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Neighbourhood Plan**

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WEST LAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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West Lavington Parish

**The Neighbourhood Plan for
West Lavington and Littleton Panell**

**QUESTIONNAIRE
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**NOW is
YOUR chance to have YOUR say**

You can complete this questionnaire in conjunction
with our recently distributed leaflet, which set out why
a Neighbourhood Plan is being prepared and invited
you to help. There is more information at the rear.

This questionnaire lets YOU have a say in the future
of your community. Please complete and return it to
our door-to-door collectors or by leaving it at one of
our local collection points:

- the Costcutter/NISA shop;
- the Courtyard Doctors' Surgery;
- The Churchill Arms

by 10th March 2014

QUESTIONNAIRE

We need to know what you like most about where you live.

And we need to know what concerns you most about where you live.

Within the current boundaries permitted for development, there are very few opportunities for new housing other than in-fill or extension of existing properties.

Some people feel that there is a need to make a land allocation for a reasonable number of new houses to help accommodate needs for the future – what do you think?

For the Plan to allocate some new land for additional houses we need to know how many houses local people would like to see built. Some additional houses could provide new opportunities for people to live in the village.

Such growth may also support local facilities. Over the previous 10 years to 2011 some 45 new houses were built, which means an average of 4.5 houses per year.

Whilst some may prefer no growth, this would not accord with Wiltshire Council's Core Strategy or national planning policy.

About West Lavington and Littleton Panell:

The 2011 Census tells us that:

- 1500 people are resident in the parish;
- 1150 of these live in private households;
- A further 350 live as residents in Dauntsey's School or local care homes;
- 17.5% of the population are over 65;
- 60% of the population are working age;
- Population has grown by 220 in 10 years;
- Only 120 of these are in private households;
- Over 60% are economically active and only 2% are unemployed;
- Households have increased by 55 since 2001;
- There were 518 dwellings in 2011, an increase of 45 over the 10 year period;
- 61% of the population are home owners with others in either private rented or social housing;
- 29% of the working population have degree level training;
- Local employers, predominantly Dauntsey's School, provide over 400 jobs in the village.

All this shows us that these are not places that are standing still!

YOUR say:

Our first consultations with the public helped us form some initial views about the objectives and direction of the Plan. Now we need some really important input from EVERYONE to help us with some of the key development issues that will shape the Plan and the future of the parish up to 2026.

Thank you for taking a few minutes to complete the questions. Please ensure that you return this questionnaire to us - see the front cover for details - by the 10th March 2014.

To accommodate growth we would have to find new sites for houses in the villages.

If one large site were used it may be more economical to construct the houses and it might provide some development funds to the Parish Council to use for community projects. However, some people feel that smaller sites are more appropriate and could fit better into the villages.

Wiltshire Council is proposing to give priority to people with a local connection in the allocation of social housing from April 2014. The Neighbourhood Plan can help identify what type of social housing is needed.

Other people, who are not eligible for social housing, may want to buy homes in this area. The Neighbourhood Plan can help developers decide what type of houses to build.

Much of West Lavington and Littleton Panell is in a conservation area and the villages include buildings from many periods and in many styles. Any future new development will be significant in determining the villages' future personality.

The West Lavington & Littleton Panell Village Design Statement made proposals about what sort of development is appropriate in the villages.

The Village Design Statement and the Conservation Area Statement can be found here www.westlavington.info/planning.html

15 Are there any significant local highway measures or minor improvements that would benefit the village that you consider should be raised with Wiltshire Council?

- a) Yes
- b) No

16 If YES please specify :

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17 Are there significant local environmental issues, such as public landscaping, rural, habitat, conservation and/or archaeological site protection matters that the Plan should tackle?

- a) Yes
- b) No

18 Please indicate your main reason for saying YES or NO (choose one)

- a) potential for landscaping, planting & enhancements
- b) need for safeguarding measures for sensitive areas
- c) footpaths and countryside access are very important
- d) no need for further environmental policies in the Plan
- e) other (please specify)

19 What other matters may the Plan need to tackle? (choose any)

- a) car parking
- b) community bus service
- c) cemetery requirements
- d) wind turbines
- e) solar panel farms
- f) biomass projects
- g) other (please specify)

Our Plan will cover the whole Parish and will look forward to 2026

It has to comply with Wiltshire Council's Core Strategy and is mainly concerned with land and development matters but it can also influence issues such as business, schools, health and transport. It has to comply with a strict legal process and must be approved by a referendum in the Parish before it can become part of statutory planning control.

Whilst some may prefer no growth, this would not accord with Wiltshire Council's Core Strategy or national planning policy.

So, an approved Neighbourhood Plan is really important as it will enable the community to manage what happens within the parish boundary - especially with regard to new housing.

It would **allow us to shape the number, location, type and phasing of new housing** and to resist any large, unwelcome proposals that might arise from speculative developers.

The Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has been working hard over the past year to bring the Plan forward. Grant money has been obtained to help with the costs, consultants have been retained to assist with the technical process and lots of information about the villages has been collected.

To help you make informed choices in the questionnaire here are some interesting facts about our communities. Each question has more information alongside to help you.

1 What do you value most about the area and the village that you would like the Plan to safeguard? (choose up to two)

- a) Open countryside setting & views
- b) Village character
- c) Community facilities
- d) Community spirit
- e) Other (please specify)

2 What do you think is the biggest local problem that the Plan may be able to address? (choose up to two)

- a) shortage of affordable housing
- b) speed & volume of traffic
- c) shortage of local jobs
- d) random development pressures
- e) other (please specify)

3 Should the Plan allocate land for some additional houses in the parish?

- a) Yes
- b) No

4 Please indicate your main reason for saying YES or NO (choose one)

- a) Need for smaller / affordable homes
- b) Limited growth in village desirable
- c) No growth required in village
- d) Need to protect landscape setting
- e) Other (please specify)

5 Approximately how many houses would you like to see built in the Parish over the next 10 years? (choose one)

- a) none
- b) up to 20
- c) up to 40
- d) up to 60
- e) up to 80
- f) up to 100

The villages have a business community that includes a retail shop, a smaller retail shop with mobile unit, a hairdresser, two pubs, a scrapyard and a number of self-employed people.

Dauntsey's, an independent school, is the largest employer in the parish.

Other significant employers are Wentrow Media, A'Beckett's Vineyard, two care homes and Dauntsey Academy Primary School.

The villages also have community facilities including a village hall, playing fields, children's playgrounds and a youth club.

There are three schools, three places of worship and a doctors' surgery.

Approximately sixteen community organisations respond to a wide range of interests and ages.

Public transport is of great importance to those in the community who do not have their own transport.

Usage of buses and trains depends on demand, availability, the routes, the schedules, the fares, the publicity and information provided, and the reliability and the convenience and comfort of travel.

9 Do we need more sites or premises to buy or rent to promote business and employment opportunities?

- a) Yes
- b) No

10 Please indicate your main reason for saying YES or NO (choose one)

- a) perceived shortage of small premises for business
- b) need to encourage the growth of local employment
- c) no local demand for additional business premises
- d) more business premises would not fit in with the village
- e) other (please specify)

11 Are local community facilities and services adequate for your needs?

- a) Yes
- b) No

12 Please indicate your main reason for saying YES or NO

	Satisfactory	Need improvement
a) Village hall and facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) <u>Local</u> schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) <u>Local</u> healthcare	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Other (please specify)		

13 Is public transport provision adequate to reach employment, commercial and community or leisure facilities?

- a) Yes
- b) No

14 Please indicate your main reason for saying YES or NO

- a) times & destinations do not meet local employment needs
- b) no bus service to the rail network
- c) difficult travel to healthcare
- d) services are adequate for a rural area
- e) other (please specify)

Roads are important to everyone - pedestrians, vehicle drivers, cyclists, motorcyclists etc.

Road standards and safety are the responsibility of Wiltshire Council but the Neighbourhood Plan can influence what is provided.

Open spaces contribute significantly to the character and visual amenity of a community.

A substantial land area within the parish is owned by the MoD.

There are important footpaths and byways which provide access to Salisbury Plain and neighbouring villages.

There are a number of archaeological items and environmentally important features within the parish.

Finally, are there any other important local matters that you think the Plan should tackle through particular policies or land allocations?

Please tick any that you feel should be investigated via the Plan process.

6 Which approach to future development do you favour? (choose one)

- a) development of a single larger site
- b) development of two or three small sites
- c) a mixture of the two
(a larger site plus some development on small sites)

7 What types of house do you think are most needed? (choose up to 3 types)

- a) small family houses for sale
- b) larger family houses for sale
- c) small family social rented houses
- d) apartments/small houses for sale for younger people
- e) apartments/small houses for social rent for younger people
- f) elderly persons apartments/bungalows for sale
- g) elderly persons social rented assisted living apartments/ bungalows
- h) other types (please specify)

8 What building styles/appearance of new houses would you like to see? (choose up to two)

- a) designs that aim to copy period cottage styles
- b) traditional post-war estate styles
- c) more modern designs e.g. with larger windows
- d) styles similar to barn conversions
- e) styles based on eco-friendly building techniques
- f) other (please specify)