



Bentworth Parish Neighbourhood Plan

Questionnaire

Have your say

Introduction

The Parish Council has decided to embark on the process of developing a Neighbourhood Plan for Bentworth. A Steering Committee has been established from volunteers and consultants have been appointed to assist and advise.

A Neighbourhood Plan is a new way for local people to influence the planning and development of the area in which they live and work. Once approved, our plan will have some force in setting out what development is acceptable in our parish. Developers and local authority planners will have to take notice of it. Without a Neighbourhood Plan, we will have little control over any development that takes place. We can influence development, not stop it altogether.

The Steering Committee has prepared a Questionnaire, the aim of which is to capture the views of parishioners. The results will help the Committee to frame the underpinning principles and overall direction of our plan and so it is very important that you and your family take this opportunity to make your views known. All members of the household over the age of 16 can complete a separate Questionnaire.

The last few questions are under a heading "Community Aspirations". These issues are outside the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan, which deals only with spatial development matters. But they have been included to help steer the Parish Council in relation to matters relating to the future development of Bentworth as a community.

Thank you for taking the time to help us create Bentworth's Neighbourhood Plan.



A copy of the Questionnaire is also available to complete online through Survey Monkey. You can access this by going to the Parish Council website:

<http://bentworthparishcouncil.org/>

You can also download a printable version of this Questionnaire from the website.

Your Details

POSTCODE

Age Bracket

- 16-19 20-29 30-39 41-49 50-69 60-69 70+

Gender

- Male Female Other

- employed self-employed unemployed full-time student

- looking after home or family long-time sick or disabled

- retired other



Please make one selection per questions unless otherwise stated

- 1 We need to develop a vision for what we want the parish to be like by the end of the Neighbourhood Plan period, ie in 2028. What elements do you think we should incorporate into this vision? You may tick more than one box, indeed as many boxes as you like.
- oasis of rural and agricultural calm refuge from hectic expansion of neighbouring Four Marks/Medstead
- strong sense of community characterised by fine trees and hedges green spaces
- good views across countryside no uniformity in housing style sustainable
- Other
- 2 It is important to retain the rural character of the parish
- strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree
- 3 It should be a requirement that all good agricultural/equestrian land would not normally be used for residential/commercial development
- strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree
- 4 The EHDC Local Plan requires that a minimum of 12 dwellings be built outside the Settlement Policy Boundary* within the Neighbourhood Plan period (henceforth called the “allocated development”). Should we limit the “allocated development” to the minimum required?
- yes no
- 5 Should it be a requirement that all the “allocated development” be concentrated in the “core village”, ie the area inside the current 30mph speed limit signs? Or should development of the outlying hamlets and other parts of the parish be considered?
- core only hamlets & other all sites
- 6 It should be a requirement that there be no further residential/commercial development in the undeveloped spaces between the residential clusters in the “core village”
- strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree
- 7 The only permitted developments outside the “core village” should be agricultural buildings or extensions to existing properties
- agricultural only extensions to existing properties only both agricultural and extensions disagree
- 8 There is a need for smaller homes in the parish of Bentworth
- strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree
- 9 Would you be interested in moving to a smaller home within the parish of Bentworth or else where within the next 10 years?
- yes within the parish yes, outside of the parish of Bentworth no
- 10 Opportunity should be provided in the “allocated development” to established residents who wish to down size, and locally connected persons who are recorded as having need for affordable housing?
- Strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree
- 11 The conversion of any redundant agricultural buildings to residential or office/light commercial use should be supported?
- strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree
- 12 Should commercial development be restricted to the current commercial sites
- yes no

*** The Settlement Boundary Policy**

The settlement boundary is used as a policy tool reflecting the area where a set of plan policies are to be applied. A map showing the area covered by this policy for Bentworth can be found on the Parish Council website:
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Character of Development

- 13 It should be a requirement that all new development must respect the landscape/ character of the village?
 strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree
- 14 Should a maximum size restriction be placed on new houses?
 yes no
- 15 It should be an aim that no new building be more than two stories (excluding the roof space)
 strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree
- 16 Rules should be set on housing density to ensure adequate separation between buildings and to preserve views from the roads/lanes
 strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree
- 17 The allocated development should be only allowed on one site
 strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree
- 19 It should be a requirement that no more than say 4/6 houses in the allocated development be built on any one site within a ten-year period
 strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree
- 18 It should be a requirement that all new houses that are built in groups would be sufficiently different from each other in terms of size, design, and materials to maintain some diversity/lack of uniformity
 strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree
- 19 Which of the following housing types would you favour: (you may choose more than one answer)
 1-bed 2-bed 3-bed 4 and more bed apartment
 town-houses detached bungalow terrace semi detached
 mix of different types of housing
- 20 It should be a requirement that all new houses must have adequate off road car parking space/s where possible, set back from roads/lanes and behind hedges or walls
 strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree
- 21 It should be a requirement that electricity and telephone wires for all new development be laid underground, where possible
 strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree
- 22 It should be a requirement for all new homes to be to the highest possible standard of energy-efficiency?
 strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree
- 23 Would you support a "dark sky" policy, which would include provision that there be no street lighting in the parish?
 yes no
- 24 We should aim to secure alternative solutions to pavements being constructed in the parish
 strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree
- 25 It would be preferable for all new housing developments be linear, ie along existing roads/lanes
 strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree
- 26 It would be preferable for the "allocated development" to be in one or more further "closes", with access road(s)
 strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree
- 27 Should further back-land development of gardens be permitted, ie the division of existing plots to allow the construction of additional houses?
 strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree

Green Spaces/Community Facilities

- 29 Should it be a requirement that the Village Green, the Cricket Pitch, the Village Pond, the Glebe Field and the School Playing Field be protected as green spaces and not developed?
 strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree
- 30 We should aim to set aside space for a children's play area
 strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree

Views/Trees/Hedges

- 31 We should aim to protect current views
 strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree
- 32 It should be a requirement that all hedges, verges, and fine trees alongside the roads be protected?
 strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree
- 33 Planting of trees and hedges should be encouraged in any new development
 strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree

Car Parking

- 34 Consideration should be given to the creation of car parking spaces or a drop-off area at or near the school to help relieve congestion and provide an off-road parking option for visitors such as walkers
 strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree

Community Aspirations

- 35 Consideration should be given to traffic-calming measures in the "core village"? eg around the school, at the T junction with Sun Hill, along Holt End lane between Denyers cottages and the Star
 strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree
- 36 "The Star" should be maintained as a community asset
 strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree
- 37 Consideration should be given to encouraging a village shop
 strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree
- 38 Is the current school hall sufficient for the village's purposes?
 yes no
- 39 Action should be taken to ensure that the many footpaths and BOATS(Byeways Open to All Traffic) that are a feature of the Parish, be kept open, accessible and in good repair for the respectful enjoyment of locals and the likely increasing number of visitors
 strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree

Is there anything that you feel strongly about that is not covered by this survey?