buildings. The established boundary treatments need also to be considered in new builds. Is it usual to have a hedge on the road frontage etc.*

Neither of these comments require any amendment to the proposed policies, but they will be fed through to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

e. Access, Open Space and Recreation

- Designate Local Green Spaces as appropriate
- Protect the existing access networks for all users, including both definitive public rights of way and permissive routes.
- Create better connected networks of footpaths, bridleways and cycle paths within the parish and to other places, and linking with public transport.
- Encourage the use of access routes for both recreation and utility (work, school, shopping) and for accessing public transport.
- To ensure that any new development enhances access route connectivity and makes provision for linking to existing networks.
- To ensure greenspace provision is fair across the parish with regard to where people live.
- To identify opportunities for delivering new greenspaces to address existing deficits, especially of the types identified as priorities by the community (Nature Reserve, Woodland, Facilities for Children and Teenagers, Community Orchard, Village Green)
- To improve the quality and functionality of existing greenspaces through provision of facilities and/or landscape improvements
- To ensure all new greenspaces are designed to a high quality and appropriate management is secured over the longer term

Again there was a strong level of support for these policies, with 13 people stating this. One added "particularly with cycle/footpaths".

Other comments/suggestions made were:

- *Permissive use of driveway to join FP2-FP11*
- *Join bridleway 9 to BW19 and then access to Church End Rd.*
- *Agree 100% (arrow indicated 'with first bullet')*
- *Please extend all of the permissive paths to show on the OS map*
- *Would love permissive access from top of FP4 to Home Farm*
- *Vehicles should include Farm vehicles not ruining the footpaths and bridleways – the public's right of ways should be protected and as the tax payer contributes a great deal of money to farmers this should be adhered to.*

The majority of these comments are project suggestions not policy suggestions (and are covered by the proposed projects). The final suggestion is not a policy issue as such either, but a legal right of way issue.

Participants were also asked about their access to green spaces in conjunction with a map illustrating areas where it was suggested access to greenspace (on foot) was poor/lacking. There were very few areas where people live that were highlighted as having poor access on the map, so it was important to ascertain whether this was the case in reality.

Eleven people reinforced the view that access to green space is good, one commented on the importance of it. One person felt they lived in an area highlighted as having poor access, but did not feel there was an issue.

- *Yes – it is easy to access green spaces from home.*
- *There are plenty of green spaces within walking distance*
- *Access to green spaces is excellent*
- *Yes. No problem accessing green space*
- *Yes (live in area highlighted) No (does not find it difficult accessing green spaces)*
- *Yes Easy access*
- *Access to green spaces very important*
- *Yes easy access*
- *Local access is good*
- *Good access currently to green space*
- *Access is good for Haynes West End*

To ensure those living in areas identified as having good access could offer an opinion to the contrary based on their experience, participants were asked if they lived elsewhere but experienced difficulties. No-one did, and seven people stated there were no significant barriers to accessing green space, but interesting issues were raised:

- *The Warren needs to be given priority for the public to still enjoy the woods as well as allowing the car sport which is good to give the sport access.*

Although it isn't entirely clear what this comment meant, it is thought to relate to the fact that the northern half of Rowney Warren is dedicated to 'Chicksands Bikepark' (with its own car park). Rowney Warren does have paths leading to the more accessible southern part, and there is another car park within the site for the general public, so it is not felt this is a significant issue.

- *Busy road (to Houghton Conquest)*
- *Dogs in the woods is off-putting to those not dog lovers. Access to woods easy and convenient.*
- *Walking in Maulden Woods – uncomfortable when alone in woods and through lay-by. Lay-by is still a “meeting place”.*
- *Dogs are given a lot of freedom. Some are threatening. Owners are not sympathetic to keeping animals under control.*

The issues around anti-social behaviour in Maulden Wood are well-known. The Greensand Trust works closely with the Forestry Commission (owners) and the local police to help monitor, identify issues and prompt action, but it is noted that this is a wide-ranging long-term problem (and the site is outside of Haynes Parish).

f. Local Green Space Designation:

Prior to the workshop an initial assessment of green spaces was carried out to provide a list of possible sites for designation as “Local Green Spaces”. Participants were asked if they agreed/disagreed (with reasons) or if they wanted to suggest others.

Nine people stated that they agreed with the sites being designated as Local Green Spaces through the Neighbourhood Plan. One person suggested that “Meadow land throughout the village” should also be considered, and another agreed with this. Unfortunately the LGS designation is not intended to protect large swathes of countryside, but is specifically targeted at discrete pieces of land. Without specific sites being identified it was not possible to consider any of these ‘meadow land’ sites.

g. Projects

Finally, participants were asked to indicate whether they supported projects proposed through the initial workshop, and whether they wished to add any of their own. Nine initial projects were suggested, the following comments were made:

1. Permissive path alongside Plummers Lane to link to Plummers Copse – 5 people supported. One comment: Does it entail removal of a roadside hedge?
2. Litter and waste management strategy needed: 4 people supported, two comments: Fly tipping. Signs saying ‘take your litter home’.
3. Pond survey/natural flood management assessment: 3 supported
4. More footpaths suitable for use in wet weather: 3 supported
5. More footpaths from A600 end of Silver End Rd to link to Hammerhill: 3 supported
6. Project discovering wells: 1 supported
7. Join bridle paths BW17 and BW19 and onto road at Church End: 2 supported
8. Footpath, safe route for families along ‘bottom lane’ (GSRW): 5 supported
9. Create a proper village green: 4 supported. One comment: By purchase of land?

All of these proposals received at least some support, with no-one feeling they shouldn’t be included. The comment with regard to hedgerow and Plummers Lane is valid and should be considered in any project design.

The following projects were suggested:

10. Permissive access to join FP2-FP11
11. Improve Old Orchard site in Silver End Rod with sympathetic planting of shrubs and footpath
12. Join BW9-BW19 with access onto Church End Rd. Upgrade FP22
13. Protect the meadow in Silver End Road with a view to creating wildlife habitat/communal orchard/wildflower area and footpaths.
14. Improve footpath between village hall and school to alleviate school traffic in Foresters Close (it was noted that an additional person supported this even though it was only suggested in the last 5 minutes of the workshop).

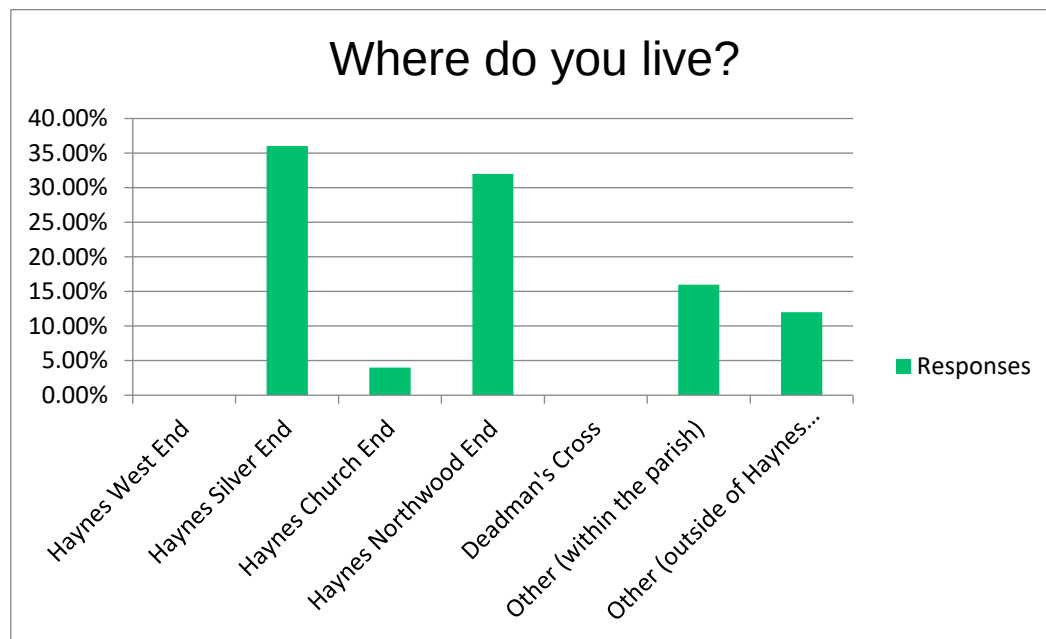
Where these projects were not covered by the initial 9 they were also included in the projects list to be the subject of a community survey (see following section).

4. GI Projects Survey

Immediately after the November 2018 workshop a second GI survey was launched. This focused solely on the identification of 'priority' projects by asking people to rank the list of projects according to their own preferences. Again it was made available electronically (via the Greensand Trust website, with the link promoted/circulated widely) and in hard copy with a local collection point. Despite strong encouragement from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, the response rate was relatively low, with 26 people submitting (either electronically or via hard copy) but it was still possible to identify clear trends and priorities. A copy of the survey and accompanying map is included in **Annex 2**.

The results were as follows:

Q1: Where do you live:



There was a good spread of responses from across the parish, with the exception of Haynes West End and Deadman's Cross.

Additional questions were asked to capture information about respondents:

- Just under 2/3 were male, 1/3 female
- 92% were over 45
- 100% described themselves as 'white British' in terms of ethnicity

Q2: Project Ranking:

Participants were asked to rank the proposed projects in preferential order. The following table shows the overall rankings and the scores. A score of 7 was used to create a cut-off for 'priority' projects identified in the GI Plan.

Rank	Project	Score
1	Create access alongside Plummers Lane to provide safe access to Plummers Copse	8.9
2	Improve footpath between village hall and school to alleviate traffic problems in Foresters Close.	8.88
3	Create a strategy for the parish to address litter and flytipping	8.87
4	Formalise verge link at Appley Corner (Greensand Ridge Walk) to maintain safe, off-road route	7.24
5	Enhance old orchard site at Silver End Road	7.13
6	Surface more footpaths to make suitable for use in winter/wet weather	6.7
7	Carry out a survey to identify areas for pond or wetland creation to help alleviate surface water flooding issues	6.62
8	Improve access from A600 end of Silver End Road to link paths that lead to Hammerhill	6.57
9	Upgrade footpath to bridleway to create continuous bridleway route from Clophill to Church End	6.13
10	Create link in footpath network near West Park Farm	5.75
11	Create a 'proper' village green	5.17
12	Survey to discover wells in the parish	3.89

5. Session with Year 4 at Haynes Lower School, Wednesday 1 May 2019

The first session was a classroom session lasting about an hour. After introducing myself and the Greensand Trust, I introduced the Greensand Country using the OS map with the area marked on and a piece of greensand stone. Link to Haynes using a picture of St Mary's church. Continued by explaining about the Greensand Ridge Walk.

Then explored the concept of maps of different types, what they were for, different scales. Used the OS map to show how much different information a map had on it and the idea of a KEY. Then each student was given a blank road layout map of Haynes with grid squares to introduce the idea of giving a grid reference. Followed by adding lots of information (school, village hall etc.) to their map and KEY. Introduced the idea of footpaths and bridleways and the difference and marked some on their maps, based on the route we would follow in the next session when we went for a walk around the village. The last part of the session introduced compasses, learning how to set a compass to find North and other points of the compass, how to relate to their map and practicing these by responding to questions.

The next session was a walk around Haynes village lasting about 1.5 hours. The students had a worksheet with questions to answer based on information they would find on their way round (general observation) and other activities. As part of the preparation for the walk in addition to safety elements, the topic of best (e.g. Trees & flowers, wildlife, lovely views, lots of footpaths, countryside to walk in) and least (e.g. can be muddy, litter, dog mess, brambles & stinging nettles) liked features of Haynes were discussed. The students were asked to keep these in mind during the walk so they could be recorded on return. The walk joined a footpath from Park Palings Walk and after emerging from between 2 fences the students did field sketches of the view towards Haynes Park. We also stopped in the clearing at the top end of Plummers Wood to do a listening activity which mainly featured a great variation of birdsong and consider the wide palette of colours that were present in nature. During the return part of the walk a short stretch of the Greensand Ridge Walk was covered.

The final session commenced with a discussion about best and least like feature of Haynes.

Best

- Amount of countryside around the village, footpaths available to access the countryside and the views.
- Wildlife seen around the village.

Least

- Agreed very little litter was seen during the walk but had experienced dog mess.
- Speed of cars.

The students then created a collage of Haynes titled 'our village map'.

'Our Village Map' collage



Annex 1: The GI Survey



Haynes Green Infrastructure Survey

1. Where do you live?

- ☐ Haynes Silver End
- ☐ Haynes Church End
- ☐ Haynes Northwood End
- ☐ Haynes West End

Other (please specify)

2. Do you use the local Rights of Way network?

- ☐ Yes - for leisure
- ☐ Yes - for work/school
- ☐ Yes - for shopping/accessing services
- ☐ No

3. Do you find the local Rights of Way network easy and convenient to use?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I can get to where I want to go	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Signage and information is available and easy to use	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I feel confident that I won't get lost	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Routes are free from obstructions and easy to use	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I feel safe using routes	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

4. Which local green spaces do you visit and why?

	Relaxation	Exercise	Day out	Visit with children	Dog walking	To see wildlife
Haynes Recreation Ground	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Plummer's Copse	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Northwood End Farm Access Land	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Maulden Wood	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Chicksands Wood	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Rowney Warren	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Allotments	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Other (please specify)

5. Which other large green spaces do you use?

- | | |
|--|---|
| ☐ Ampthill Park | ☐ Rushmere Country Park |
| ☐ Dunstable Downs/Chilterns Gateway | ☐ Millennium Country Park (Marston Vale) |
| ☐ Wrest Park | ☐ Priory Country Park |

Other (please specify)

6. Do you know where your local green spaces are?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Some knowledge
- ☐ No

7. Are there enough local green spaces?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ No opinion

8. Can you get to local green spaces easily?

- ☐ Yes - on foot or cycle
- ☐ Yes - by car
- ☐ No

What affects your ability to get to green spaces?

9. If new green spaces were to be created, where would you like to see them?

10. If new green spaces were to be created, what type of green spaces do you think are needed?

- ☐ Facilities for children
- ☐ Facilities for teenagers/young adults
- ☐ Nature Reserve
- ☐ Woodland
- ☐ Playing Fields
- ☐ Picnic Area
- ☐ Dog Agility/Exercise Area
- ☐ Dog Free Area
- ☐ Community Orchard

Other (please specify)

11. Are you....

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Other/Prefer not to say

12. Your age

- ☐ Under 16
- ☐ 16-24
- ☐ 25-44
- ☐ 45-64
- ☐ 65+

13. Do you consider yourself to be disabled?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

14. To which of these groups do you belong?

- ☐ Asian or Asian British
- ☐ Black or Black British
- ☐ Mixed
- ☐ White British
- ☐ White European

Other (please specify)

Annex 2: The GI Projects Survey

Haynes Green Infrastructure Projects Survey

Please take a few minutes to complete this survey, it will help us identify the projects that are most important to you. You can either complete this hard copy of the survey and post in the box provided, or return to either a member of the Neighbourhood Plan Team or the Working Woodlands Centre, Maulden Wood, Haynes West End, MK45 3UZ. Alternatively, you can complete the survey online at www.greensandtrust.org/news

Question 1: Where do you live? (Please circle)

Haynes West End

Deadman's Cross

Haynes Silver End

Haynes Church End

Haynes Northwood End

Other (within the parish)

Other (outside of Haynes parish)

Question 2: The following projects have all been identified by the local community through the 'green infrastructure' workshops held during 2018. Please help us identify the most important by ranking them from 1 to 9, with 1 being the most important and 9 the least important). The accompanying map will help you identify project locations.

Project	Rank
1) Create access alongside Plummer's Lane to provide safe access to Plummer's Copse.	
2) Create a strategy for the parish to address litter and fly-tipping.	
3) Carry out a survey to identify areas for pond or wetland creation to help alleviate surface water flooding issues.	
4) Surface more footpaths to make them suitable for use in winter/wet weather.	
5) Improve access from the A600 end of Silver End Road to link paths that lead to Hammerhill.	
6) Survey to discover wells in the parish.	
7) Upgrade footpath to bridleway to create a continuous bridleway route from Clophill to Church End.	
8) Formalise verge link at Appley Corner (Greensand Ridge Walk) to maintain a safe, off-road route.	
9) Create a 'proper' village green.	
10) Create a link in the footpath near West Park Farm.	
11) Enhance the old orchard site at Silver End Road.	
12) Improve the footpath between the Village Hall and the school to alleviate traffic problems in Foresters Close.	

3. Please add any other thoughts or comments:

4. Are you (please circle):

Male

Female

Other

5. What is your age (please circle)?

Under 16
to say

16-24

25-44

45-64

Over 65

Prefer not

6. Please describe your race/ethnicity (please circle):

Asian or Asian British

Black or Black British

White British

White European

Other (please state below):

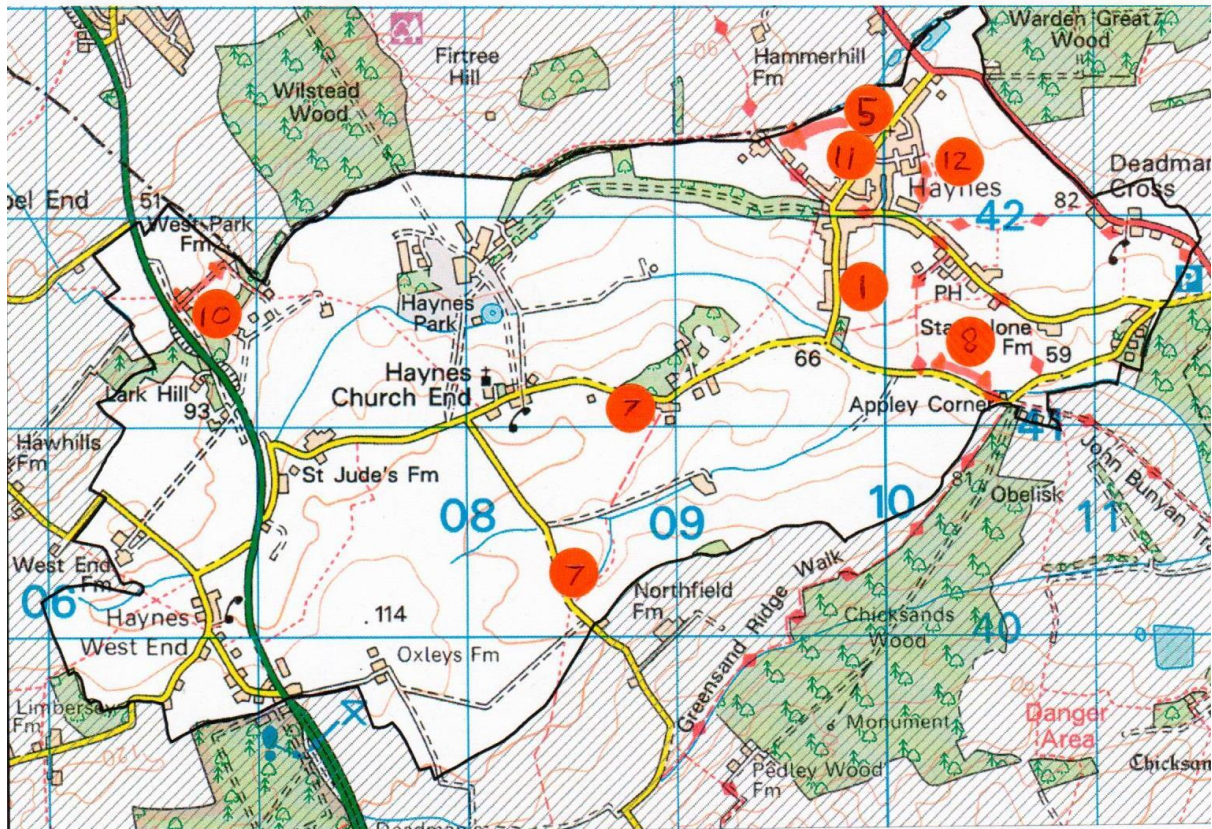
Thank you for your time.

**The final results will be published in the Haynes Green Infrastructure Plan,
and will also be used to inform the Haynes Neighbourhood Plan.**

Haynes Green Infrastructure Plan

Projects Map

Please note locations/arrows are indicative and are intended to assist survey participants' understanding of locations.



Projects that relate to several locations or to the whole parish are not marked on this map.

