

Ashbury Parish Neighbourhood Plan, including Ildstone & Kingstone Winslow

Vision, Objectives & Policy Options Consultation Questionnaire

Why this consultation?

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (the Group) has drafted a vision statement and more detailed objectives for the plan, based upon information from previous consultations. There is more than one way of achieving these objectives. The Group is now asking which options are supported so that the Neighbourhood Plan will reflect the Parish’s ‘preferred options’, provided these are consistent with national and local planning policies.

How to complete the form

Please just put a circle around **yes or no** to each question. If you wish to tell us anything else, please just add a note in the margin. The Group is seeking one response per household. If there is more than one household living at the address, please download or request an additional form at ashbury.org.uk. The form is also available on surveymonkey to complete via a link on ashbury.org.uk under Neighbourhood Plan Hot Topics.

Need more information? This questionnaire summarises our ‘vision, objectives and options’ paper. If you don’t have access to the internet, contact Cliff Davies (Steering Group Chair) on 710712 or by email: n.plan@ashbury.org.uk and he will send you the information on paper. Further paper copies are available at Ashbury Village Shop and the Rose & Crown.

Need help with completing the form? Please contact the Chair and he will arrange for someone to help you complete the form, but they will not advise you on what to answer.

How and when to return the form

Please return your completed questionnaire in one of the ballot boxes placed in village shop and pub, or local drop off points in Ildstone (Featherbed Cottage) or Kingstone Winslow (Spring Cottage) by **11th June 2017**. Alternatively, you can return it by email to: n.plan@ashbury.org.uk

Name..... Address..... Email.....Tel:.....

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group thank you for taking the time to complete this important questionnaire
All completed questionnaires will be entered into a cash prize raffle draw to win £100* to be held on 12th June 2017.

* Only open to residents of the Parish, aged 18 years or over completing the V&O questionnaire.

Your chance to have your say in the future development of the Parish

About the Neighbourhood Plan

Our aim is to make the Parish of Ashbury an even better place to live now, and for future generations.

The Neighbourhood Plan will cover a 15 year time period with a review every 5 years. Under the auspices of the 2011 Localism Act, a Neighbourhood Plan allows communities to exert more control over where development takes place, to influence the type and quality of that development including design standards, and to ensure that the change it brings meets local objectives.

What is the alternative to a Neighbourhood Plan?

The alternative to adopting our own Neighbourhood Plan is to live with continued inappropriate development pressure: to be forced into a reactive approach each time a planning application is made. **This is your chance to have your say, otherwise, if you do nothing, then you could get anything.**

- Working with the support of our local authority - Vale of White Horse - our Neighbourhood Plan will be in line with national planning policy.
- Local people will - through a local referendum - be able to vote on the Plan and, if approved by a majority, it will be brought into force by the local authority.
- To further strengthen our role, developers will have to respond to the Neighbourhood Plan and consult the local community. This consultation gives all residents of Ashbury Parish a chance to comment when there is still genuine scope to make changes to proposals.



What Ashbury Parish will be like in the next 15 years:-

- A sustainable, thriving and prosperous community that supports a high quality of life for all its residents.
- An area with a high quality built and natural environment and protected green spaces.
- Change should be for the long term benefit of the whole community.

A Vision for Ashbury Parish

The Group believes that the following statement sums up the ‘vision’ of the neighbourhood plan. Do you support this statement?

<i>To maintain the rural character and landscape of the Parish, while supporting sustainable development that is of an appropriate scale and design to benefit the local community.</i>	Yes / No
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Topic 1: Protecting the Built Environment Objectives & Options

The Group believes that the following objectives numbered 1 - 3 sum up the main built environment aims of the neighbourhood plan. Do you support them?

<i>Objective 1: To ensure that new development respects the form and function of the settlements in the Parish, and is designed to a high quality which is compatible with the local character.</i>	Yes / No
<i>Objective 2: To identify, protect and enhance the Parish’s heritage assets.</i>	Yes / No
<i>Objective 3: To maintain the Parish’s rural setting, while retaining the openness between the settlements to protect their individual identity.</i>	Yes / No

There are options for achieving these built environment objectives. Which options do you support? Please circle yes or no against each statement.

New development should not be prominent in scale, visually dominant or significantly change the character of the village or outlying hamlets.	Yes / No
New development should reflect the character of each settlement*.	Yes / No
To identify green gaps within the Parish to maintain the openness, and to prevent settlements from merging with one another.	Yes/No
New development should be incremental to allow for the gradual expansion of Ashbury, including community facilities and services.	Yes / No
Do nothing. Let planning applications for development be dealt with solely by existing national planning policy and the Vale of the White Horse Local Plan.	Yes / No

*Character Appraisals are being prepared to help residents and the council to understand the history of an area and why it is special. They help shape future developments and planning policies, as well as giving residents an idea of what enhancements could be made.

Topic 2: Housing Objective & Options

The Group believes that the following statement sums up the housing objective of the neighbourhood plan. Do you support this statement?

<i>Objective 4: To limit new housing development to small “infill*” schemes only, so as not to harm the rural character of the Parish.</i>	Yes / No
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There are options for achieving this objective. Which options do you support? Please circle yes or no against each statement.

Restrict new housing to brownfield sites or infill schemes only.	Yes / No
Restrict housing in residential gardens in the Plan area.	Yes / No
Create criteria-based Neighbourhood Plan policies that reflect local objectives for the type, location and design of housing	Yes / No
Ensure sufficient housing is available to meet the needs of the ageing population and locally identified need*.	Yes / No
Do not include housing policies within the Neighbourhood Plan. Leave planning applications from house-builders, housing associations and individuals to be assessed solely in accordance with existing national planning policy and the Vale of White Horse Local Plan.	Yes / No

Infill: underused or vacant sites within the built up area of a settlement.

Locally identified need: a household living in housing that is not suitable for its requirements and who cannot afford to resolve this unsuitability within the private sector housing, as registered with the local authority.

Topic 3: Transport & Accessibility Objectives & Options

The Group believes that the following statements sum up the transport objectives of the neighbourhood plan. Do you support them?

<i>Objective 5: To improve accessibility by non-vehicular modes of transport by promoting improvements to footpath linkages to all of the settlements i.e. connect the outlying hamlets into the main village</i>	Yes / No
<i>Objective 6: To protect and improve public transport services.</i>	Yes / No
<i>Objective 7: To ensure adequate levels of off-road parking provision</i>	Yes / No

There are options for achieving these objectives. Which options do you support? Please circle yes or no against each statement.

Require all planning applications for development in Ashbury or in the outlying settlements to demonstrate how they will improve safe and enjoyable movement by pedestrians and cyclists to the services and community facilities within Ashbury village.	Yes / No
Require all planning applications to explore how they might enhance and/or provide new footpaths and bridleways to connect the outlying hamlets to Ashbury.	Yes / No
Do not include specific policies on walking or cycling in the Neighbourhood Plan.	Yes / No
Investigate ways to improve public transport accessibility as a Neighbourhood Plan policy, and seek funding for improvements from CIL* or targeted grants.	Yes / No
Do not incorporate policies on public transport in the Neighbourhood Plan, instead rely on national and local planning policies and let market forces provide services for which demand exists.	Yes / No
Require new development to provide an adequate amount of private and public, off road parking spaces to prevent increased street congestion.	Yes / No
Do not include any policies in the Neighbourhood Plan to seek improvements in off-road parking capacity in the Parish.	Yes / No

*Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) , operated by VWHDC and helps to pay for infrastructure to support new development, but not to remedy existing deficiencies unless the new scheme makes it worse. Developers pay a levy at a fixed rate set by the by local authority.

Topic 4: Open Space Objective & Options

The Group believes that the following statement sums up the open space objective of the neighbourhood plan. Do you support this statement?

<i>Objective 8: To maintain, enhance and improve access to public open spaces and protect them from development.</i>	Yes / No
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There are options for achieving this objective. Which options do you support? Please circle yes or no against each statement.

Identify areas of recreational value to protect as local green spaces which are of importance to the local community	Yes / No
Create a planning policy for the proposed type of recreational use for the public open space at Wixes Piece	Yes / No
Ensure that any new development that involves the loss of a recreational facility provides for its equivalent re-provision elsewhere in the Parish.	Yes / No
Do nothing. Leave any future planning applications for public open space to be assessed solely by existing national planning policy and the Vale of the White Horse Local Plan.	Yes/No

Topic 5: Better Facilities for Local People Objective & Options

The Group believes that the following statement sums up the better facilities objective of the neighbourhood plan. Do you support this statement?

<i>Objective 9: To seek opportunities wherever possible to maintain and enhance the social and economic vitality of the Parish by supporting and expanding the range of services and facilities available locally to residents and visitors</i>	Yes / No
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There are options for achieving this objective. Which options do you support? Please circle yes or no against each statement.

Include policies in the Neighbourhood Plan that support planning applications for community facilities and health service provision.	Yes / No
Where appropriate, developers of sites should demonstrate that there is safe and easy access for residents to local facilities and services.	Yes / No
Understand the needs of the younger and ageing population in the Parish, and where possible engage with the voluntary and community sector to improve access to services and facilities for the community.	Yes / No
Do not incorporate any policies in the Neighbourhood Plan; planning applications for additional community facilities and health service providers should be considered only by national planning policy and the Vale of the White Horse District Local Plan.	Yes / No