

1. Wimblington & Stonea NHP Policies Survey



The local Neighbourhood Plan is now into its second year and the Steering Group are eager for our consultant to produce a draft plan that can be presented to Fenland District Council.

We have prepared another questionnaire and would like **every resident in every household** to engage with the production of basic policies to be included in our NHP. These basic guidelines have been compiled from the responses on the initial questionnaire and from further meetings with local residents. Please add responses and comments you feel are important to the development of our local area, heritage and history.

We also need your input to identify local nature restoration and recovery needs, local green spaces, and buildings and structures that are of historical heritage value to our neighbourhood area.

The NHP Steering Committee thanks you for your input which is vital to our neighbourhood plan and is very much appreciated. To complete this survey online, please go to:
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NHPpolicies>

2. Settlement Boundaries:

These are previous responses raised by residents.

Do you agree with the following statements?

1. There should be no further development within the neighbourhood area

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments:

2. Development outside the village boundaries will be restricted

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments:

3. Avoidance of coalescence between villages 'Doddington-Wimblington-March'

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments:

4. Any windfall or exceptional sites will need to:-

- a) be of appropriate scale
- b) recognise the historic, linear pattern of the local area, and
- c) respect quality over quantity

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments:

5. Local infrastructure is needed to support growth, i.e. transport, telecommunications, community facilities, energy, sewage and water supplies

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments:

6. No further development, other than sites already allocated by Fenland District Council, should be permitted unless strong local support can be demonstrated

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments:

3. **Housing Needs**

A Housing Needs Assessment for our neighbourhood area was produced by AECOM and can be viewed on the Wimblington Parish Council NHP webpage.

Do you agree with the following statements?

7. The requirement for "housing needs" will only be supported if a specific need is identified which has not already been met in the sites already allocated

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments:

8. Smaller, low density developments may be supported and developed within the Design Code specifications ensuring they meet the needs of all local residents, both young and old.

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments:

4. **Local Green Spaces/Open Spaces:**

The natural environment is of importance to local residents and your opinion of appropriate spaces is needed.

Do you agree with the following statements?

9. Any proposed new development must provide an area of open space, either on-site or off-site with accessibility for all residents to enjoy

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments:

10. Existing and new wildlife habitats should be paramount

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments:

11. Biodiversity net gain within the local area is an important factor in development

(Biodiversity net gain is an approach to development, and/or land management, that aims to leave the natural environment in a measurably better state than it was beforehand.)

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments:

12. Existing landscapes, features and views should be retained or replaced where possible

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments:

13. There are no designated green or open spaces within the neighbourhood area and a list needs to be compiled that can be sent to Fenland District Council in order to protect these areas from development.

Do you have any local green space that is of particular value to you?

The value could be for its beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity, richness of wildlife, etc.

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, where is it?

5. **Local nature restoration and recovery:**

In April 2023 the Government published guidelines for the Local Nature Recovery Scheme which sets out a medium-term plan for the provisions of the nature-rich habitats in our towns, villages and surrounding countryside. Residents play an important role in the vision and delivery of this Local Nature Recover Plan both as individuals and as a community. This can be done through garden and allotment maintenance, within the grounds of churches, cemeteries, playing fields, school grounds, the maintenance of small woodlands, orchards, mature trees, the reinstallation of hedgerows, waterbodies and grasslands. Interacting with nature is key for our health and well-being.

14. Are there any places you feel should be developed into or become a natural habitat?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, where is it?

15. Have you noted natural habitats or corridors for wildlife that need protecting?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, where is it?

16. Is there any specific local flora and/or fauna that you believe is disappearing?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, what and where is it?

17. Are there any areas locally that you would like to see improved?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, where is it?

18. Would you be prepared to help and volunteer with the Local Nature Recovery Plan?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If you, please give name and contact details:

6. **Design Code:**

A Design Code document has been produced and can be viewed on the Wimblington Parish council NHP webpage. The Design Code is quite specific and will be incorporated into the NHP final document but there were a few issues raised through previous consultation.

Do you agree with the following statements?

19. The historic heritage of our neighbourhood area must be respected

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments:

20. Development will only be supported if it upholds the natural and built environment of the villages

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments:

21. Development will only be supported if it ensures safe accessibility and transportation

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments:

22. Development will only be supported if it provides open and green spaces

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments:

23. Development will only be supported if it uses materials that are sympathetic to our neighbourhood area in the construction of dwellings

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments:

7. **History and Heritage:**

Our village has many buildings, structures, open spaces and community assets that are important to the history and heritage of our village. The NHP Steering Group has been tasked with producing a list of non-designated assets of value to the community and to the history and heritage of our village.

Do you agree with the following statements?

24. The conservation and enjoyment of the local environment is strongly supported by local residents

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments:

25. Any development that would adversely affect the designated or identified non-designated historical assets will not be supported

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments:

26. Any development that would adversely affect the identified assets of community value will not be supported

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments:

27. Any further development must be sympathetic with local distinctive characteristics, materials, and design

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments:

28. Are there any buildings, structures or areas that you feel are of historical heritage value to our village?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, where is it and what is its historical value?

8. Local Businesses:

The statements below are the issues and concerns raised by residents during previous consultation.

Do you agree with the following statements?

29. New industrial businesses will not be supported

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments:

30. Expansion of existing industries will be considered on their merit of viability and value to the villages

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments:

31. There should be no increase in heavy traffic through our neighbourhood area

☐ Yes

☐ No

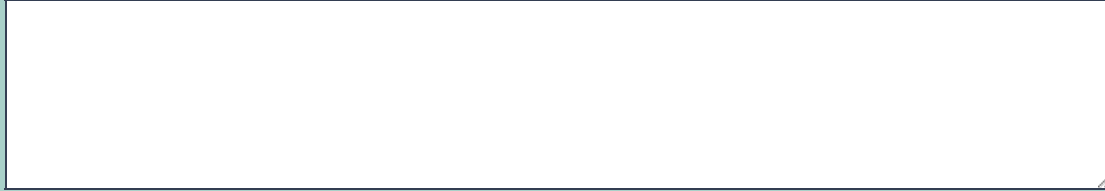
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32. Consideration for increased business will be given where there are new employment opportunities for local residents

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☐ No

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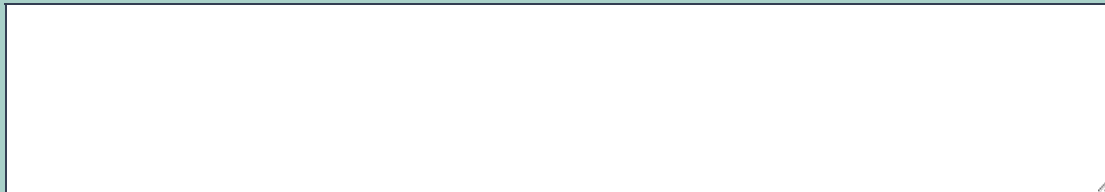
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33. Small local businesses, new amenities and facilities will be supported, offering opportunities to local residents

☐ Yes

☐ No

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9. **Transport:**

Some of the concerns raised by residents at the consultation stage cannot be dealt with through the NHP Policy but can be highlighted to Highways, Fenland District Council and Cambridge County Council.

The following statements were raised by residents in previous consultation.

Do you agree with the following statements?

34. Growth of development requires the delivery of safe passageways and connectivity to the local amenities and facilities

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments:

35. Improved and enhanced pathways, cycle ways and public rights of way are important to the health and well-being of residents

☐ Yes

☐ No

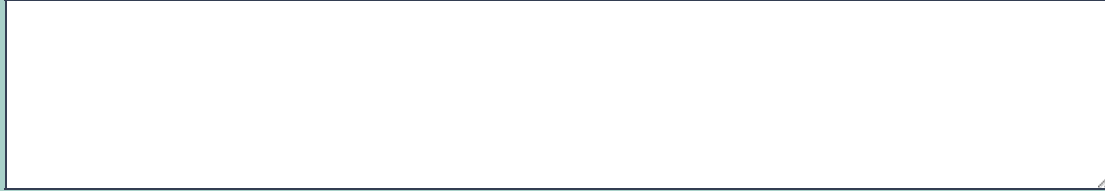
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36. Safe access to and from developments and local highways is important to residents

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☐ No

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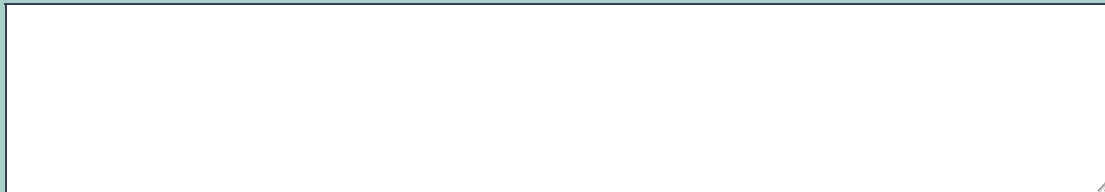
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37. The promotion of public transportation links is important to residents

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments:

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10. **Flood Mitigation:**

During the consultation stage, residents raised concerns about flooding issues that had been experienced in recent years. With the ever-increasing problem from flooding here in the local neighbourhood area it is important that adequate drainage, soakaways, attenuation ponds and water management is introduced throughout construction and development.

Do you agree with the following statements?

38. Surface water drainage into ditches/dykes must be monitored and maintained in perpetuity by the developers or riparian owners

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments:

39. Hedgerows should be retained or reinstated along ditches/dykes

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments:

40. Attenuation ponds should be an asset to the biodiversity of the area, attractive and enjoyed by residents

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments:

41. Flood risk assessments should include information from all relevant sources in order to reduce the causes and impact of flooding

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments:

42. What else should be considered in our flooding mitigation policy?

43. Please return your questionnaire by **13th October 2023** to:

- ☐ The Postbox at the Parish Hall, Addison Road, Wimblington
- ☐ Collection box at Parkfields Pub in the Park, Chapel Lane, Wimblington
- ☐ Collection box at The Anchor Public House, Norfolk Street, Wimblington
- ☐ 5B March Road, Wimblington
- ☐ 9B March Road, Wimblington
- ☐ 12 Lily Avenue, Wimblington
- ☐ Or, complete online by using the QR code below or going to <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NHPpolicies>

