

Report from St Edmunds Art Group – 09.11.18 - 8 members (one man)

Housing. They didn't want a large scale development, like Bowthorpe, but they were strongly against any development S. of Taverham Road. If a small plot was allowed this would be a precedent for further housing in the Wensum Valley.

Types of housing.....Affordable, first time buyers, eco-friendly houses, flexible(all life) that allows for changes in circumstances, self-build. Complex of flats (like Orbit) suitable for older and wheelchair users with restaurant and community activity area. Houses should be energy efficient. The design should be innovative with natural looking materials. There should be an open feel with wooded areas. Flats. Outdoor be built above the units on the Lidl site.

Transport.....Completion of NDR very important. Mentioned difficulty of roundabouts. Residential parking insufficient, this clogged up roads.

Environment.....Flooding south of Binyon Gardens, Mulberry Court and N. Side of Fakenham Road where water runs down the drives from the road. Efforts have been made to deal with this, but still happening.

Important views in Taverham are Wensum Valley, Golf links and from Thorpe Marriott looking towards Longdale. They are in favour of a green gap. They like the open feeling that fields could be seen. This influenced their idea that a big estate would be cramped.

Business& Employment.....Shops wanted locally- Lidl, cafes and eateries as well as planned family Pub, small unique shops, not any more fast food shops.

A multidisciplinary unit which would encompass minor surgery, opticians, footcare, ears and physiotherapy. This would reduce the pressure on doctors, it was felt that private provision would be viable.

Grooming shop for dogs and kennels.

Community & Services.....Spaces for youngsters to ride bicycles. Children and teens need to be occupied.

Cycleways need to be joined up to provide a complete route.