

HAT Projects

Jaywick Sands Place Plan

Autumn 2022 consultation report

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1. About this report

This report sets out how Tendring District Council undertook consultation on the Jaywick Sands Place Plan in Autumn 2022 and a summary of the main issues raised and findings from the consultation.

The Jaywick Sands Place Plan will be a regeneration framework that will guide the next steps of Tendring Council regarding Jaywick Sands. It will set out a recommended strategy that will meet the objectives for Jaywick Sands set out in the Local Plan:

- Transform housing quality and the built environment;
- Ensure long term flood resilience;
- Create greater connectivity to neighbouring areas;
- Attract commerce & new economic opportunities; and
- Improve people's life chances, access to public services & health & wellbeing

The aim of the consultation were to achieve the following:

- Centering the community in the process – ensuring that the commitment to developing the regeneration strategy through genuine community collaboration is carried through.
- Better informed local community about key issues, with a realistic understanding of the options, scenarios and risks.
- Insight into local community priorities– building and updating the evidence base for developing the Place Plan, understanding what incentives, risks and mitigation might be successful from a community perspective (user research)
- Building trust between community and TDC/ECC – celebrating successes already achieved

The consultation material was structured around the following themes and questions:

1. General perspectives on Jaywick Sands – positive and negative
2. Housing
3. Flood risk
4. Streets and open spaces
5. Shops and services
6. Design and character

2. About the consultation

The consultation was held from 9am on 5th September 2022 to 5pm on 27th October 2022. This

consultation period was extended from the original six-week period due to the unforeseen national mourning period for Queen Elizabeth II which fell during the consultation period.

The consultation included an online questionnaire on the Council's website; drop-in events at various locations around Jaywick Sands; an online webinar which was recorded and uploaded online; and the ability for respondents to use paper forms to respond or to respond via email.

The drop-in and online events held were:

- Saturday 24th September: Inclusion Ventures
- Wednesday 28th September: online webinar
- Friday 30th September: Inclusion Ventures (senior lunch club – not open to the general public)
- Friday 7th October – Martello Tower
- Thursday 13th October – Community Resource Centre
- Saturday 22nd October – Community Resource Centre

A range of methods of notification were used to inform the public about the consultation including:

- News releases from TDC's communications team which were picked up and covered in local news media
- Social media campaign including paid and organic posts across social media channels and into local groups, using specially commissioned videos
- Posters displayed at a range of local venues including shops and community venues
- Flyer distributed to all addresses in Jaywick Sands
- Emails to community groups and representatives
- Emails to wider TDC consultation mailing lists - 638 email notifications sent

3. Who did we reach with the consultation?

Mailing lists; 638 email notifications sent out, 236 letters sent out.

Around 115 people attended in-person drop-in events during the consultation period.

Social media posts reached over 12,000 people over the consultation period, generating up to 71 link clicks per post and a substantial amount of online engagement.

There were 222 views of the webinar (including asynchronous viewings of the recording).

The consultation survey gained 62 responses online, and 35 paper forms were received and transcribed into the survey software for analysis.

In addition 2 emails were received in response to the consultation, but did not use the form to answer specific consultation questions.

4. Findings from the consultation

4.1 General perspectives on Jaywick Sands

Positive qualities of Jaywick Sands

The positive aspects of Jaywick Sands that residents mentioned most frequently were:

- The beach, including it being quiet and not crowded, safe to swim
- The community spirit and friendly people – including comments that it was a peaceful and stress-free place to live, and the varied weekly groups and events

Other positive aspects mentioned included:

- Interesting history – unique road names and layout
- Quaint style of houses– ‘not another bit of Clacton or a twee village’ ‘unique architecture’ ‘Bohemian feel to the area’
- Access to open space for walking, cycling – a rural location with green fields surrounding the village
- Local cafes and eateries and the local market/bootsale
- Low traffic
- Affordable property

Comments included:

“Beautiful beach, great community, quiet”

“Closest I could be to Benidorm without moving. I feel safe living here as a retiree”

“I love the slow pace of life, access to a beautiful beach, friendly people, I like the fact I feel safe here.”

Aspects of Jaywick Sands that respondents want to change

A wide range of issues were raised, but the following were the most frequently mentioned:

- Derelict houses and plots – raised very frequently as the priority to tidy up and redevelop
- Maintenance of the public realm
- Rubbish, including fly-tipping and domestic waste, abandoned vehicles, and needing more litter bins in the public realm
- Condition of Brooklands road – potholes, speeding, one way system desired
- Motorbikes and speeding generally
- Lack of secure parking
- Toilets for the beach

Other aspects raised included:

- Lack of disabled access, including condition of pavements, access to the beach and the seafront promenade
- More shops and cafes and tourist attractions
- Dirty
- Unsafe
- Drug dealing, alcohol and drug abuse and anti-social behaviour
- Stop access from Lotus Way to Brooklands Gardens
- More shops and cafes
- Lack of affordable housing for singles and couples not just families
- Play areas for children
- Sports facilities, e.g. bike track, gym equipment
- Links and access to Seawick and St Osyth
- Keep a sense of continuity and history
- Street lighting needing improvement
- Difficult tenants/residents
- Park Square West road surface
- More facilities

4.2 Housing

Most of the respondents to the consultation owned a home in Jaywick and lived in it full time. Relatively few rented, but the ten attendees at one of the events were elderly renters and their insights were useful.

Homeowners said they wanted to make improvements generally – with only 27% stating they wanted to make no changes to their property. All the suggested improvements were popular, with energy efficiency the most frequently chosen. Some residents mentioned the extensive insulation and air source heat pump installation programme from several years ago and that they had already invested substantially in improving their properties. Some felt that these improvements were good and had made a difference; others that they were poor quality.

Some residents indicated they would be willing to move out while homes were improved, but many were not willing or not sure. Written responses to this question showed that more information would be needed about how this would happen in practice.

Renters responding to the survey indicated they would like to keep living in their current rental home, rather than renting a different home either locally or elsewhere. The elderly renters at the in-person event on the 20th Sept felt they would like to move to more modern and better quality rented accommodation. More needs to be done to understand tenants preferences as the sample size was so small.

Views about building more homes either side of Lotus Way were split. Some respondents saw a need for more housing and felt that this could be a way to rehouse residents from existing homes, while others felt that there needed to be more investment in infrastructure alongside; that some of the land should be used for commercial development or open space/sports facilities; that wildlife impacts were a concern; and that flood risk was a concern. Comments also criticised the design of the recently built council homes and expressed strong views that additional housing should not be similarly designed. Some commented that existing derelict plots should be redeveloped first. There was a range of views about whether new housing should be council / affordable rent or for sale, with advocates for each.

There was strong support for building new homes on the small plots in Brooklands owned by TDC. Similar questions and concerns were raised about the design of new properties not being too tall and blocking views; but respondents generally felt that this would help improve the appearance of the area; deter fly-tipping and other antisocial activity on disused plots; and that it might encourage other property owners to improve their plots. Concerns were raised about flood risk and environmental impacts.

4.3 Flood risk

There was an almost even split of views among respondents about whether flooding was a concern. Many respondents commented that the building up of the beach (due to the rock groyne) had stopped tides reaching the sea wall and therefore reduced the flood risk. Some commented that the flooding in 1953 came 'round the back' and would not happen today; or that the back of Brooklands was where additional protection was needed.

Around half the respondents stated they would not move away from Jaywick if flooding became more common, although nearly half the responses stated they would move or they were not sure, indicating a degree of uncertainty. Reasons given included the cost of moving and the affordability of alternative housing given the likely slump in property prices in Jaywick itself; affection for the area and the community; and the sense that you would just have to 'deal with it' as part of everyday life. Those who stated they might move, raised concerns about requiring compensation and whether they could afford to move. Responses that were uncertain about how they would respond to increased flooding raised questions about how severe it might be, and what their property might end up being worth.

Most respondents indicated they had not had issues gaining a mortgage or insurance. Those who had experienced problems, gave a range of factors which did include flood risk, but also included the timber framed construction and flat roofs that are common to many properties.

Respondents had a range of ideas about how Jaywick Sands should be made more flood safe. These included:

- Restricting additional housebuilding and reducing the population in Jaywick – concerns were raised about increasing the population who needed to be evacuated
- Higher walls and more rock groynes, including more beach recharge
- Building flood safe homes with raised floor levels, but ensuring they were disabled accessible.
- Building properties out of materials that can dry out quickly
- More defences to the rear of the community
- Widen sea defences instead of, or in addition to, raising the height
- Defences further out to sea rather than close to the existing properties
- Improve drainage within the community.
- Building steps up to the roofs of existing homes so that residents could reach safety in the case of a flood
- Raising the ground level of the whole community
- Better emergency planning

Respondents, when asked where they saw the future of Jaywick Sands given the flood risk, gave a wide range of responses. Positive visions included:

- A popular beach resort
- A thriving community once sufficient investment is made in protecting people and property from the sea
- Up and coming
- With higher flood protection, remaining as it is now
- Removing the tarnished reputation

Those who gave pessimistic responses such as ‘under water’ or a place where people would no longer be able to live. Some commented that much of Essex would be underwater in the future so Jaywick would be no exception.

Many comments on this topic emphasized the resilience of Jaywick Sands and its ability to survive challenges despite the lack of investment and the negative attitude of authorities.

“Flourishing, I hope, as it has always done. It is a unique and wonderful place!”

“I’m sure, with some ingenuity, that Jaywick will survive”

4.4 Streets and open spaces

There was very strong support for reconfiguring Brooklands to be a one-way street. The perceived benefits were safety for drivers and pedestrians. Those who raised concerns about the one-way approach commented that parking for residents needed to be considered; that one-way streets increased traffic speeds rather than reducing them; that the footway should be on the sea wall side rather than next to homes; that bus routes needed to be maintained; that more benches and bins were needed, particularly at bus stops; that lighting needed to be improved; that other traffic calming measures (e.g. speed bumps) would be preferable.

Other open space improvements were widely supported, with no stand-out preferences and enthusiasm for most of the suggestions put forward as examples in the questionnaire (including tree planting, play facilities, allotments, . Further suggestions not included in the list were:

- More bus shelters
- Pavement improvements
- Disabled access improvements generally through the community and onto the seafront,

including for mobility scooters

- Litter bins and dog bins particularly on the seafront
- BMX and skate park
- Boardwalk on the beach providing disabled and buggy access to the sea, now the beach was so wide that it was difficult to be accessible
- Adult outdoor gym equipment
- Playing fields and tennis courts

Areas to improve were also varied, with Brooklands Gardens and the green space along Lotus Way mentioned more frequently than others, but with support for improvements to all spaces listed.

Other suggestions included keeping dykes and ditches clean; and buying back sites with planning permission for flats to use as open space. Additional off-street parking for residents was frequently mentioned.

Many respondents stated that all open spaces and streets needed improvement, particularly with regard to maintenance, stating that existing maintenance was already inadequate. The role of residents in maintaining green spaces was mentioned, both positively (as an example of community spirit) and negatively (perceived as the authorities neglecting their responsibilities). Concerns were raised about new equipment or improved spaces requiring maintenance or else the investment would be wasted.

4.5 Shops and services

Most respondents identified a lack of shops and services locally. A small supermarket was the most popular suggestion for additional shops, followed by healthcare; but many respondents expressed support for the full range of suggestions given, including social infrastructure such as a library and nursery/preschool. Other comments raised:

- Grocery shops and supermarkets, particularly in Brooklands; the high price and lack of quality and availability of fresh food in existing shops was raised frequently
- The existing outdoor market/bootsale was mentioned positively by many respondents, alongside a concern that it would no longer be allowed once the new 'market' development was complete.
- Public toilets and changing facilities.
- Lack of cash machines that are not located in shops (i.e. accessible when shops are closed);
- Lack of disabled accessible shops, cafes and pharmacies
- Lack of doctors and dentists.
- Some concerns were raised about additional shops putting the existing shops out of business.
- More businesses were requested in terms of job creation.
- Petrol station
- Police station
- Social club for adults with a bar
- Social clubs and facilities for teenagers
- Additional primary school
- Food bank, toy library and second-hand clothes shop (this may indicate a lack of awareness of existing services run by community groups)

4.6 Design and character

There was very strong support and appreciation for the existing character and built form of Jaywick Sands, with over 70% saying they liked the layout and character of the community. Comments included that it was an innovative design with a lot of history; that it is charming; that the layout is easy to find your way around; that it is unique and different from other places due to the distinctive eclectic nature of homes. There were positive comments about the relationship to

the beach and to the open landscape, and that all homes had gardens even though small.

Comments mentioned that the condition of properties was a negative and unsafe, that plots and lanes were too narrow and cramped, and that homes were too small for families.

Respondents strongly disliked the design of the new homes built recently by TDC. The negative aspects that were raised included the lack of disabled accessibility and not being suited to those with children either due to the external stairs; concerns around the safety of metal external stairs in winter with rain and ice; daylight reduction and overlooking for neighbours; that they all looked the same which was not 'in keeping' with the character of Jaywick; that they were ugly and clinical looking; that they were too tall and intrusive. Some positive comments were received including that they were clean and streamlined; that the pitched roofs were appropriate; that they were not too brightly coloured, that they were modern, functional and smart. Most respondents stated they would not want to live in one of those new homes, for similar reasons.

Respondents had a range of views on how new homes should be designed in Jaywick Sands. Many stated that while they should be raised up for flood safety, they should not be more than two storeys high; some stated bungalows only with flood defences improved so they were safe; should be disabled accessible; should be similar to the existing buildings and character of the area, with varied appearance rather than repetitive; with families in mind; that they should be environmentally friendly with solar panels and green roofs. The homes on Triumph Avenue were cited as a good example.

Several respondents stated that building on double plots should be the minimum, as single plots were too small.

"Flood resilient chalet bungalows" was a typical suggestion for how new homes should be designed.

4.7 Other matters raised

- Additional road out from Grasslands for flood evacuation and to reduce traffic on Jaywick Lane
- Car park and WC facilities in the Village area
- Signage near Tamarisk Way car park which currently incorrectly signs vehicles along Brooklands in order to access the caravan parks and Martello Tower, when they should be directed along Lotus Way.
- Employment opportunities
- Improvements to bring more tourists and businesses
- Police and Council presence
- Action on fly-tipping and rubbish dumping
- Disabled accessibility
- Sorting out the social issues first
- Building bigger family homes, with small plots being seen as too small to adequately build good quality homes
- Street lighting
- More GP and dentist provision
- Demolishing 'eyesores' and derelict properties
- Inspections of rental properties and enforcement on landlords
- Closing the Never Say Die pub as a location for trouble
- Cycle routes and footpath signage
- Murals along the sea wall
- Concern about potential CPO
- Concern about Tudor Estate being neglected in the Place Plan
- Shaming of Jaywick Sands – reputational issues
- Foul drainage network inadequate

- Funding of services currently run by volunteers (e.g. library)

Comments were also received about community engagement and involvement with the Place Plan and regeneration process. Respondents highlighted the need and desire for residents and local community groups to be fully involved with emerging plans and with their delivery. Concerns were also raised about leaflets regarding the consultation not having been received, and publicity not being adequate. The need for consistent and regular communication, and clear signposting for residents wishing to find out information and receive updates, was highlighted.

4.8 Statutory consultee responses

The following statutory consultee responses were received and are summarised below:

Environment Agency

- Comments on the stated flood depths with regard to most recent modelling
- The EA would not support any net increase of population in the parts of Jaywick Sands falling within Flood Zone 3
- Support for the broad preferred options identified at this stage but observed that the currently ruled out option of full decant with no rebuild should be highlighted as the necessary fall back option if partnership funding not found for improvements to flood defences
- EA would prefer to see any Council-led redevelopment being to full flood safety standards not the betterment standards set out in the draft SPD.
- EA would prefer to see small plots used to increase the plot size of adjacent plots, de-densifying the settlement, rather than redeveloped
- Support for SuDS along Lotus Way, improvements to green spaces that create wildlife habitats, increase tree cover and mitigate carbon emissions
- Comments on funding and deliverability of improved tidal flood defences in the light of the study now completed by the EA which has established their preferred options (economically preferred and locally preferred) which highlights the funding shortfall for the delivery of improved defences.

Essex County Fire and Rescue Service

- Importance of resident and tenant engagement, education and awareness campaigns
- Implementation of regulatory requirements and best practice for fire safety in all development
- Consideration for improving road widths, additional access points to the Brooklands area and safe access routes for fire appliances generally
- Consideration of additional evacuation routes for residents in Brooklands and Grasslands in particular
- Support the provision of off-street (on plot) parking
- Storage of refuse to consider potential for fire spread
- Land management strategy to minimize potential spread of fire from or towards development sites

Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care Board (SNEE ICB) representing the following organisations:

- North East Essex Health and Wellbeing Alliance
- Primary Care providers – Clacton Community Practice (CCP) within Ranworth Primary Care Network
- East Suffolk and North Essex Foundation Trust (ESNEFT)
- East of England Ambulance Service (EEAST)
- Essex Partnership University Trust (EPUT)

Comments included:

- Stresses importance of engaging the community in decision-making and through the process, with a recommendation to focus specifically on population groups known to be impacted by inequalities. Support offered to enable this.
- Ageing population and families with children under 5 raised as priority groups for engagement

- NHS England will not consider any proposal for a new healthcare service facility within an established flood zone area. Any design that includes full mitigation would also need to be fully financially viable.
- Estimates of additional requirements for primary healthcare services are provided in relation to the preferred options in the Place Plan consultation
- Healthy placemaking principles that support the wider determinants of health should be embedded.
- Welcome proposals to improve the area's green infrastructure and provide more active lifestyle opportunities
- Village centre development could provide positive opportunities for a community health hub combining a range of services and facilities. This should be discussed with the North East Essex Health & Wellbeing Alliance members.
- Social care should be considered as part of the SPD process

4.9 Non-statutory consultee responses

- Bridleways Association: Footpath 20 along the shoreline should be upgraded to a multi-use route suitable for equestrians
- Colchester Cycling Campaign: Improvements should be made to the Jaywick-Clacton cycle route link. Cycle parking at home should be a key consideration in the design of any new dwellings.

5. Next steps

Following consideration of the consultation responses, a draft Place Plan that sets out the preferred strategy will be developed by the consultant team. This will be presented for consideration by elected members at Tendring District Council and will be published for full public consultation prior to being adopted either as a Supplementary Planning Document or a non-statutory regeneration framework.

Appendix: Full event records

Saturday 24th September: Inclusion Ventures

Time: 12pm – 2pm

HAT/TDC: HL, RK, ES

Number of Attendees: 30

Matters raised:

- There was support for the one way system on Brooklands and increasing the safety of pedestrians and cyclists
- Increased facilities for residents, amenities such as public loos, public benches (bus stops, sea front and parkland)
- The parks (open spaces) need updating and maintaining, this has been carried out by Jaywick volunteer groups
- Support for a higher, wider sea wall that would enable a promenade for pedestrians, cyclists and those using mobility scooters.
- Residents wanted to see financial support or incentives for more businesses, in particular leisure activities related to its coastal position, beach bars, amusements, water sports (paddle boarding, kite surfing and sea kayaking). This would generate employment and custom for other local businesses.
- Most of those who attended said they wanted more bins available on the beach – how can you attract people to the beach when there are not the facilities for them to use?
- Lighting on Brooklands is needed
- More bins along Brooklands are needed – public bins for visitors to use as well as residents
- Landlords should take responsibility and be held accountable for the condition of their properties
- Clear some of the sea holly from the beach – create boardwalk/buggy route from the street frontage to the sea so that it is accessible for everyone
- Resident parking for seafront residents is needed
- Need more extensive play equipment for younger kids and teenagers especially in Brooklands – but must be maintained
- Outdoor gym equipment on the beach would be good.
- Refuse collection: this does not happen on the residential rounds with any level of routine or frequency; this encourages fly tipping and causes a public health issue with rotting waste and subsequently infestations next to residential properties. The lack of recycling on residential collections was raised, Thurrock should be looked at as an example.
- The idea of a 'skip scatter' was raised, long term this is not an option but be a short-term easy visible win for the council. Publicise locations where they will be for a limited period so they can have an immediate impact. TDC could liaise with community groups on this?
- Negligent landlords: many residents felt strongly that absent landlords leave their properties in a state of disrepair, which the TDC are 'paying for through benefits'. This results in the issues of waste as mentioned above. More importantly it ensures that the tenants are kept in a cycle of deprivation as unsafe housing affects every aspect of their lives. Poor housing leads to poor health, leads to poor social outcomes, which tends to lower educational outcomes etc
- Roads: the substandard state of the majority of roads was mentioned. As too was the dangerous state of many pavements – forcing people to walk in the

Wednesday 28th September: Webinar

Time: 7pm – 8pm

HAT/TDC: HL, SR, AB, GG

Number of Attendees: 2 (at the time, 220 viewed asynchronously)

Summary of main issues raised:

- Concern about flooding and how any plans can be developed while improvement of flood defences is uncertain.

Friday 30th September: Inclusion Ventures (Seniors' Lunch)

Time: 12.40pm – 2.30pm

HAT/TDC: ES

Number of Attendees: 10

Matters raised:

- The friendly and welcoming community was mentioned by all
- More amenities at the beach front, in particular public loos, bins (dog bins as well) and benches. Other changes roads and pavements need making safe – pavements cited as a particular danger to elderly residents and mobility scooters.
- Address the anti-social behaviour issues
- The majority of the attendees lived in rented accommodation and would like to move to different rented accommodation that was better insulated, more modern, built to better standards
- Broad support for new homes at Lotus way (only on one side not both) as more modern housing is needed, they also supported building new homes on existing TDC plots in Brooklands.
- the majority of them also had no concerns about future flooding in Jaywick Sands, previous close calls have been dealt with by the Local Authority. If there was increased flooding they would be unable to move out of the area as they have no where else to go. Of those asked about insurance they did not know if flooding was covered.
- To increase flood safety there should be design guidance that states ground floor garages should have doors that open on both sides so in a flood event the water can run straight through
- Everyone supported Brooklands becoming one way, citing it as currently begin unsafe for pedestrians, cyclists and dangerous for traffic. Traffic calming measures were mentioned – bumps etc The uneven pavements were mentioned by almost everyone as being very dangerous.
- For Open Spaces more tree planting and make them cleaner. The path at the end of Brooklands was mentioned as having a lot of litter around it. There was support for outdoor gym equipment, more benches (some concerns expressed about them being stolen), allotments and play equipment and facilities for teenagers. A bike track that could be used by children and teenagers was suggested. Open Space improvements required at Brooklands Green. Jasmine Way Park saw family fun day events that were organised by the travelling community, sports days etc they were reported to have been very well attended and very popular with all.
- Not enough shops, those that are there are too expensive and have limited stock due to their size. The majority wanted to see a supermarket, nursery, library and healthcare provision – the Market Site was suggested as a drop in venue for this healthcare provision.

- Most residents like the Design and Character of Jaywick, a few people would like to see properties better maintained to improve overall appearance. The majority of people are not keen on the TDC new builds, stairs frequently mentioned as inaccessible and difficult for young families. There was support for double plot builds in Brooklands.
- Crime and anti-social behaviour, drug and alcohol abuse within specific areas was cited as a major issue for residents. This was linked in with negligent landlords.
- Increased facilities for residents, amenities such as public loos, public benches (bus stops, sea front and parkland)
- To increase tourism residents wanted to see financial support or incentives for more businesses, in particular leisure activities related to its coastal position, beach bars, amusements, water sports (paddle boarding, kite surfing and sea kayaking). This would generate employment and custom for other local businesses.
- All those who attended said they wanted more bins available on the beach and increased signage to the beach – how can you attract people to the beach when there are not the facilities for them to use?

Friday 7th October: Martello Tower

Time: 1pm – 3pm

HAT/TDC: HL, SR, ES, DW

Number of Attendees: 23

Matters raised:

- Concerns about possibility of compulsory purchase orders being used to move people away from and redevelop houses on seafront, based on reading of the interim report on the Place Plan.
- General support for one-way street on Brooklands to benefit pedestrians and maintain/improve bus route. Some questions raised over resident parking and which side of the road would be best for pedestrians. One resident suggested using vacant council plots for parking.
- General displeasure about new houses, they don't fit in with their context in Jaywick and people were not happy about accessibility issues caused by stairs
- Services: Toilet facilities requested along beach, not just at market but at the other end of the Village too. A police station based in Jaywick rather than Clacton was suggested.
- Some residents expressed frustration at the focus on Brooklands and Grasslands, questioning where "Jaywick Sands" is and whether they are part of the Place Plan if they live in the Village or Tudor Estate.
- Some residents wanted to know more about sea defences and occasionally frustrated to hear there was no EA report at this time
- A resident was dissatisfied with the council paying housing benefits towards the rent of substandard housing in Jaywick, and the lack of action against negligent landlords. DW explained the legislative limitations for benefit payments and reassured the resident that enforcement officers for unsafe housing are being recruited specifically for Jaywick. Some comments were made by others about poor upkeep of some properties and waste being left in gardens.
- Comment about discussions on Facebook on the Place Plan that might be worth capturing
- Shaming of Jaywick Sands – Jaywick being the butt of jokes, constantly being linked to deprivation – Brooklands not a good advertisement for Jaywick
- Some complaints about potholes and broken street lighting.
- Lack of pavements – Improvements to roads in Brooklands was commended and more was said to be needed to improve environs, and pedestrian safety and accessibility.

- Lack of infrastructure is off putting
- Surprising no water recreation
- Prospect of amphibious properties on Brooklands
- Don't build on greenfield sites
- Do build on Lotus Way land and support building more council housing
- Build on brownfield derelict plots
- There are double plots that could be built on.
- Concerned about flood evacuation of more people who might end up being in Jaywick Sands
- Rubbish on vacant plots is an issue
- In favour of Brooklands becoming one-way but should incorporate resident parking
- Some residents have far too many cars – one property on Riley Avenue has ten cars.
- Not worried about flooding as the beach has been built up so much that the tide no longer comes up to the sea wall
- Jaywick is improving
- Flytipping is a problem
- Interested in extending their existing home upwards
- Open space off Lotus Way should be used for playing fields/tennis courts
- Need a mini supermarket (e.g. Tesco) at the Brooklands end of the community
- The mess of vacant plots should be tidied up
- Need a new playpark
- Make sea defences wider so you can walk down them and there can be more facilities/stuff eg. seating
- Sceptical of flooding but want to be safe not sorry
- Access in and out of Jaywick is an issue for mobility scooters – they go along the seafront but the path needs to be maintained and sand cleared off it. There is no link through from Haolland to Clacton that is good for these users either on the road or the path.
- The new houses built by TDC are horrible with no access for disabled people
- Do something about the derelict buildings and spaces
- New homes should be in keeping – this means chalets, bungalows with parking, which are unique
- Don't need to build on every plot – 2 plots to become one is a good idea
- Paving areas for residents on empty plots
- Lidl or some similar supermarket, but existing shops should not be put out of business
- There should be more grants for insulation and solar energy
- Not worried about the 100 year future as won't be around to see it
- Less talk more action
- Should have a beachfront cafe

Thursday 13th October: Community Resource Centre

Time: 9.30am – 11.30am

HAT/TDC: HL, SR, DW, TRC

Number of Attendees: 24

Summary of main issues raised:

- Antisocial behaviour and vandalism by young people. Although increased provision for them in open spaces is generally welcome, most felt more services and things to do for teenagers was needed

- Mostly agreement about making Brooklands one-way, many wanted even more traffic-calming measures like speed bumps. Fixing potholes a priority.
- A couple of people did not like the road resurfacing and thought the older roads had a charm to them that added to the uniqueness of Jaywick
- One resident expressed a wish to move away from Jaywick if they could but is unable to sell / get a mortgage. Is also unable to extend (increase hab rooms) due to flood risk. Feels stuck
- A few residents pointed out lack of internet access for many residents in Jaywick and hence why some might not have heard about the consultation events or struggle to engage with process generally if focussed online
- Many seemed to be aware of the flood risk but thought they were at greater risk from it coming from the “back” or St Osyth’s, and thought more attention should be paid there
- Signage on Tamarisk Way points vehicles going to the caravan parks and the Martello Tower the wrong way – they should be directed round Lotus Way but currently they are being directed down Brooklands, which is unsuitable.
- Put mirrors on the sea wall to improve visibility for vehicles exiting the side streets
- Speed bumps/chicanes on Brooklands
- Lotus Way has some bad sinkholes
- The Mermaid site should be a supermarket with flats above
- Need a dental surgery e.g. mobile service
- Need a locally based vet as so many people have pets but struggle to access vets for vaccinations etc
- Use TDC owned plots for resident parking and bin storage areas
- More off-street parking is needed – off Lotus way
- Need a flood proof road
- Residents should have alternatives e.g. cash for their home, or an alternative house they can move to.
- Jaywick feels safer than Clacton
- Build homes for single people and couples as well as families. Homes should be affordable rent not for sale.
- Need jobs as well
- New houses built by TDC are ugly.
- Sewer system isn’t coping and needs an upgrade
- Playground on the former café site (next to new homes)
- Help residents upgrade their energy efficiency
- Mermaid site should be a supermarket – need more shops
- Don’t build homes without enough local services
- Are there going to be enough bins on the market site?

Saturday 22nd October: Community Resource Centre

Time: 10.30am – 1pm

HAT/TDC: HL, RK, SR, AB, GG

Number of Attendees: 25

Summary of main issues raised:

- Some dissatisfaction about MP coming to event but not engaging with public
- Questions about what is happening next with market building, who/what will be moving in there?

- One resident commented that the pictures of houses were all from the Village and none from Brooklands, which is where they live and where the consultation is asking about. Also commented on fly-tipping and the need for easy, affordable ways for people to get rid of their waste, and asked for better general maintenance of public spaces (grass cutting of verges). This resident agreed Brooklands Rd needed improvement (especially potholes) but was concerned about movements in and out of avenues that are cul-de-sacs.
- General comments asking why build something new when one is not going to look after / improve existing.
- Flood Risk
- How can you do anything without fixing flood defences?
- CPO – No
- Supermarket
- Maintenance of properties and gardens
- Physical notice boards in various locations
- Character and Design
- Not like new houses
- Strongly against the use of compulsory purchase orders i.e. a blanket TPO
- She didn't like the recent development of the 10 houses by the Council. They were too large, inadequate for people with disabilities and out of keeping with the area
- Supported limited development either side of Tudor Way. The Council will need to ensure the housing is for local residents who are in inadequate housing and not people on the Council waiting list who live elsewhere in the District
- Litter was a significant problem; this needs to be addressed, monitored and enforced
- House at Swift Avenue (no. 25) marked on the visual condition survey map as in a poor condition but resident felt that was not accurate.
- More information should be given about common housing safety / flood safety issues in homes and how to improve them.
- Disabled access to the new-build properties is a real issue
- Dike at rear of Brooklands is too overgrown and becomes a drug-taking site – should be cleared. The dike won't be functioning properly in terms of drainage.
- Why can't the Crown Estate ownership be ceded to TDC?
- Fly tipping on beach is a problem
- Road sweeping only happens on the main road, not the side roads, and should be addressed.
- Old inadequate properties should be pulled down and replaced with bungalow not 'great big houses' like the ones TDC has built, which are not in keeping
- General lack of housing is a problem
- Worried about flooding
- Would have bought one of the new homes if it had a lift but going up and down stairs is not possible
- Support Brooklands being one-way
- Shops in the village are really expensive – need a proper supermarket
- Need a bigger GP surgery – have to wait weeks for an appointment
- Should keep the villagey look of Jaywick
- Bus cuts are a problem
- Raise rock groynes, not the sea wall.
- Pull down the derelict homes and clear the sites. Use them for new house.
- There's a lot good about Jaywick already
- More police presence needed
- Car boot sale should continue – it also sells fresh fruit and veg
- Would be good to have a social club (like a pub)/youth club which could be volunteer run.
- The sense of community is special – it feels like being in the 1950s.

- Need more work and access to work – the bus fare to Colchester is really expensive
- 'Nice' landlords don't touch Jaywick so you end up with bad ones.