

Survey results headlines

This is a very edited version for deciding how we respond to what the Survey told us. The results generated by the software amount to some 196 pages, but these are the headlines. We then split them into seven mini projects and a member of the Group has taken the lead on each to look at just how we address the responses.

Each mini project has access to the detailed data, and they are going to prepare a list of options on how – if we can – we address the issues raised. We are planning a Drop-in session at the end of August where each mini project will present these options, and this work will be available on the website.

Responses to questions about Housing have not been included because they are included in the work being done by the government funded Consultants (AECOM)

1. What do you feel are the strengths or positive features of our community?

Open and green spaces	*	495
Access to the countryside	*	466
Local wildlife and habitats	*	457
Friendly and safe environment	*	375
Sense of community	*	331
The rural character of the Parish	*	327
Shops and Services	*	271
The church and churchyard	*	274
The school and preschools	*	226

There were five additional (one vote) answers

2. What, if anything, do you think spoils Lakenheath?

State of the roads	*	449
Dog fouling	*	380
Litter	*	346
Lack of shops	*	316
Parking	*	293
Traffic	*	275
Aircraft noise	*	179
Lack of jobs	*	179
Lack of sports facilities	*	145

There were 26 other items listed under other, including speeding, overdevelopment and public transport. All others had less than 10 votes.

3. Overall, do you think that living in Lakenheath has improved, stayed the same or got worse over the last two years?

Improved	*	47	7.91%
Got worse	*	252	42.42%
Stayed the same	*	295	49.66%

That is fairly scary!

4. In what way?

Parking	69
State of roads	62
Traffic	57
Crime	53
Overdevelopment	49
Type of shops	37
More, noisier aircraft	34
Dog fouling	30
Litter	25
Loss of Bank	19
Road Safety	17
Policing	16
Untidy properties	16
Loss of Community spirit	14
Speeding	12
Early /later flying	12

There were 11 other reasons listed... If we get the High Street Regeneration project funding we should be able to address some of these, at least in part.

5. How did your family come to live in the Parish?

Moved here because of housing costs	*	126
Retired here for a more rural lifestyle	*	108
Always lived here	*	104
The family grew up here	*	101
Moved for work	*	100
Moved to be closer to family		27
Moved to marry / live with Partner		14
Social Housing provided		5
Liked the area		4
Safer environment		4
Moved following divorce		2
More land		2
Inherited house		1
No particular reason		1

On that basis, 'incomers' outnumber 'locals' (just). Obviously there is no way of knowing when an 'incomer' becomes a 'local', but with such a high proportion of retirees there is little prospect that the next generation will be automatically 'local'.

10. How do you find out what is happening in the Parish?

Lakenheath Times	*	532
Social Media	*	343
Word of mouth	*	330
Village notice boards	*	172

There were five other (one vote) answers. This was a 'click all that apply' question, so with 88% of the voting residents, this clearly shows the importance of a Parish Magazine.

11. Are you registered at the Surgery in Lakenheath?

Yes	*	528
No	*	72

This partly reflects the proportion of USAF personnel living in Lakenheath and partly disgruntled patients

12. Are there any improvements you would like to see in Healthcare provision for Lakenheath?

Dentist	71
Easier or faster appointments	49
More Doctors	41
New Health Centre	35
No improvements needed	32
Longer local GP cover	14
More or larger chemists	12
Longer Chemists opening	11
Specialty clinics	11

There were 11 more answers

13. Which of our present facilities do you use and how often?

We were chastised for not mentioning the Bowls Club - they would have come 6th if they had been!

14. What, if anything, do you think needs to be improved?

Village Hall

This question is problematic because of the way the software functioned; after the event all we can do is report the facility which was ranked in first place most often.

15. If money were available, what other facilities would you like to see in the village?

Sports facilities	217
Shops	192
Community	87
Infrastructure	60
Petrol station	55
Youth facilities	55
Health	48
Police	33
Footpaths	31
Family pub	28
Play facilities	23
Cycle paths	22
Car park	22
Road crossing	21
ANPR cameras	21
Bank	21
Public transport	14
Litter bins	12
Car park	9
Benches	8
Dog area	8
Care home	5
Cinema	4
Toilets	3
Vet	3
Improved broadband	3
Recycling	2

There were 19 other (one vote) answers and with 1002 different answers many have been grouped and ranked within the grouping.

For instance

	Top answer	2nd	3rd
Sports facilities	Swimming pool	Gym	Outdoor fitness
Shops	Supermarket	Butcher	Baker
Community	Building	Café	
Infrastructure	Roads	Wildlife	Tidiness
Health	Dentist	Facility	
Police	Presence	PCSO	
Footpaths	Signage	Tidiness	Routes

Clearly many of the listings are beyond the resources (or remit) of any level of local Council. Where this is the case however, the Parish, District and County Councils are in a position to support and influence. Some of course will be issues for the Parish Council to address, and some are for residents – perhaps with Parish Council support.

16. What activities or SPORTS do you or members of your household participate in WITHIN Lakenheath?

And

17. What activities or SPORTS do you or members of your household participate in OUTSIDE Lakenheath?

There were over 620 responses on Q16 and unsurprisingly – given the much broader range of activities in Q17, more responses (751). The top ten were:

	Q16 (Lakenheath)	Q17(elsewhere)
None	179	125
Walking	106	72
Swimming	-	101
Cycling	47	45
Football	38	19
Bowls	31	12
Running	29	6
Golf	-	28
Curling	16	-
Horse riding	11	9

18. What events in Lakenheath have you attended in the past?

Carnival or village fete	83.33%	440
Remembrance Day parade	74.24%	392
Village parties	42.61%	225
Bingo	24.05%	127
Other (specified):	15.53%	82

‘Other’ responses were centred on events at the village hall and fireworks

19. Would you be interested in any of the following events if they were to be run in Lakenheath?

Farmers Market	84.23%	486
Concerts	62.74%	362
Film Nights	46.79%	270
Craft Demonstrations	40.55%	234
Art Exhibitions	33.97%	196
Cookery Demonstrations	26.00%	150
Other (specified)	6.07%	35

‘Other’ responses were centred on festival and wildlife events

20. Do you currently have problems with water pressure serving your home?

Yes	120	20.1%
Sometimes	104	17.4%
No	373	62.5%

36. If you are working, but not normally in the village, how do you get to work?

Car	90.06%	299
Public transport	1.51%	5
Motorbike/Moped	0.30%	1
Company bus or van	4.22%	14
Bicycle	0.60%	2
Walk	3.31%	11

37. How far do you normally travel to work?

Up to 5 miles	27.05%	89
Between 11 and 20 miles	31.31%	103
Over 5 and up to 10 miles	17.93%	59
Over 20 miles	23.71%	78

43. How many vehicles in your household?

0	4.31%	26
1	40.46%	244
2	40.13%	242
3	11.61%	70
4 or more	3.48%	21

44. When thinking about car use, how important are the following?

	Very Important	Quite Important	Unimportant
The ability to walk safely to the primary school	71.8%	10.0%	3.8%
The ability to walk safely to the shops	83.2%	14.4%	1.2%
Safe access to open space	72.0%	24.3%	1.4%
Safe access to play areas	69.0%	17.3%	4.3%
Secure cycle parking in the village	43.0%	31.8%	11.8%
Zebra or Pelican crossings	79.5%	17.6%	1.1%

45. Road safety - How important is it to find solutions to the following?

	Very Important	Quite Important	Unimportant
Morning and afternoon parking near the school	57.2%	21.7%	5.9%
Parking on the zebra crossing	83.6%	8.9%	3.3%
Parking for the shops	67.0%	27.9%	3.6%
Parking for a Church	30.4%	41.4%	13.0%
Parking on pavements and verges	74.0%	17.2%	4.3%
Speeding on the High Street	82.8%	13.9%	1.5%
Speeding on Eriswell Road	75.2%	16.7%	3.8%
Speeding on Station Road	73.1%	17.7%	4.2%
Speeding on Undley Road	68.6%	19.0%	6.1%
Speeding on Mill Road	72.7%	18.6%	2.6%
Speeding on Wings Road	72.2%	19.0%	3.0%
The junction at Wings Road and High Street	62.7%	25.0%	7.1%
The number of very large agricultural and other vehicles	44.6%	23.3%	24.9%
The speed of very large agricultural and other vehicles	58.8%	23.3%	12.9%
Mud and debris around farm entrances	43.2%	31.5%	18.6%

48. Use of bicycles. Do you use a bicycle?

1 Daily	6.02%	36
2 Once a week	12.21%	73
3 Once a month	7.86%	47
4 Less often	25.25%	151
5 Never	48.66%	291

49. What is stopping you using your bikes more (or at all)?!

Potholes and the general state of the roads	51.85%	280
Speeding traffic	55.00%	297
Dangerous junctions	28.52%	154
No secure cycle parking at destination	18.33%	99
Not enough cycle tracks	39.81%	215
Heavy traffic	43.52%	235
Not fit enough	22.96%	124
Don't like cycling	17.78%	96

50. Do you normally use the bus service?

Daily	0.83%	5
Once a week	3.67%	22
Once a month	4.67%	28
Less often	20.20%	121
Never	70.62%	423

51. Would anything encourage you to use the bus services more (or at all)?

Basically nothing!

52. Would you use the Railway service if there was a way to reopen Lakenheath Station and parking was provided?

Yes, regularly	20.97%	125
Yes, occasionally	64.43%	384
Never	14.60%	87