

Feedback from Initial Community Survey

57 responses were received on paper or online, around 9% of the 650 homes. We now have 18 pages of resident ideas and comments to refer to. This feedback will help set the agenda for the development of the plan.

Long Leys is generally considered a nice place to live. In residents own words *“A quiet residential area with open spaces but in close proximity to Lincoln city centre via lovely picturesque walk through the common. Quiet but easy access to A46. Friendly neighbourhood, it’s like living in a country village but with the convenience of being right next to the city. A feeling of space and green areas. I like the Green spaces including West Common and Whitton Park. Feels a safe place to bring up my family. I like the sense of community, the tranquillity, the footpaths.”*

a) Land Use & Planning to 2040

Lack of facilities is the primary planning issue raised by residents. With a relatively small population (circa 1,500 people), Long Leys has little in the way of nearby facilities without traveling outside the area. Feedback on planning aspects included:

- Any housing or industrial development should preserve the “green look” of the area
- Adding a local shop (convenience store)
- Adding a community meeting place
- Considering the future of the industrial area in a residential location
- Better care and protection for green spaces and wildlife (community woodland)
- Improving footpaths and cycleways into city centre and consider ways of reducing/calming traffic
- Better infrastructure (doctor / dentist surgery)

b) Non-Planning Related (Operational) Issues

A number of operational issues were raised which, although not directly related to land use and planning, will be used by LLRA to better inform discussions with the community and outside organisations:

- Better bus services
- Better play area and equipment at Whitton Park. Recognised walking/running routes on West Common
- Better maintained paths and better lighting at Higson Steps
- Pedestrian crossing on Long Leys Road
- Seats on West Common and by Whitton Park bus stop
- Weight limit on HGV’s except for access
- Less vehicle speeding (especially off Long Leys Road)
- Maintain quiet nature of area
- No dog fouling and clean streets
- Bins off street quicker
- Better garden maintenance to stop bushes encroaching pavements.
- No parking on pavements and close to junctions
- More community events

The initial feedback is an excellent place to start the process. Surveys have also been sent to local businesses with a 1 June closing date and there will be extensive consultations with the community on issues over the next 12 months.