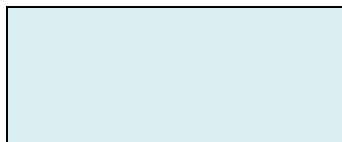


The Parish of Mursley's Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire

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Dear Parishioner,

As you may know by now, Mursley Parish Council is developing a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish. This Neighbourhood Plan, when completed, will form part of the statutory planning policy for the parish alongside the Local Plan developed by Aylesbury Vale District Council.

Developing a Neighbourhood Plan is a new legal right giving our parish community direct power to develop a shared vision for the parish and shape its development and growth for the next 20 years.

While the Neighbourhood Plan focuses on land use issues that can be affected through the planning system and planning application, we are taking the opportunity in this questionnaire to also ask your opinion on a number of issues that affect daily life in the parish. Thus, whilst this questionnaire covers more issues than the strict remit of Neighbourhood Plan development, we believe it will provide valuable information to enhance living in Mursley Parish.

By filling in this questionnaire as fully as possible you will be having your voice heard and have the opportunity to contribute to the development of a robust and actionable Neighbourhood Plan for Mursley Parish.

Central to the Neighbourhood Planning process is public engagement and consultation – and this questionnaire, which is going out to every household in the parish, is one of the cornerstones of that consultation process. Ultimately a local referendum will be held, before the Plan is ‘adopted’ as a legal part of the local planning process.

It is therefore very important that everyone in your household who is 16 or over completes the questionnaire.

We are including young people in the process, as it is their future we are planning for and we believe they should have an equal say.

If you, or other members of your household prefer to complete the survey electronically, an online version of the Survey can be completed by visiting

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PoMNPQ18>

Alternatively, if you would like another paper version, please email: alexnpmursley@gmail.com or call 01296 720045

So, please do take 20 minutes or so to complete the questionnaire and ***remember to enter your postcode at the top of the page.*** Once completed simply return the survey in the Freepost envelope provided. Data entry, analysis and report writing of the questionnaire results will be completed by independent research specialists People and Places Insight Limited.

Yours sincerely,

Mursley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group



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Section 1: About your household

It would be useful to get some basic information about the people who live in Mursley Parish.

1.1 How would you describe the current make up of your household? (Please choose one option only)	
Male living alone	
Female living alone	
Couple (with no children)	
Family with young children (pre-school or primary school age)	
Family with older children	
Family with grown up children living entirely at home	
Family with grown up children living away	
Prefer not to say	

1.2 How old are you? (Please choose one option only)	
16-20 years	
21-35 years	
36-50 years	
51-65 years	
66-70 years	
71-75 years	
76-80 years	
More than 80 years old	
Prefer not to say	

1.3 What is your current employment situation? (Please choose one option only)	
Full Time worker	
Part Time worker	
Temporary employment	
Seasonal employment	
Unemployed	
Unable to work	
Retired	
Looking after the home/ Carer	
Student	
Prefer not to say	

1.4 How long have you lived in the Parish? (Please choose one option only)	
Less than 1 year	
1 to 5 years	

6-10 years	
11-25 years	
More than 25 years	

Section 2: Our Village

Our Neighbourhood Plan must reflect everyone's views, so we would like to understand your feelings on living in the Parish. Many residents say the Parish is a pleasant place to live, but we want to know what really matters to you and what level and type of development you would like to see.

2.1 Which of the following aspects of the Parish are important to you? (Please tick one option per row)

	Very Important	Important	No Opinion	Not Important	Not at all Important
Views from or approaching the village					
Listed buildings					
Open countryside reaching close to the centre					
Working farms surrounding the village					
Church, cemetery, and their quality of upkeep					
Protected open space and trees					
Access to major road networks, railways and airports					
Local services / facilities (village hall, pub etc.)					
Locally available employment					
Attractive mix of houses (thatched, timber framed, Georgian, Victorian, modern, etc.)					
Village identity e.g. feeling part of a community					
Village activities e.g. community groups					
Quiet environment/ Rural atmosphere					
Easy access to the countryside					
General upkeep of the village					
Family or friends nearby					
Other					

If 'Other' please specify below

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2.2 Please tell us which of the following actions concerning development in the Parish you agree/ disagree with? (Please tick one option per row)

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Control development to maintain Mursley's fundamental size and shape					
Protect Mursley's 'character', e.g. varied historic buildings, 'rural' feel					
Encourage appropriate development around the edge of the village and on farms in the parish					
Improve community facilities (e.g. school, leisure, health etc.)					
Promote local businesses					
Increase tourism					
Protect open ('green') spaces and countryside					
Protect environment (trees, wildlife etc.)					
Provide off-road parking convenient for the school					
Provide off-road parking close to the sports field					
Address the issue of speeding vehicles					
Address the issue of traffic congestion					
Other (please specify below)					
If 'Other' please specify below					

Section 3: Housing

We expect the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP) will be adopted by AVDC before our Plan is finalised. It classifies Mursley as a 'small village' and therefore proposes no housing site allocations. However, its Policy D3 does support some small-scale development within the village boundary up to 2033. But, with the Government's Oxford – Cambridge Corridor initiative likely to take shape over the next couple of years, we expect AVDC will have to carry out an immediate review of its housing supply policies and its approach to rural development. It is therefore important that we seek your opinions on why, where and how we might plan for new homes in the village.

PLEASE NOTE: EVEN IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO SEE ANY FURTHER HOUSING DEVELOPMENT OVER THE NEXT 20 YEARS, YOUR VIEWS AND OPINIONS ON THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE IMPORTANT.

3.1 Do you believe the Parish requires more housing?	
Yes	
No	

3.2 How many more houses do you think the Parish needs in the next 15-20 years? (Please choose one option only)	
0	
1-10 houses	
11-20 houses	
21-50 houses	
51+ houses	

3.3 What are your views on the size of any further housing developments in the Parish over the next 20 years? (Please choose one option per row)					
	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Garden infill development					
Infill, small plots of one or two houses					
Small developments (5-10 house plots)					
Medium developments (11-20 houses)					
Developments of more than 20 houses					

3.4 Would you support any of the following locations for housing development in the Parish over the next 20 years? (Please choose one option per row)					
	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Backland developments (behind existing houses)					
Linear developments (along existing roads)					
Elsewhere in Parish (beyond existing village boundary)					
Brownfield sites**					
Greenfield sites***					

Brownfield sites are previously developed land that now has the potential to be redeveloped**
 Greenfield sites are undeveloped land, generally used for agriculture or amenity***

3.5 Are there any specific locations you think should be considered for housing development?

3.6 Which of the following housing types would you like to see prioritized in any further developments in the Parish? (Please choose your FIRST 3 priorities by choosing ONE box per COLUMN)			
	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3
Bungalows			
One/Two/Three Bedroom Houses			
Four/Five Bedroom Houses			
Affordable homes for purchase			
Affordable homes for renting			
Self-Build Homes			
Retirement properties (for over 55's)			
Homes designed for disabled living			
Eco friendly housing			
Social housing through housing association			
Sheltered housing for the elderly (a group with a warden)			

3.7 If new properties are to be built in the Parish, which of the following would you support? (Please choose one option per row)					
	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Dwellings of appropriate size and character for neighbouring area					
Low Energy considerations					
Unobtrusive solar panels					
Off road parking					
Public access to potential building sites being considered by AVDC					
Developer contributions to the village infrastructure					
Right to build register*					
Development kept within the existing 'red line '** settlement boundary'					
Other (please specify below)					
If 'Other' please specify below					

* Right to build register is a list kept by the council of those who are interested in building their own home.

** Red line settlement boundary is where the existing housing meets the countryside.

3.8 What features would you support for any new housing developments in the Parish? (Please choose one option per row)					
	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Mixed property types					
Green space required in plans					
Green areas for wildlife					
Tree planting					
Shrubs and hedges					
Brick wall boundaries					
Dedicated cycle paths					
Hedge-planting					
Height restrictions for hedges and fences within the village					
Pavements for pedestrians					
Developments to incorporate pathways to enable walking through, where possible					
Other (please specify below)					
If 'Other' please specify below					

Section 4: Business

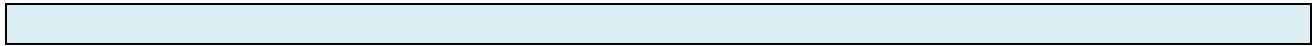
We would like your views on existing businesses, and the possible development of future businesses in the Parish. For example, these might be in connection with local agriculture, or more retail outlets. We would also like your views about encouraging home-working and new businesses.

4.1 Do you currently own your own Business/ Businesses?		
Yes		<i>Please go to 4.2</i>
No		<i>Please go to 4.3</i>

4.2 From where do you operate your Business/ Businesses? (Please choose all that apply)	
Home	
Other premises in the Parish	
Other premises outside the Parish	

4.3 Do you think Business Development should be encouraged within the Parish?		
Yes		<i>Please go to 4.4</i>
No		<i>Please go to 5.1</i>

4.4 What sort of Business Development do you think should be encouraged within the Parish? (Please choose one option per row)					
	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Homeworking					
Tourism and Leisure					
Office Based Business					
Retail					
Small Scale Industry					
Agricultural/ Food Production					
Service Trades E.g. Plumbers, Electricians					
Post Office					
Convenience Store					
Pub/ Cafe/ Restaurant					
Online/ Web Based					
Other (please specify below)					
If 'Other' please specify below					

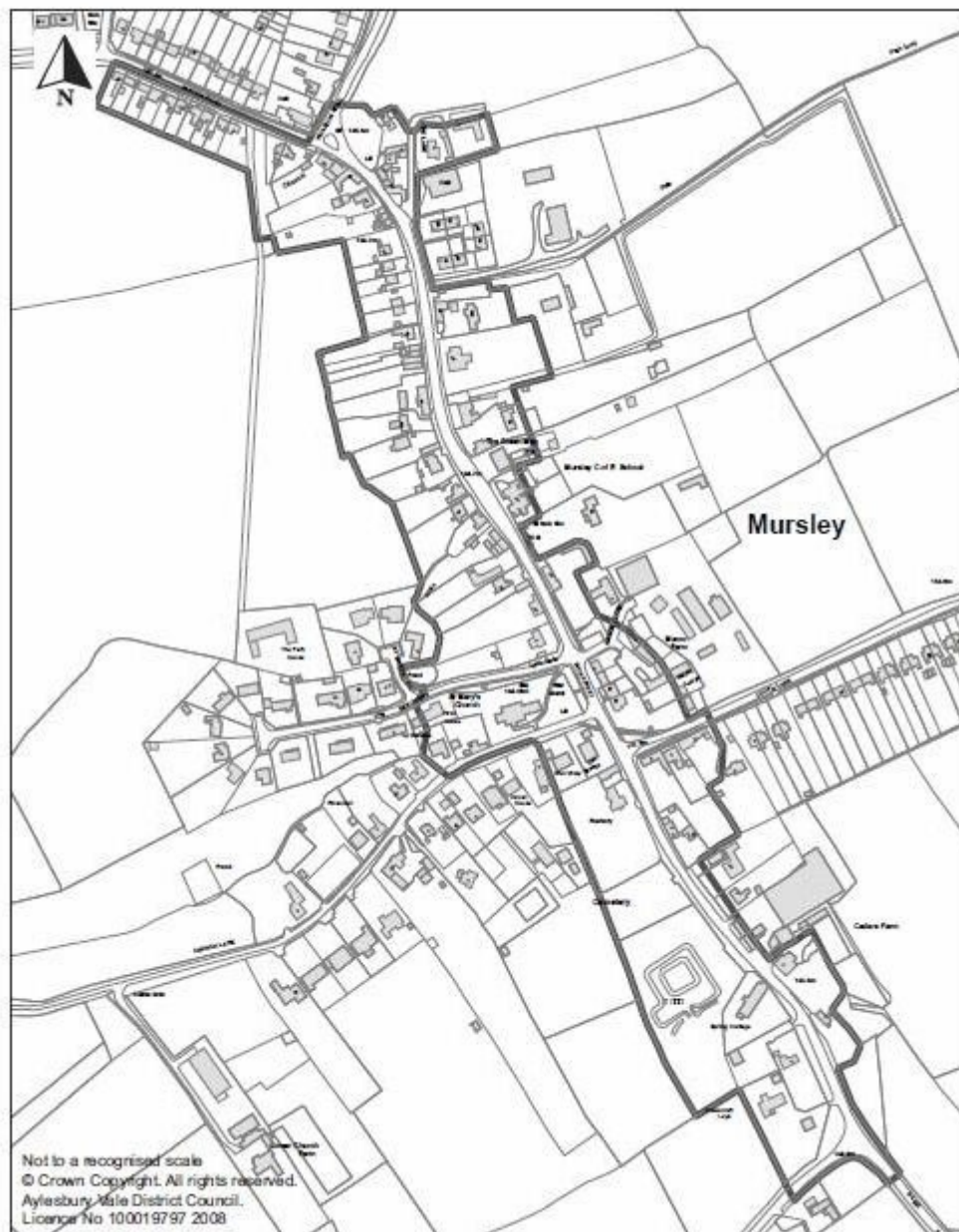


4.5 What are the current barriers to Business Development within the Parish? (Please choose one option per row)					
	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Traffic Flow (congestion)					
Parking					
Transport Links					
Suitable Business Premises					
Access to adequate broadband /fibre					
Access to adequate mobile network					
Planning restrictions					
Other (please specify below)					
If 'Other' please specify below					

Section 5: Conservation

Although not in the realm of the Neighbourhood Plan, we are interested in understanding what features of the village and surrounding countryside should be protected from development, positively conserved and enhanced and how should this be done.

The Mursley Conservation Area, pictured below, was designated in 1991 to recognise the area of the village with special historic or architectural character where features should be protected, and any further development strictly controlled.



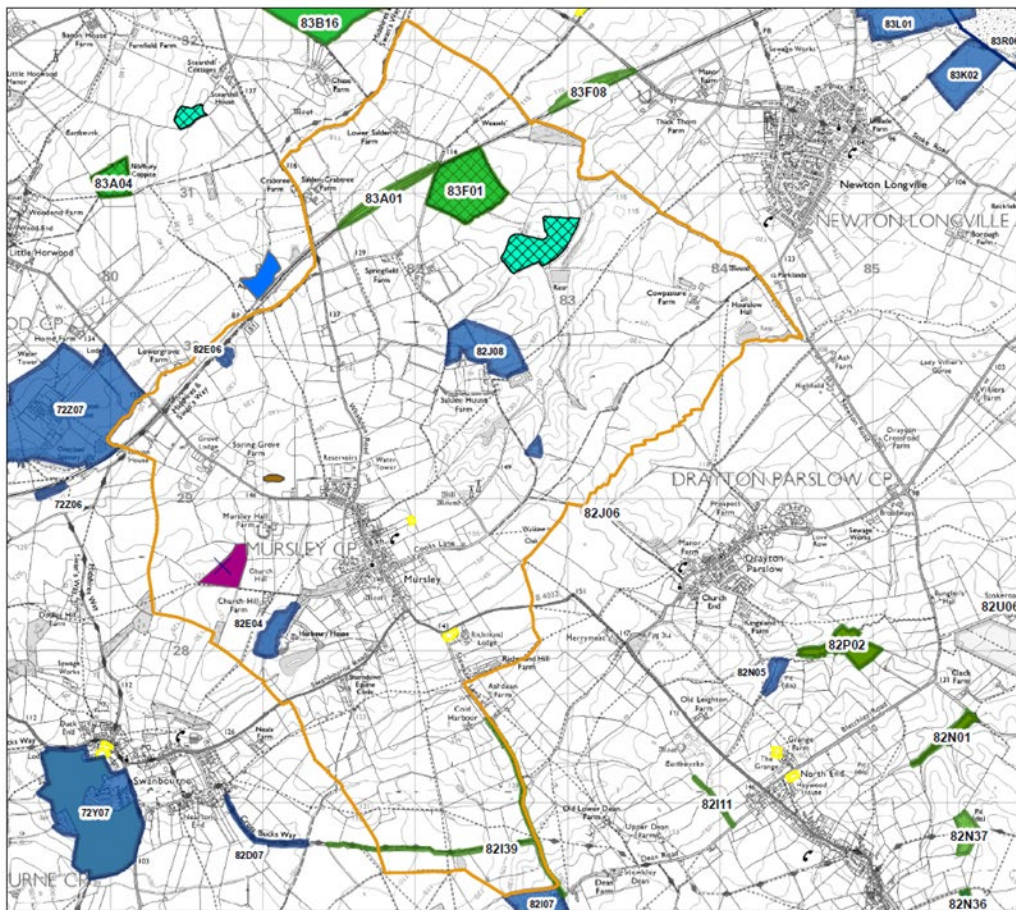
5.1 Which of the following statements concerning conservation do you agree/disagree with? (Please choose one option per row)					
	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
The existing village conservation area is correctly drawn.					
The conservation area should be extended to include the Water Tower.					
The conservation area should be extended to include some green space adjacent to the built village.					
Surviving gardens/green spaces within the conservation area should be protected from development.					
Mature trees within and outside the conservation area should be protected.					
All proposed developments should be scrutinised to avoid any increase in air, light and noise pollution.					

5.2 Are there any other non-designated heritage assets in the Parish that should be protected/conserved?

Section 6: Green Spaces & Environment

The location of Mursley village within a very rural parish should give residents easy access to countryside for exercise, enjoyment and improved wellbeing. We are interested in how access to green spaces within the village and surrounding area can be improved. A Map to assist with answers is provided below.

6.1 Which of the following ideas concerning green space for exercise and enjoyment do you agree/disagree with? (Please choose one option per row)					
	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
More publicly-accessible open space					
An alternative arrangement for a village green					
Community orchard/wildlife meadow with paths and seating					
Allotments					
Young people's recreational activities (i.e. skateboarding)					
Wild flower patches in suitable areas, e.g. the churchyard, village green and selected verges					



Local, Non-Statutory Sites, UK Priority Habitats & Ancient Semi-Natural Woodland Mursley Parish



Legend

- Mursley parish
- Local_Wildlife_Sites
- Biological_Notification_Sites
- Good_quality_semi-improved_grassland
- Lowland Fens
- Wet Woodland
- Traditional_Orchards
- Ancient & Semi-Natural Woodland

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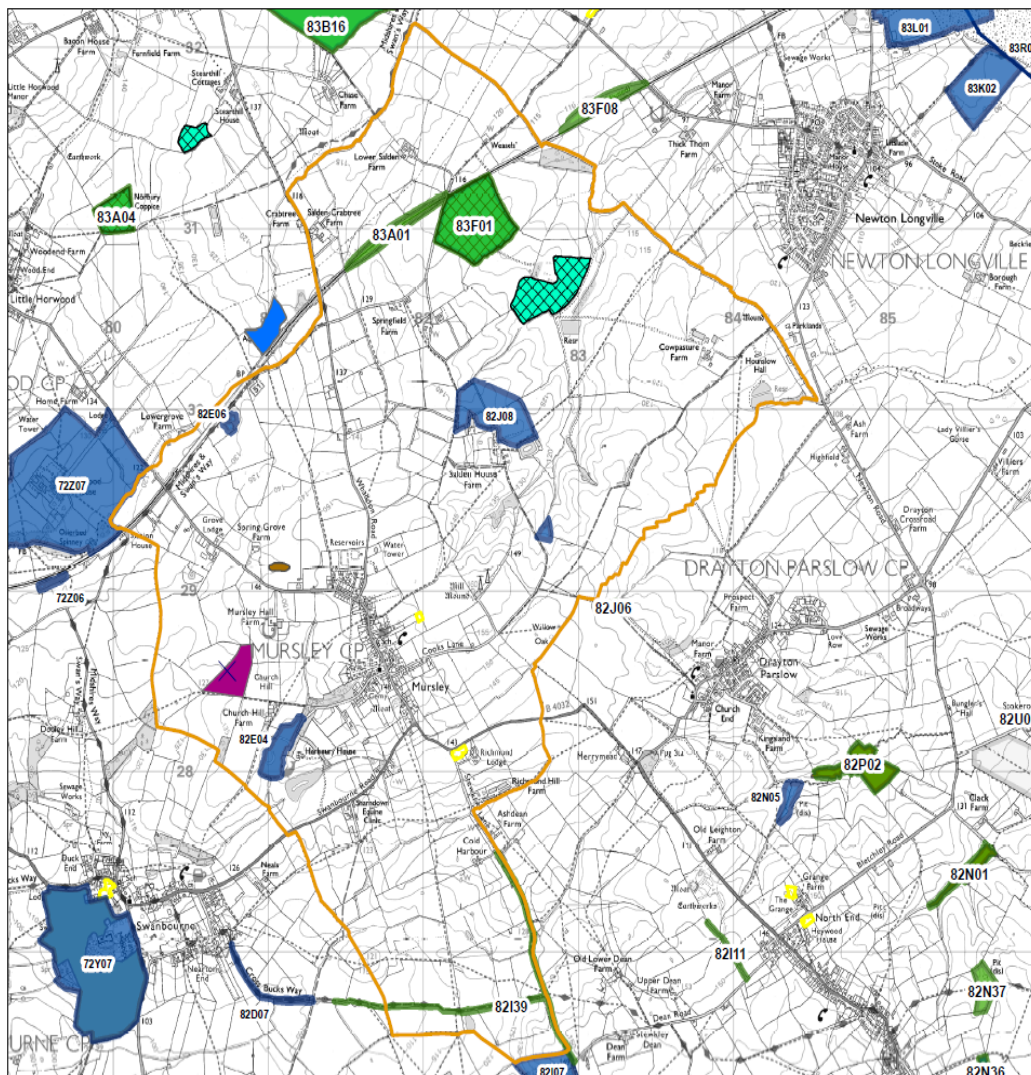
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6.2 Which of the following ideas concerning paths and the countryside do you agree/disagree with? (Please choose one option per row)

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Develop a further short footpath circuit to the east of the village					
Improve footpath routes north of the village, avoiding the need to walk along the road					
Improve off-road links to National Cycle Network Route 51 that runs north of the village					
Improve access along all parish footpaths by replacing stiles with self-closing gates					
Extend the bridleway network where possible to take horses off the major roads					

Wildlife habitats and corridors

Like neighbouring parishes, Mursley is relatively impoverished for wildlife, with huge losses of permanent grassland, drainage of wet areas and small patches of woodland. The Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Environmental Records Centre holds records of notable wildlife species found in the parish, areas of land designated as Local Wildlife Sites and significant features such as ancient woodland or unimproved meadows. A summary map of such records is shown below.



**Local, Non-Statutory Sites,
UK Priority Habitats &
Ancient Semi-Natural
Woodland
Mursley Parish**



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6.3 Which of the following ideas concerning wildlife habitats and corridors do you agree/disagree with? (Please choose one option per row)					
	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Protect and conserve all surviving wildlife-rich areas in the Parish					
Protect the Salden Woods area in the north of the parish from Milton Keynes expansion (Salden Chase proposals).					
Work with East-West Rail to achieve wildlife mitigation and enhancement projects as the mothballed rail track is re-opened.					
Persuade farmers to manage hedgerows sympathetically for wildlife, including replanting grubbed-out hedges with typical local species.					
Promote the planting of new copses and the incorporation of features like skylark plots and uncultivated margins in local farming.					

6.4 What other places or features in the parish should be protected/conserved for their wildlife value?

6.5 Which of the following ideas concerning sustainability would you like to see promoted within the Parish? (Please choose one option per row)					
	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Wind energy schemes					
Solar energy schemes					
Voluntary team(s) to manage verges, maintain footpaths, collect litter, etc					
A community improvement fund from a tax levied on new developments					

6.6 If you either 'Strongly Agreed' or 'Agreed' with the promotion of 'Wind energy schemes' and Solar energy schemes' please specify the location(s) in the boxes below?
Wind energy schemes:
Solar energy schemes:

Section 7: Community Facilities

Sustainable Community Facilities are essential to meet the needs of local people. A Neighbourhood Plan might for example seek to provide more recreation, education or health facilities over the next 15-20 years. It must be noted that new facilities would almost certainly have to be funded/ delivered by new housing development rather than public funds. Your answers will help develop the policy and proposals in the Plan.

7.1 How often do you use the following facilities in the Parish? (Please choose one option per row)						
	Daily	More than once a week	Weekly	Monthly	Less than once a month	Never
Church						
Pub						
Sports Field						
Village Hall						
Other (please specify below)						
If 'Other' please specify below						

7.2 Which of the following community facilities do you think the Parish should aspire to provide? (Please choose one option per row)					
	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Allotments					
All weather bowls green					
Off road parking by sports field					
Off road parking area within the village					
More facilities for older children					
Community facilities used more creatively, e.g. Church, Village Hall, Sports Hall					

7.3 Are there any other community facilities that you would like to see built in the Parish? If so, please name the facility and the location.

Facility 1:

Location:

Facility 2:

Location:

Facility 3:

Location:

Section 8: Infrastructure and Connectivity

Services to our homes have a strong impact on life in the Parish. The Neighbourhood Plan cannot influence the delivery of infrastructure and connectivity, but we would like to have your opinions on the current performance and future requirements of these services.

8.1 Does your home have Broadband access to the Internet?		
Yes		<i>Please go to 8.3</i>
No		<i>Please go to 8.2</i>

8.2 Do you need your home to have Broadband access to the Internet?		
Yes		<i>Please go to 8.3</i>
No		<i>Please go to 8.5</i>

8.3 Are you happy with the speed of your home's Broadband?		
Yes		<i>Please go to 8.5</i>
No		<i>Please go to 8.4</i>

8.4 How would you like to see your home's Broadband improved?

8.5 Do you have a mobile phone?		
Yes		<i>Please go to 8.6</i>
No		<i>Please go to 8.9</i>

8.6 What is the name of your Network Provider?

8.7 Are you happy with your mobile phone signal throughout the Parish?		
Yes		<i>Please go to 8.9</i>

No		<i>Please go to 8.8</i>
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8.8 How would you like to see your mobile phone signal improved throughout the Parish?

8.9 Would you support installation of a mobile phone mast?	
Yes	
No	

8.10 Please use this space to comment on any other infrastructure and connectivity problems you have within the Parish

Section 9: Transport

As our community grows, it potentially places pressure on the transport network. We would therefore be interested to understand your views on the current transport system, and what that transport provision should look like in the future.

9.1 What is your MAIN means of transport for each of the activities below? (Please choose one option per row)						
	Car	Motor cycle	Taxi	Bus	Bicycle	Walking
Work						
Leisure						
To Local Services E.g. Shops						

9.2 How many vehicles does your household have?		
0		Please go to 9.5
1		Please go to 9.3
2		Please go to 9.3
3		Please go to 9.3
More than 3		Please go to 9.3

9.3 Are you able to park all your vehicles on your property?	
Yes	
No	

9.4 Is there sufficient public space near your property to safely park your vehicles?	
Yes	
No	

9.5 Do you think more public car parking space should be made available?		
Yes		Please go to 9.6
No		Please go to 9.7

9.6 Where would you like to see car parking spaces?

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9.7 Do you drive to the community facilities/ shops in any of the following locations on at least a fortnightly basis? (Please choose all that apply)	
Swanbourne	
Stewkley	
Wing	
Milton Keynes	
Winslow	
Aylesbury	

9.8 Do you commute for work to any of the following locations on at least a fortnightly basis? (Please choose all that apply)	
Milton Keynes	
Buckingham	
Aylesbury	
Bicester	

9.9 Do you use public transport from and to the Parish?		
Yes		<i>Please go to 9.10</i>
No		<i>Please go to 9.11</i>

9.10 How often do you use public transport? (Please choose one option per row)						
	Daily	More than once a week	Weekly	Monthly	Less than once a month	Never
For Work						
For Leisure						
For Access to Services						
For Shopping						
Other (please specify below)						
If 'Other' please specify below						

9.11 Whether or not you use the services, how would you rate public transport in the Parish? (Please choose one option per row)					
	Very Good	Good	No Opinion	Poor	Very Poor
Frequency of service					
Number of stopping points					

Bus shelters					
Routes/ destinations available					

9.12 Would you like an additional bus stop?		
Yes		<i>Please go to 9.13</i>
No		<i>Please go to 9.14</i>

9.13 Where would you like to see an additional bus stop?

9.14 Which of the following issues concerning traffic in the Parish do you agree/ disagree with? (Please choose one option per row)					
	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Volume of traffic too high					
Speeding vehicles					
Parking close to junctions					
Quality of road surface					
Car parking on the pavements					
Low visibility					
Narrowness of roads					
More consideration needed by HGV /Farm traffic					

9.15 If you provided a rating of 'Strongly agree' or 'Agree' for any of the options concerning the roads in the Parish, please provide details in the table below		
	Where	When
Volume of traffic too high		
Speeding vehicles		
Parking close to junctions		
Quality of road surface		
Car parking on the pavements		
Restricted visibility		

9.15 If you provided a rating of 'Strongly agree' or 'Agree' for any of the options concerning the roads in the Parish, please provide details in the table below		
	Where	When
Narrowness of roads		
More consideration needed by HGV/Farm traffic		

9.16 Do you have any other comments in terms of traffic issues in the Parish?

9.17 Would you support any of the following measures to control traffic in the Parish (Please choose one option per row)					
	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Speed bumps					
Pinch points (chicanes), as in Stewkley					
20 mph zones near the school					

9.18 Are there any other traffic related measures you would suggest?

9.19 Do you believe there are problems with pavements in the Parish? (Please choose one option per row)					
	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Lack of pavement					
Poor state of repair					
Narrowness					
Not suitable for wheelchairs / pushchairs / wheeled walking aids					

9.20 If you provided a rating of 'Agree' or 'Strongly Agree' for any of the options concerning pavements in the Parish please provide details in the table below	
	Where
Lack of pavement	
Poor state of repair	
Narrowness	
Not suitable for wheelchairs / pushchairs / wheeled walking aids	

9.21 Do you have any other comments concerning pavements in the Parish?

9.22 Do you have any other comments on anything at all, related to the Neighbourhood Plan or the Parish?

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. Gathering your views is important for the next stage of the Neighbourhood Plan. Please fold your filled-in questionnaire in half and return by post in the envelope provided.

If you have any queries or difficulties with this questionnaire, please email:
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