

Longwick-cum-Ilmer Neighbourhood Plan Review

Public Drop In session at the Village Hall on

2 October 2024, 3.45-8pm

The following four display panels introduce the context for the Neighbourhood Plan review process, followed by a series of tables inviting residents to leave post-it notes on maps in response to the main themes. If you were unable to attend in person, you can send in your views by email to: mail@tdrc.co.uk or post to: Longwick cum Ilmer PC, PO Box 247, Chinnor OX9 0FH until Wednesday 16 October 2024. Please also indicate if you would like to be actively involved in the review process.

LONGWICK-CUM-ILMER PARISH

Reviewing the Neighbourhood Plan 2017-2033

What has been achieved so far?

The Neighbourhood Plan sets a maximum 300 new homes limit in Longwick village, which is a rare and effective safeguard from unplanned development. The Neighbourhood Plan works well in many ways:

- **Previous speculative developments**, approved before the Plan was made, have been built out without major changes.
- **Recent speculative development proposals** have been refused by Buckinghamshire Council when they do not comply with the Plan, by maintaining the 300 new homes limit, rejecting development beyond the village's settlement boundary, and protecting the 'green gap' between Longwick and the Princes Risborough Expansion Area (Policies A1-3).



Improvement Projects

Local improvements continue to be delivered using S106 and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds from new developments:

1. New pedestrian and cycle routes from Wickfields, Sportsmans Way and Rose Farm
2. The comprehensive *Longwick Transport Vision 2021* report
3. The *First Phase Projects: Proposed Local Speed Limit Changes 2023* report (subject of ongoing discussions)
4. Traffic speed improvements in Owlswick with gates and dragon's teeth road markings
5. Two vehicle activated speed signs at Chestnut Way and Thame Road
6. Traffic speed improvements to Bar Lane with high friction road surface, better signage and dragon's teeth road markings
7. New open spaces in Wickfields and Wayfarers End
8. Improvements to the village hall and parking area
9. All-weather sports MUGA, outdoor fitness equipment and skate park
10. Larger children's play area with better fencing, new swings and tractor
11. All-weather footpath from Wickfields to the village hall and playing fields
12. More than 50 kissing gates around the Parish (with landowners' consent)
13. Fencing around the Memorial Garden
14. Longwick Primary School outdoor classroom, resurfacing the play area and new fencing
15. Plus funds held by Buckinghamshire Council to improve AM and PM peak hour public transport services and cycle routes to Princes Risborough.



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Being Prepared

Deciding whether or when a new Neighbourhood Plan will be needed involves:

1. Monitoring how the current policies are working
2. Anticipating possible future growth expectations for the Parish by others, and
3. Compiling information to show why these may or may not be suitable.



Building a new evidence base

Nationally there is uncertainty about the scale of new mandatory housing targets. So it is not yet clear whether a new Local Plan for Buckinghamshire (2027-2040) will have to look at Longwick for future housing growth again.

It will be important to build up an evidence base to influence and shape future decisions. This can then also be used to update the Neighbourhood Plan in due course.



A Unique Parish

One aspect of the current Neighbourhood Plan that could be boosted is emphasising what makes the Parish unique today.

This uniqueness is made up of:

- the landscape character, rural land uses, wildlife and ecology
- how the village, hamlets and countryside sit together
- how people use the area today - walking, cycling, horse riding
- local facilities and services and how people access them
- the local housing mix
- the character of buildings and roads or lanes.



WHAT CAN I DO?

Visit each table to add your ideas to the maps and plans. The themes so far are:

1. **The Life of the Land** - how the countryside around Longwick in particular is used today
2. **Facilities, services and businesses** - what you use and how you get there
3. **What makes this area special?**
4. **What is missing?**

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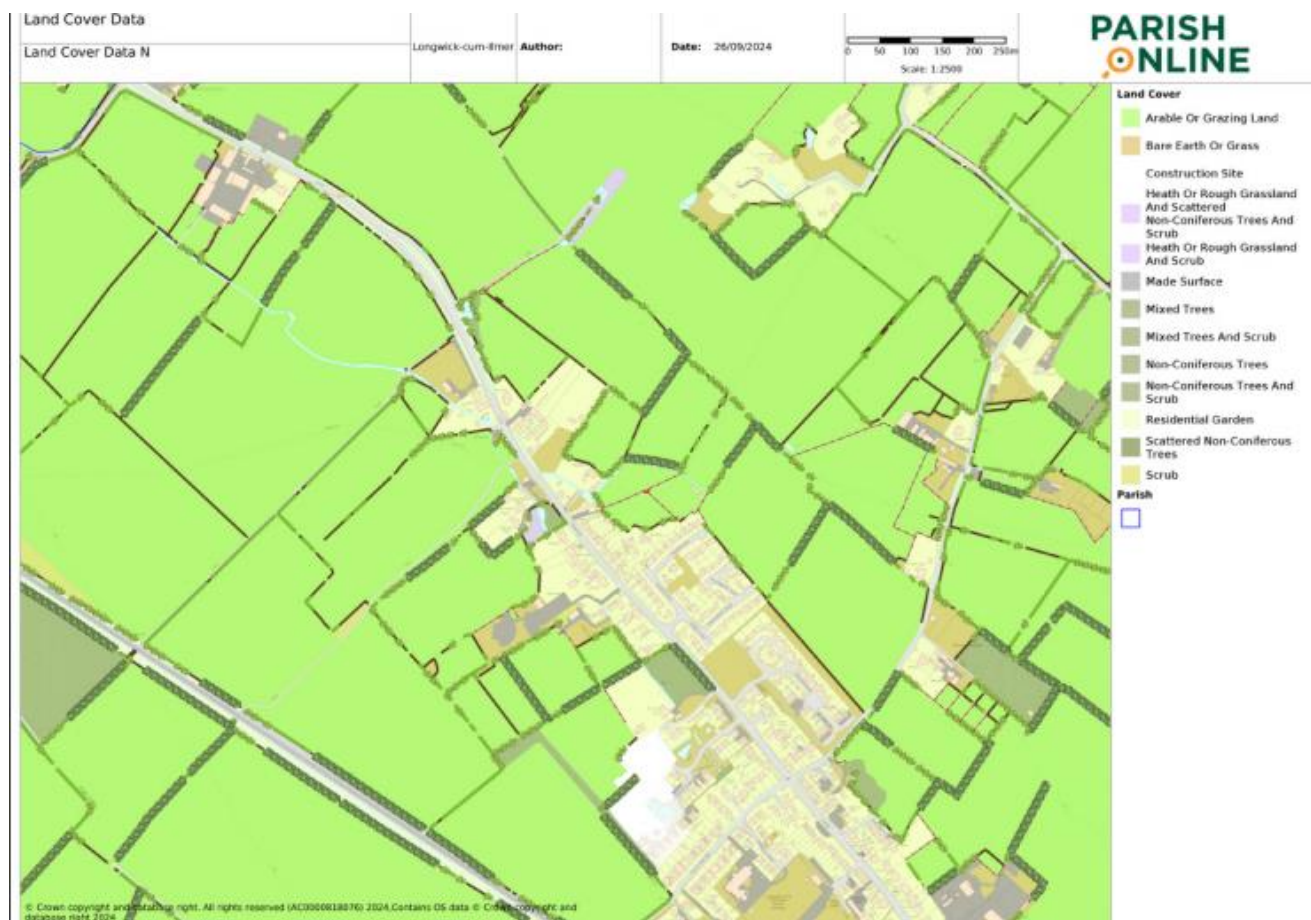
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Table 1: The Life of the Land

As the land around Longwick *might* be considered for future development, please add your observations about:

- E.g. Who uses it - ramblers/ neighbours/ land owners/ tenants/ wildlife/ biodiversity?
- What for - leisure/ farming - grazing, growing/ habitats?
- When - what times of year or day and how it changes over time?
- How it is associated with the village - visibility/ long distance views/ green gaps/ buffer to noisier areas/ habitats?

(See 2no. land cover and 1no. flooding maps for information)



Land Cover Data

Longweick-cum-Iimer

Author:

Date: 26/09/2024



- Land Cover**
- Arable Or Grazing Land
 - Bare Earth Or Grass
 - Construction Site
 - Heath Or Rough Grassland
 - Heath Or Rough Grassland And Scrub
 - Made Surface
 - Mixed Trees
 - Mixed Trees And Scrub
 - Non-Coniferous Trees
 - Non-Coniferous Trees And Scrub
 - Residential Garden
 - Scattered Coniferous Trees
 - Scattered Non-Coniferous Trees
 - Scrub
- Parish**
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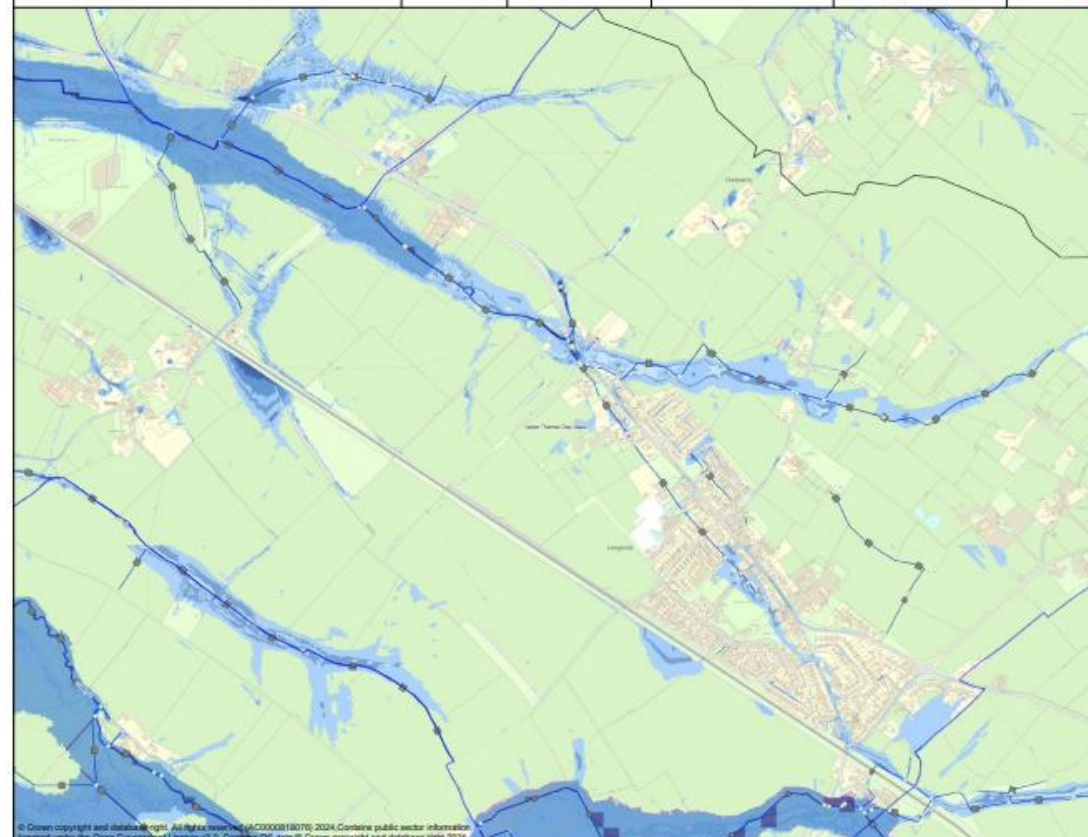
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Water Bodies & Flooding

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- WFD River Water Body Catchments Cycle 2**
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- Flood Warning Areas**
-
- National Character Areas**
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- Water Network - Watercourses**
- Less than 14pc gradient
 - Greater than 20pc gradient
 - Less than 14pc gradient
 - Greater than 20pc gradient
 - Less than 14pc gradient
 - Greater than 20pc gradient
 - Less than 14pc gradient
 - Greater than 20pc gradient
 - BothPerm
 - BothPerm
- Water Network - Nodes**
- Junction - 1:100 to 1:20,000
 - Outlet - 1:100 to 1:20,000
 - Pseudo - 1:100 to 1:20,000
 - Source - 1:100 to 1:20,000
- Parish**
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Table 2: Facilities, Services and Businesses

As small rural communities, do Longwick and the hamlets meet your daily and weekly needs? Please add notes on:

- E.g. What you do and where - work/ business services/ shop/ see doctor or dentist/ play/ eat/ meet friends/ cycle/ horse-ride/ other leisure activities?
- How you get there and why - drive and park/ taxi/ walk/ cycle/ bus/community bus?
- How often do you go?

(See map with footpaths and cycle routes for information)

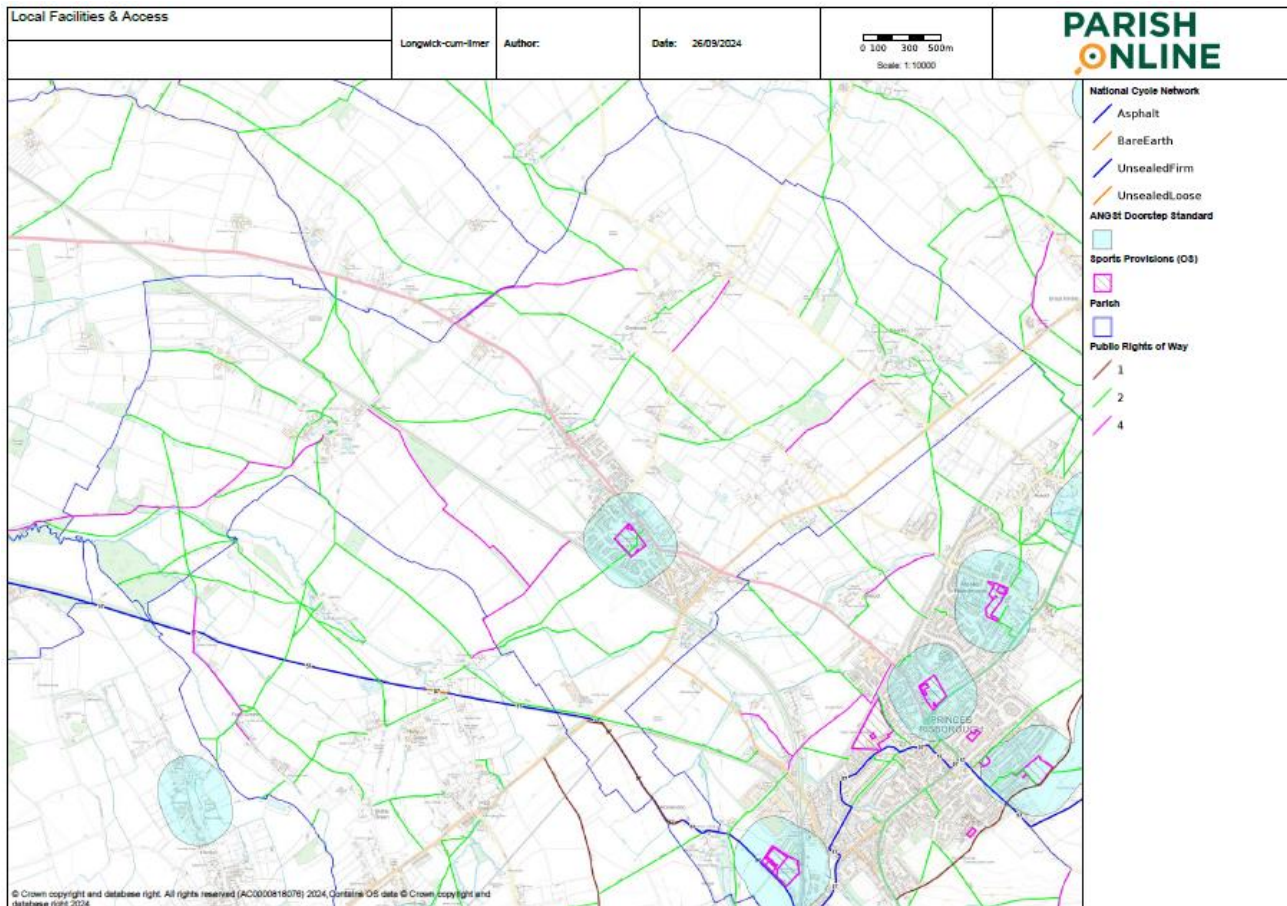


Table 3: What makes this area special?

Longwick and each of the hamlets have distinctive rural characteristics. Please add notes to places that represent the local character to you:

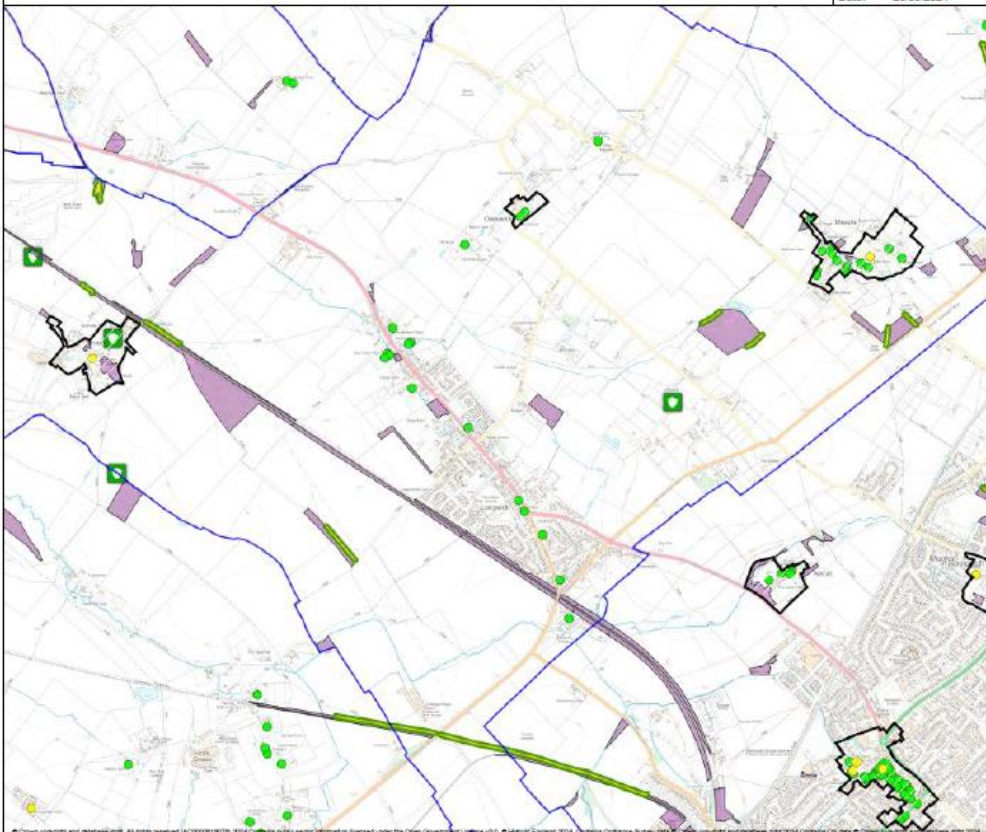
- E.g. What are these places? A specific building or groups of buildings/ fields/ roads and lanes/ areas with water/ openness/ views/
- Where are they?
- Why do they seem special to you? Shape, colour, building materials, the type or location of planting and trees/ the curve of the lanes/ straightness of the roads/ how people or wildlife use them

(See aerial photo and map of heritage and woodlands for information)



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 - I
 - II
 - III*
- Conservation Areas (England)
- Parish



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Table 4: What is missing?

Thinking ahead, what else is needed?

- More things for young people to do?
- More facilities for older people?
- More work opportunities or business spaces?
- More places to meet and socialise - indoors or outdoors?
- Improving public transport and reducing how traffic affects places - (discussion ongoing with Buckinghamshire Council...)?
- Something else?

Table 5: Get involved in the next steps...

If you are keen to be more involved in the coming months, please leave your email address below. Future activities could include assessing views of the area from Whiteleaf Cross and the AONB, or a detailed character assessment of the village.

Otherwise, there will be consultation events when the Consultation Draft Local Plan for Buckinghamshire is published next year.