

BITTESWELL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE

Dear Bitteswell resident,

Your Parish Council is putting together a Neighbourhood Plan. The results of this questionnaire will determine the guiding principles and direction of our plan, so it is very important that we all take the opportunity to make our views known.

What is Neighbourhood Planning?

Neighbourhood planning is a process designed to enable local communities to influence development and planning within the area in which they live and work. In this context development doesn't just mean more houses, but includes planning for shops, businesses, community facilities and transport. Neighbourhood planning enables people to help shape the place in which they live.

What is the purpose of this questionnaire?

When developing our Neighbourhood Plan we need to draw on your skills and knowledge and use these to help identify:

- New development proposal and where it should be located
- The type and style of buildings that will best meet the needs of our community
- Green spaces, buildings and any other areas that should be protected
- Any improvements needed to local amenities, services or recreational facilities
- Any improvements required to the public footpath, bus and road networks

Why does it matter?

Our Neighbourhood Plan cannot prevent development but it can set out what type of development is appropriate and where it should be situated. Neighbourhood plans have a statutory status, which means that any decisions made on planning applications by Harborough District Council would need to take the Bitteswell Neighbourhood Plan into consideration. Our Plan will ensure that the needs, views and priorities of our local community are fully considered when assessing future planning applications and proposed developments within our area.

We need your views to develop and implement a shared vision for the future of Bitteswell.

John Allsopp

Chairman
Bitteswell Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee

What will happen next?

We are distributing one paper copy of the questionnaire to each Bitteswell household. **Any individual aged 18 or above on 01st January 2019 is entitled to complete the questionnaire.** Additional questionnaires can be obtained from the Parish Council's website www.bitteswell.org.uk where you can download a printable copy. A large print version is also available from the website if required.

What will we do with the information we get from the questionnaire?

The completed questionnaires will be analysed and with the information gathered we can formalise your views. We will publish and share the findings from the survey at a future event and you can give your feedback on the issues and options identified. This will then help us in writing the Bitteswell Neighbourhood Plan.

What about confidentiality?

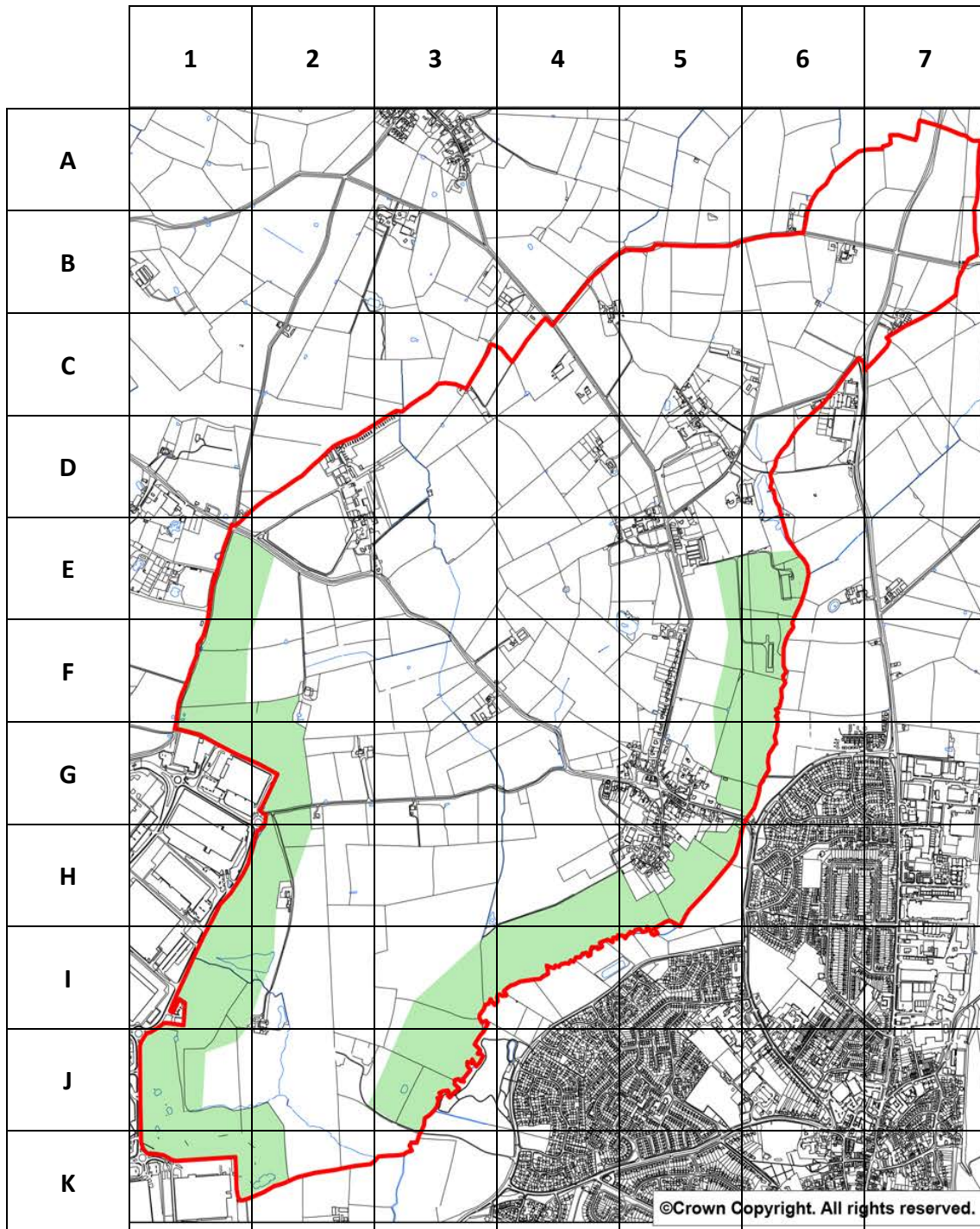
The questionnaire is being used to help the Parish Council prepare a Neighbourhood Plan. The information you provide on the questionnaire is confidential. Your participation in this research, together with your individual responses to the questions will be kept strictly confidential, and no one will be identifiable in any published results. Your identity or personal details will not be disclosed.

Drop-off point for completed paper copy questionnaires is:

St Mary's C of E (Aided) Primary School
The Green
Bitteswell
LE17 4SB
(In the letterbox)

The deadline for returning paper copy questionnaires or submitting them online is Sunday 23rd June 2019

REFERENCE MAP (see questions 6 and 7 below)



(This is the most recent available map)

BACKGROUND

1	If any members of your household, relatives or friends have moved away from the Parish, please give the reasons you know reliably that they had. Please tick all boxes that apply	
a)	To begin job/study course	
b)	To be closer to relatives or elderly care	
c)	For suitable market housing to buy	
d)	For affordable housing to rent/buy	
e)	To meet retirement housing needs	
f)	To improve access to jobs	
g)	To be closer to health care	
h)	To improve access to shops and leisure facilities	



2	What do you like about living in the village? Please rate - Highly Important 1 2 3 4 5 Not Important	
a)	Village facilities (Church, School, Pub)	
b)	Village activities/community groups	
c)	Quiet village/friendly and safe environment	
d)	Easy access to the countryside and local wildlife	
e)	Access to good facilities nearby	
f)	Rural atmosphere with open/green spaces in the village	

3	Have you or any member of your family (even if they don't live with you now) recently had a problem finding suitable living accommodation in our parish? Please tick the box that best describes your situation	
a)	No	
b)	Yes, currently	
c)	Yes, within the last year or so	
d)	No, but I anticipate this being a problem	

BACKGROUND (continued)	
4	What is the exact nature of the current or anticipated housing problem? Please tick all boxes that apply
a)	Lack of homes to buy at a price I/they could afford
b)	Lack of homes to rent at a price I/they could afford
c)	Lack of homes big enough
d)	Lack of homes small enough
e)	Lack of homes suitable for personal needs (e.g. limited mobility)
f)	Prefer not to answer

ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES	
5	How would you like the parish to be described in 15 years' time? Please tick up to five - if any are particularly important, then put a double-tick
a)	Accessible
b)	Affordable
c)	Attractive
d)	Friendly
e)	Prosperous
f)	Rural
g)	Safe
h)	Traditional
i)	Tranquil
j)	Vibrant

6	The village must accommodate up to 30 new dwellings by 2031, are there any sites you think suitable for new housing within the Parish? Please tick
a)	No
b)	Yes
(If yes, use the grid reference from the map to specify location and state why you think they are suitable)	

7	Are there any areas of open space you think are special to the community that should ideally be protected from development? Please tick
a)	No
b)	Yes
(If yes, use the grid reference from the map to specify location and state why you think they should be protected)	

ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES (continued)

8 Do you think the services below need improving to meet the future needs of the village? Please tick the relevant box for each line		Yes	No
a)	Surface water drainage		
b)	Sewerage system		
c)	Electricity		
d)	Gas		
e)	Broadband		
f)	Mobile telephone network		
g)	Recycling/rubbish collection		
h)	Street lighting		



HOUSING

9 When considering new housing development in our parish, how concerned would you be about each of the following? Very concerned 1 2 3 4 5 not at all concerned	
a)	Loss of identity (as a village etc.)
b)	Loss of countryside and/or green space between existing settlements
c)	Increased traffic and congestion
d)	Increased parking needs
e)	Impact on the environment, e.g. loss of hedgerows and trees
f)	Lack of school/childcare places
g)	Unsafe pedestrian routes
h)	Development not fitting with the current character of the area
i)	Increase in crime and anti-social behaviour

HOUSING (continued)

10 Which of the following do you think is the most appropriate way to meet our allocation for new housing development in the parish? Please tick - High Priority 1 2 3 Low Priority		1	2	3
a)	Building on individual plots			
b)	Small sites of up to 4 homes			
c)	Medium sites of 5-15 homes			
d)	Larger site of 16-40 homes			

11 What design features would you like to see in any development? Please tick		Yes	Unsure	No
a)	Rural style and materials			
b)	Modern			
c)	Architect designed			
d)	Ecological			
e)	Office/study space to enable working from home			
f)	Adequate off street parking			

12 Could you adapt your current home to meet your future needs? Please tick		Yes	No
a)	Yes		
b)	No		

13 Thinking about new housing development in our parish, how important is each of the following? Most important 1 2 3 4 5 not important		1	2	3	4	5
a)	To meet general housing need in the parish					
b)	To provide affordable housing					
c)	To enable young people to move to, or remain living in, the parish					
d)	To enable older people to downsize or to move into more suitable accommodation for their needs					
e)	To support local businesses and community facilities					
f)	To enhance cultural and social mix within the parish					

14 If you think there should be affordable housing (for sale or to rent) in our parish, who should this be for? Please tick		Yes	No
a)	For local people or those with a connection with the parish only		
b)	For anyone who needs this type of housing		

HOUSING (continued)			
15	Thinking about your current home, what type of house do you currently occupy in the parish? Please tick		
a)	Owned		b) Rented
c)	House 1-2 bed		
d)	House 3-4 bed		
e)	House 5 or more bed		
f)	Bungalow 1-2 bed		
g)	Bungalow 3-4 bed		
h)	Community housing (parish/charity-owned for local people)		
i)	Flat		
j)	Low cost housing (relative to local incomes)		
k)	Social housing 1-2 bed		
l)	Social housing 3-4 bed		
m)	Self-build		
n)	Shared ownership		
o)	Residential care		
p)	Smaller retirement housing		
q)	Warden-assisted retirement housing		

16	Thinking about your next move, what type of house would you want to move to if you were to stay in the parish? Please tick		
a)	Owned		b) Rented
c)	House 1-2 bed		
d)	House 3-4 bed		
e)	House 5 or more bed		
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HOUSING (continued)

17	Thinking about the needs of others in the parish, what types of housing do you think are most needed? Please tick up to five - if you feel any are particularly important, then put a double-tick			
a)	Owned		b)	Rented
c)	House 1-2 bed			
d)	House 3-4 bed			
e)	House 5 or more bed			
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TRANSPORT

18	How many vehicles are in your household? Please tick										
a)	0	b)	1	c)	2	d)	3	e)	4	f)	5 or more

19	How many of these are parked within your property boundary? Please tick										
a)	0	b)	1	c)	2	d)	3	e)	4	f)	5 or more

20	How many are parked on the roadside? Please tick										
a)	0	b)	1	c)	2	d)	3	e)	4	f)	5 or more

21	Please indicate any concerns you may have on the following subjects					
	Very concerned 1 2 3 4 5 not at all concerned					
a)	Speed of traffic					
b)	Evening 'on street' parking					
c)	Daytime 'on street' parking					
d)	Weekend parking					
e)	Access for HGVs					
f)	Condition of roads					
g)	Public transport					

ANYTHING ELSE?

22 Please use this space to tell us about anything else that you feel is important for the Neighbourhood Plan to consider.

FINALLY

We would appreciate it if you would please tell us a little about yourself by completing the **'About You'** section below. This information is optional, but it will allow us to demonstrate that we have gained the views of a cross-section of the community when making the Neighbourhood Plan.

All information will be treated confidentially in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation and will only be used in connection with the neighbourhood plan.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

ABOUT YOU	
How long have you lived in the village? Please tick	
0-5 years	<input type="checkbox"/>
6-10 years	<input type="checkbox"/>
11-15 years	<input type="checkbox"/>
16-20 years	<input type="checkbox"/>
21-25 years	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over 25 years	<input type="checkbox"/>

What is your age? Please tick	
18-24	<input type="checkbox"/>
25-44	<input type="checkbox"/>
45-64	<input type="checkbox"/>
65-74	<input type="checkbox"/>
75 and over	<input type="checkbox"/>

What gender are you? Please tick	
Male	<input type="checkbox"/>
Female	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prefer not to say	<input type="checkbox"/>

Which of the following best describes the household in which you live? Please tick	
One-person household	<input type="checkbox"/>
A couple with dependent children	<input type="checkbox"/>
A couple without dependent children	<input type="checkbox"/>
Single parent household with dependent children	<input type="checkbox"/>
Single parent household with non-dependent children	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multi-person household	<input type="checkbox"/>

PRIZE DRAW	
<p>All residents who return/submit a completed questionnaire by the deadline of 23rd June 2019 and provide their contact details will also be entered into a 'Prize Draw'. The prize-winner will be notified as soon as possible after the closing date.</p>	
Your Name	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>
Email (optional)	<input type="text"/>



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