

Love's Farm
Community Association



Our Loves Farm

Proposal to our community: Community Plan
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Our Loves Farm: Community Plan

Loves Farm Community Association would like to work with you to develop a community plan.

We will talk briefly about:

- ▶ What is a community plan
 - ▶ What could it mean for Loves Farm
 - ▶ The proposal and collaboration approach
 - ▶ Next steps
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What is a community plan?

It is a process by which the whole community can voice their opinions on what actions they wish to see taken in their local area in the future.

The plan may:


- ▶ highlight actions that can be taken by community members
- ▶ be used to influence service providers such as the local authority
- ▶ act as evidence of need when applying for funding



What could it mean for Loves Farm?

We think we know what is good about Loves Farm and what needs to be improved but how do we achieve it?

The plan could:

- ▶ Recognise what we've already achieved
 - ▶ Help us to understand what our community would like us to do now and in the future
 - ▶ Set a framework for the LFCA to deliver our community priorities
 - ▶ Build on the examples which we know work already
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Our Loves Farm: we think we know what is good & what could be better

Quality of the houses, parks, school and environment

Neighbours and sense of community

Events and activities, our website

Potential infrastructure, station bridge, community centre, shops

Litter and dog fouling

Green open spaces and parks

Car parking and road layout

Access to/from the development

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Sources: LFCA, feedback from events, talking to our neighbours, 100 home surveyed, social media and website, our own views.

The proposal

Our community plan would aim to build on the great things we already have; our quiet green open spaces, our great homes, school, our access links and community spirit and work towards making it even better.

The community plan for Loves Farm would enable our emerging community to grow and develop to work together and deliver a positive outcome for all residents.

What could the basis of our community plan be?

- ▶ Provide a framework to 'wrap' what is being achieved already
 - ▶ Accept different agendas
 - ▶ Deliver quality not quantity
 - ▶ Be achievable; recognise varied commitment
 - ▶ Use local talent, knowledge and expertise
 - ▶ Be positive, engaging and accessible
 - ▶ Bring people together for a shared purpose or aim
 - ▶ Be clear about what won't be achieved
 - ▶ Not be about taking over or imposing a will but build on what is there already
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It will provide a framework to address some of the common issues and themes which we know our community would engage with and support.

Respect for each other:

Being considerate of each other and our environment

e.g parking, litter, dog fouling, speeding

Sharing spaces:

Using our shared spaces in a way which is understanding of everyone's needs

e.g paths and roads, station, football ground, eastern expansion, walking to school initiatives

Places for people:

Developing our community infrastructure and supporting events and initiatives

e.g community centre, parks and playgrounds, shops, orchards, vegetable patch/wildlife garden

Building our community:

Promoting Loves Farm as the place to be

e.g voice your choice, Huntingdonshire Matters, getting involved, events, branding, newsletter, being part of St Neots, testimonials, noticeboard

Collaboration circle: working together to deliver our aims





Summary – next steps

1. The proposal is accepted by the Annual General Meeting so the LFCA can take it forward with the community
2. We use the collaboration circle to i) develop, ii) design and iii) produce a community plan
3. In the next 18 months the LFCA implements the community plan, supported by wide engagement and communication