**Notes taken at Neighbourhood Plan Drop-in session – Saturday 14th July**

The following points were noted from what residents told us or wrote down:

*From Town Centre table:*

1. [Resides Chantry Rd]

The Layers – natural break at present.

Oppose development there. If go ahead, then housing should be put at the back so as not to be visible.

Green ribbon

Infrastructure before housing.

Traffic congestion

2. [Resides Benhall]

Bit concerned at massive plan

Benhall will cease to be separate village

Layers – skylarks, cuckoos

It’s the scale that’s the problem

Want cycle path.

3. [Resides Warren Ave]

Opposed to development on The Layers

Links to Benhall

Traffic in town centre – 20 mph limit

Open-minded on which is better solution between one way / pedestrianisation

Traffic needs to keep using High St

4. [Church Hill]

Bought on edge of town, access to countryside

Worry Sax be dormitory town

Should not merge villages

Idea of 100s up Church Hill makes me cry

Grow by up to 800, but not all in one place –

Hopkins well-planned

Town centre- Dutch style – people have priority

Has to become ‘destination’ in own right. To suit interest of all sections of community. See e.g. Pump House [Aldeburgh]

Concern over station and Old Police Station

5. [Mayflower]

Traffic

Pedestrianisation / one-way not feasible. More parking. E.g. Old Police Station

Appalling state of station

Reflects state of dilapidation in town centre

Rather spend the £ in my pocket locally

20 mph zone – possibly mixed with pedestrians and traffic

‘Sax in Bloom’ needs enhancement

Memorial Field ditto

I’m for Skate Park, huts on Field – but the Memorial Field sign is bad

Redolent of apathy

I weeded War Memorial last week. Lack of respect

6. [Hopkins 2 – Beech Rd]

Would like pedestrianisation

Need shops

Boutiques. Boots ?

Place to charge electric cars

7. [Hopkins]

Love it – wish a bit more going on.

Talking to a lot of people.

Shops close early

Need more to do on evenings and weekends

Walkways and cycleways

Make more use of station

We have to take fair share [of more homes] - Bring more people into towns

More shops, restaurants

[S.Sax development]Can’t be [mere] satellite

8. [Brook Farm]

Station needs sorting out.

Clear up High Street – empty shops

Consider CPOs. White Hart – why not

Get empty shops occupied

Sports Centre – indoor and outdoor pool

Expand Kelsale business park – encourage commercial / corporate occupiers

If people want the level of housing then ok to develop the Layers

I would build on left hand side of the Layers [Hurts Hall side]

Possibly mixed pedestrian / traffic use [High St]

*Notes written on yellow sheets – community services table?:*

1. IP17 1BH Chapel Rd

6th Form @Sax would be important

Health facilities – doctors at limit. Opticians?

Allotments?

 Community update – are people interested?

Lighting at junctions to A12 bypass.

2.

Health services are stretched to their fullest now – we will need more /larger surgeries, doctors, nurses etc.

3. IP17 1GG [Hopkins?]

If substantial house building is to take place, necessary medical facilities and extra schooling should be put in place BEFORE housing is occupied.

Too many unfulfilled promises!

4. IP17 1ED [Saxon Rd?]

We need at least one more doctor’s surgery as waiting times for appointments is 2-3 weeks

Still only one dentist which is not taking NHS patients

People who have moved to the area but are not using local pubs or shops

Bigger schools will be needed. Who will fund this.

5.

Community facilities -

Modernise them all – currently they feel outdated and sad.

I’d like an arts centre with cinema, theatre facilities, etc. Multipurpose space. I’d love to experience cultural events without having to get in my car.

Sport etc. –

Top 3 priorities – walking, swimming, more walking

Health –

Bigger health centre offering more services

Ipswich hospital is a long way away.

Education –

Better spaces for adult ed. Classes. The best space round here is the URC Hall (it’s warm) but no parking.

6. IP17 1JE [Benhall]

If 800 houses are to be built then we are talking about 2,000 more people. The doc[tor]s need more space.

School space is needed and road traffic. The town’s personality will dissipate.

7. IP17 1FP [not recognized]

Infrastructure Infrastructure + Infrastructure

How do we catch up with infrastructure we need to accommodate the new people who have moved into Saxmundham?

8. IP17 1EZ [Brook Farm]

Re health, if the Layers or indeed further housing arrive, a separate, additional surgery will be needed

9. IP17 1AH [centre]

Community Facility e.g. multi-use / youth centre at West end of Rendham Road area near A12.

Outdoors – improving upkeep of footpaths

Health – definitely need a bigger or more GPs and/or clinic wit lots of parking, maybe in the west of Sax

10. IP17 1FP [St Johns Rd?]

Additional Housing

Transport provision

Rail – develop Saxmundham train station – more trains

Buses – improvement in services, more buses

Roads – reduce congestion; traffic lights / crossroads can’t cope now; Alternative route to Leiston

High Street – encourage new businesses; utilise derelict properties community uses

Avoid Saxmundham becoming a dormitory town – provide employment opportunities

Paper from “A.S” [St John’s Rd]

Close Saxmundham “Seax” Vaporium as a matter of some urgency [ health and safety..]

Request preservation order for existing trees to protect from tree cutters, e.g. beeches at North Entrance… There are other fine trees in South Entrance and there is planned and mature tree screening in Church St and Fromus Walk. These trees enhance our environment and should not be damaged.

Action to prevent vandalism of empty or rented properties – should be securely closed..

A new railway station and platforms, with covered waiting areas for passengers. Proper asphalt parking area for rail users. See: Melton Station, Beccles Rail Station.

Could the Town Council liaise with Greater Anglia Abellio, to make progress with this needed transport amenity?

[Additional points noted:]

Want to preserve The Layers

Overload infrastructure

Pensioner walk area with benches.