



WISBOROUGH GREEN PARISH COUNCIL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE



THIS QUESTIONNAIRE IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR THE VILLAGE. PLEASE COMPLETE AND DON'T GIVE UP!

INTRODUCTION

We are asking you to complete this questionnaire to help update the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) to ensure that the Plan is fit for purpose in reflecting accurately the wishes of the community for the future of Wisborough Green.

The current Neighbourhood Plan, which is available on the village website, has proved to be a valuable document, with policies successfully protecting the village from inappropriate development. In addition to allocating further developments sites, we are also using this review opportunity to improve, strengthen and update some of the policies where ambiguity has been identified by planning examiners.

All information given is anonymous and the questions are purely to help identify any concerns within the village, gain a further understanding of how our community works, and where improvements (if any) might be made.

The Housing Needs Survey, circulated in 2018, has already given us some information required for this review so the following sections relate to concerns identified previously and we need to know if anything has changed. Please consult with household members and provide a collective answer where possible. The length of this questionnaire reflects the importance of the information that we hope you will give us for the village, so thank you for completing.

Please read instructions for each question carefully and please answer every question before you move onto the next section by **ticking the appropriate white boxes and making further comments as necessary.**

The Parish Council has engaged Action in rural Sussex to distribute the survey and provide independent analysis of the results. AirS, established in 1931, is an independent charity that supports rural communities to be vibrant and diverse places in which to live and work.

Please therefore return the survey directly to Action in rural Sussex in the prepaid envelope provided and by **Friday 7th February 2020.** Thank you.

Wisborough Green Parish Council

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1.

ABOUT YOUR HOUSEHOLD

2. Is this your main residence or additional home?

Main residence		Additional home	
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3. On behalf of how many people in your household are you responding?

1	2	3	4	5	6	6 +

4. In which area of the Parish do you live?

Bedham/Brick Kiln Common/Fittleworth Road	
Billingshurst Road/Old Mill Lane/Glebe Way/Harsfold Lane The Longcroft/Wisborough Gardens	
Butts Meadow/Thornton Meadow/Wyatt Close/Wyatt House	
Carters Way/The Luth	
Durbans Road	
Kirdford Road/Skiff Lane	
Newpound Lane	
Newpound/Roundstreet Common	
Petworth Road/Balchins Close	
School Road/Around the Green	

5. How long has your household lived in Wisborough Green?

0 - 5 years	6 - 20 years	Over 20 years

OBJECTIVES

6. These are the current objectives in the Neighbourhood Plan. They are the actions needed to safeguard the special qualities of Wisborough Green which were identified through previous consultations.

Should these objectives remain in the updated Neighbourhood Plan?	YES	NO
a. Promote appropriate developments, activities and facilities that actively contribute to the special qualities of Wisborough Green and the wellbeing of the community.		
b. Accommodate sustainable housing development on the allocated sites in accordance with the Chichester Local Plan and The National Planning Policy Framework.		
c. Ensure that all new housing and/or extension reflects the established Sussex vernacular of the Parish in terms of density, building styles and materials, respecting existing Listed and other historic buildings and features.		
d. Ensure that such open market development reflects local housing needs providing multi-use housing appropriate for all age groups, and that affordable housing is prioritised for people with defined local connection to Wisborough Green.		
e. Encourage the provision of new open and green spaces for sporting and general social/recreational use by the community.		
f. Define a new Settlement Boundary and identify sites where appropriate development will be accommodated.		
g. Encourage sustainable design that promotes awareness of energy conservation and efficiency in mitigation of climate change.		
h. Protect and conserve the special qualities of the South Downs National Park.		
i. Encourage the conservation and enhancement of the historic environment.		
j. Protect and enhance the natural environment, both habitats and landscapes.		

If NO to any of the above, please explain why not:

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VISION STATEMENT

The Vision Statement sets out how we 'see' our village going forward.

Wisborough Green will continue to be a traditional rural Parish that welcomes positive change, sustainable growth and progress, whilst conserving and enhancing the special qualities that create this small but thriving community within its unique, historical, and precious environment, for current and future generations to enjoy."

7. Do you agree with this vision?

Yes		No	
If NO, please explain:			

PARKING

In the Neighbourhood Plan we originally included a Parking Policy but this was removed by the examiner as it was not in line with National Policy; we were not given the opportunity to re-word.

Many people have commented on the problem of vehicle parking in the village and congestion at critical points, eg, on the estates, around the Green and associated with the school. We are asking these questions so that we have an understanding of how the current traffic affects you and how we can plan so that any proposed developments will not have similar problems. We hope that this will be the evidence required to support a Parking Provision and Standards Policy in the reviewed NP.

8. Is this a concern to you?

Yes		No	
If YES, in what area? Please provide details.			

9. How many vehicles do your household use?

1	2	3	4	5 +

10. How many vehicles do you have off-road parking for?

1	2	3	4	5 +

PARKING**11. Do you have off-road parking space that is taken up by other stationary vehicles, eg, caravans, trailers, unused vehicles?**

Yes		No	
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12. How do the number of vehicles you have match with the number of bedrooms in your house?

	1 Bedroom	2 bedrooms	3 bedrooms	4 bedrooms	5 + bedrooms
1 vehicle					
2 vehicles					
3 vehicles					
4+ vehicles					

13. Are your vehicles used for (please specify number for each use)

	Business/Work	Personal Use
Number of vehicles		

14. Do you have a garage?

Yes		No	
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If you don't use your garage to park, please explain why not?

15. If you live in Carters Way or Butts Meadow, would you support the conversion of the garage blocks to create parking spaces?

Yes		No		Not Applicable	
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If NO, why not?

PARKING

16. What do you feel is the major parking concern in Wisborough Green?

17. On the new Songhurst Meadow development (Durbans Road) a small parking area for 14 cars will be provided at the entrance for community use. Do you have any other useful suggestions for consideration that might improve problem parking in areas of Wisborough Green?

18. Do you have or are you considering buying an electric car within 5 years?

Yes

No

If NO, please explain:

19. Do you feel that parking spaces with electric charging points should be available in the village?

Yes

No

If NO, please explain:

TRANSPORT

Establishing and understanding your transport needs and routines may provide justification for a change in future planning for the village and support our parking policy. We have a limited bus service but are fortunate to have two volunteer transport services; a community minibus which is available for all to use, and also a medical car service for those without alternative means to get to appointments.

20. Do you use the buses?

Yes		No	
If NO, please explain why not?			

21. Do you use the Wisborough Green minibus?

Yes		No	
If YES, are there any additional services that would be useful? If NO, why not?			

22. Do you use the Medical Car Service?

Yes		No	
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23. Would you be prepared to volunteer to help support and expand the volunteer services?

Yes		No	
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24. If you have a car, how often do you use it?

Daily	Weekly	Occasional Use	Not Applicable

TRANSPORT

25. Do you believe that putting new residential development within a 5 minute walking distance of the village centre discourages car use?

Yes		No	
If NO, why not?			

POLICIES

NEW POLICY: Communications and Connectivity

It is our intention to include a new policy with the intent:

To ensure sufficient and appropriate access to telecommunication is provided within the infrastructure of any new development in Wisborough Green.

26. Do you agree with this policy intent?

Yes		No	
If NO, why not?			

27. Please rate your current broadband speed?

Good	Acceptable	Poor	Not Applicable

28. Please rate your mobile phone coverage in the Parish?

Good	Acceptable	Poor	Not Applicable

POLICIES

NEW POLICY: Biodiversity

That is **Biological – diversity –** which is the technical term for life on Earth. It is essential for human existence and is composed of different aspects such as species, habitats, genes, ecosystems and landscapes. It is what makes places different and special. Currently, the loss of species and habitats is happening at such a rate that it poses as much a danger to life on Earth as climate change.

The Parish contains a wealth of wildlife sites and species, and we are keen that these special areas are offered protection particularly in light of the new development taking place in Wisborough Green. Consideration of the natural environment/biodiversity is integral to the entire current Neighbourhood Plan which continues in the updated revision. It is therefore the intention to expand this protection by including a new policy in the reviewed Neighbourhood Plan with the intent:

To ensure that proposals for any new development should include mitigation to protect and conserve the existing green infrastructure and biodiversity within the local environment and, where possible, enhance it by instigating programmes and projects that promote wildlife, flora and fauna.

29. Do you agree with this policy intent?

Yes

No

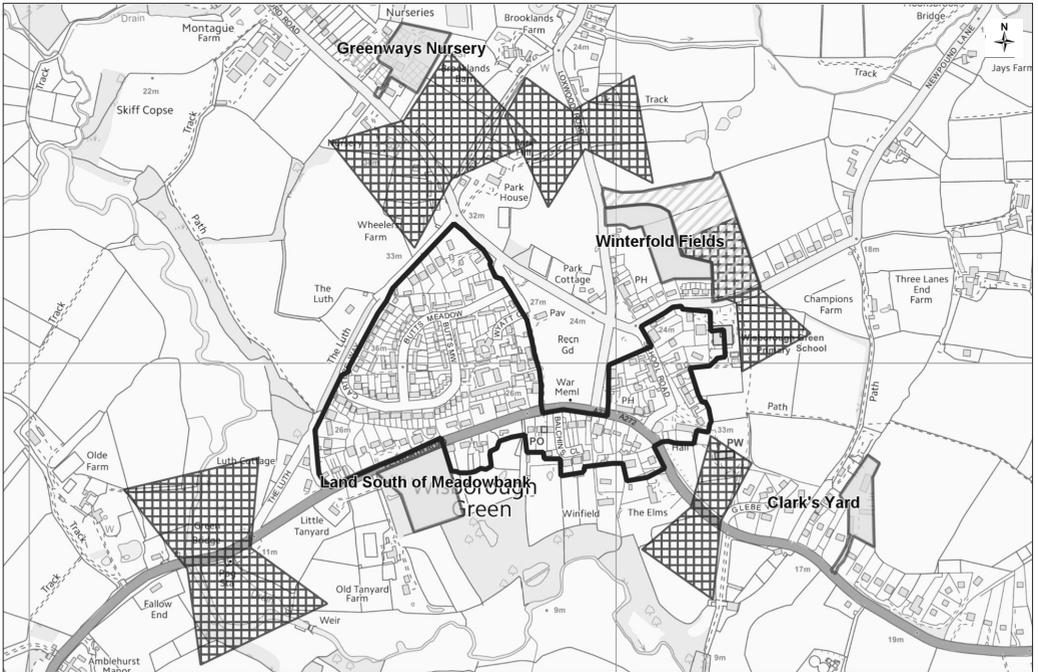
If NO, why not?

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POLICIES

CURRENT NP POLICY 0A5: Strategic Local Gaps

The Local Gaps are 5 areas that form a distinct physical and visual break between the village centre and outlying areas of the village, as identified by the black cross hatched areas in the plan below. The current Neighbourhood Plan policy ensures that new development is situated within agreed identified sites preventing residential or commercial sprawl along radial routes impacting adversely on the wider countryside.



Key: Solid Black Line: Current settlement boundary
 Black Cross Hatching (bow ties!): Local Gaps
 Grey Areas: Approximate area of development included in current NP
 Grey Hatched Area: Area of land for public open space on Winterfold Fields (Songhurst Meadow)

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30. Do you support the importance of retaining the Local Gaps to protect the village form (shape and size of village centre)?

Yes		No	
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If NO, why not?			
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POLICIES

31. Do you think the Local Gaps and their rural character are important in maintaining the character of Wisborough Green village?

Yes

No

If NO, why not?

32. Should the Local Gaps identified within the Neighbourhood Plan retain their current character/rural appearance?

Yes

No

If NO, why not?

33. Do you think that any new or expanded development should avoid impacting adversely on the character of the immediate surrounding area?

Yes

No

If NO, why not?

POLICIES

CURRENT NP POLICY ED1: Development of New and Existing Business

The Neighbourhood Plan supports the retention, development and sustainable growth of new and existing businesses which are important to the local economy and community, and also supports the growing number of those working from home or from small live/work units. The Neighbourhood Plan Review will seek to ensure that new or expanded business development in Wisborough Green will also:

- Avoid unacceptable adverse impact on the local environment, nearby residential or other uses;
- Avoid impact on the local highway network or traffic in Wisborough Green;
- Respect and conserve the Conservation area, Heritage assets, and local distinctiveness of the recorded character areas of Wisborough Green;
- Provide adequate off-road parking.

34. Do you agree with this policy intent?

Yes		No	
If NO, why not?			

CURRENT NP POLICY EN4: Conserving & Enhancing the Heritage Environment

The current heritage environment of Wisborough Green is the distinctive local architectural character such as listed buildings, views and natural landscapes, and sites of specific interest.

The Neighbourhood Plan seeks to protect and enhance the Parish's heritage for the benefit of existing residents, tourists and education of present and future generations.

35. Do you agree with this policy intent?

Yes		No	
If NO, why not?			

POLICIES

CURRENT NP POLICY EN5: Local Green Space

The National Planning Policy Framework enables communities to identify and give special protection to green areas of land with particular importance to the community. This could be recreational areas to aid health and wellbeing, areas that provide an important social benefit or are of historical significance. By designating an area as a green space, development on the land is not permitted except in very special circumstances.

This designation should only be used where the Green Space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves, is local in character and is demonstrably special to the community holding particular local significance. The Village Green embodies all these points.

36. Are you aware that the village green is owned by the Parish Council for the village?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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37. Are you aware that there are restrictions on its use and Parish Council approval of organised activities is required?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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38. In relation to the village green, do you think the current use for public recreation, events, and sport is a good balance?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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If NO, please explain:

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39. Do you support the proposed use of Songhurst Meadow as a green space for recreational use, limited sports use, biodiversity gain and footpath connectivity to the existing footpath network?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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If NO, please explain:

<input type="text"/>

POLICIES

40. Do you support Songhurst Meadow as being designated as a Local Green Space and registered as a Village Green which gives additional protection?

Yes

No

In NO, please explain:

CURRENT NP POLICY EN6: Local Open Space

The parish has a number of open spaces such as the allotments and school playing fields that are highly valued by the community. The current NP policy seeks to protect existing local open space and to enhance the use and community value.

41. Should any new development offer the village additional land for community use, would you support this land being designated as Local Open Space to give it protection?

Yes

No

In NO, please explain why not?

POLICIES

CURRENT NP POLICY IN3: Street Lighting and Dark Night Skies Policy

Wisborough Green is a rural Parish. Although some street lighting has been installed in the past, the village centre, being the Conservation Area, is unlit apart from residual light from surrounding buildings. The village is in the 'setting' of the South Downs National Park which was awarded an international 'Dark Night Skies' designation in May 2016.

We would like to strengthen the current Street Lighting Policy:

To ensure that the rural character of Wisborough Green is retained by preventing any unnecessary or incremental light pollution in order to conserve dark night skies and astronomical views for the benefit of residents, visitors and wildlife, and future generations.

42. Do you agree with this policy intent?

Yes

No

In NO, please explain why not?

43. Would you support a village-wide initiative to improve existing exterior lighting to reduce light pollution without compromising safety?

Yes

No

If NO, please explain:

VOLUNTEERING

There are many organisations run by volunteers that form an integral part of the Wisborough Green community experience. Volunteering is essential for the continuation of all the events and services that take place in the village throughout the year. The availability of volunteers from the community is also linked to the achievement of projects by harnessing their skills and experience for the benefit of all Wisborough Green residents.

44. Do you know that community groups organise events and activities throughout the year?

Yes

No

45. Do you think that the voluntary groups/organisations/services are an important/integral part of what 'makes' Wisborough Green?

Yes

No

Please explain:

46. Do you attend/support/use any of these community groups?

Yes

No

If NO, please explain:

47. Do you or have you in the past volunteered to help within the village?

Yes

No

If NO, please explain:

VOLUNTEERING

48. Would you consider/be prepared to volunteer to help in the future?

Yes		No	
If YES, how could you help? If NO, please explain why not?			

49. What do you think living in WG would be like without these organisations?

As good	Less good	The same	Any other, please describe

50. Are there any groups/events that you would like to start in the village?

Yes		No	
If YES what? What has prevented you?			

51. What do you think are the most important aspects/benefits of these groups?

Financial - fundraising for local good causes and services		Social - following interests/ maintaining traditions/social interaction and communication/ conserving village values	
Any Other – please specify:			

CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SURVEY

Please only complete this section if you have young people in your household. Please ask them for their views.

As part of the update of the Community Action Plan, we have also included this section which relates to facilities and activities for children and young people. We have done this because it is important to get a better understanding of what provisions and activities young people enjoy and aspire to. Please bear in mind however, that ideas that require a lot of effort or money to come to fruition will also need members of the community to volunteer and help with these!

52. Is the play area adequate for your needs?

Yes

No

If NO, please explain:

53. Do you take part in any children's activities in the village?

54. Are there any children's activities you would like to see run in the village?

55. Do you have any other suggestions that you think would make the village better for children and young people?

56. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Thank you for your time in completing this questionnaire. Please use the following space for any additional comments.
Once completed, return to Action in rural Sussex in the pre-paid envelope ***provided (Please do not affix any stamp on this envelope).***

PLEASE PUT IN THE POST BY Friday 7th February 2020.

We intend to report the full results through the Parish Council newsletter and a further consultation planned later in 2020.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Thank you for your time in completing this questionnaire.

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PLEASE PUT IN THE POST BY FRIDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2020.