

Neighbourhood Plan Survey



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This is probably the most important document you will complete this year.

If there are school age children in your household, please include their views where possible.

Additional forms can be downloaded from www.worlaby.org.uk or by contacting us on 07925584668.

Please return the completed survey by post using the pre-paid envelope it came in. Alternatively it can be delivered by hand to 79 Top Road.

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?



A Neighbourhood Plan is a statement of how residents wish to see their community develop over the next 15 – 20 years. Once adopted, it becomes part of the Local Authority Plan that is used when considering planning applications.

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Why do we need it?

When a planning application is considered by the Local Authority the officers involved will consider the Local Plan and all comments and objections put forward. Applications *must* comply with the Local Plan and national planning guidelines, but comments are considered on merit. This is done by giving each comment ‘weight’; the greater the ‘weight’, the more influence they have.

Traditionally comments from residents and, in particular, the Parish Council, have been given a great deal of weight which has allowed communities to have a strong voice when planning applications are decided. This all changed in 2011 when the Localism Act was passed.

Residents’ influence reduced in 2011.

In 2011 the government introduced an ‘*assumption in favour of sustainable development*’ that effectively forced Local Authorities to permit any application for a development that the *developer* could show was sustainable. In these cases, comments from others would carry little or no weight and residents would have virtually no influence at all.

Government introduces the Neighbourhood Plan.

To balance this, the Government introduced the Neighbourhood Plan. The idea was this: instead of residents objecting and commenting on each planning application, they would be invited to set out exactly what they wanted in a Neighbourhood Plan and this would be incorporated into the Local Plan so planning applications *must* comply with it.

To be permitted a planning application would have to meet the requirements of the Neighbourhood Plan as well as the Local Plan and national planning guidelines.



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What if we don't have a Neighbourhood Plan?

If there is no Neighbourhood Plan it will be assumed that residents have no strong views (otherwise they would have produced a Neighbourhood Plan, wouldn't they?)

Of course, these things take time. At present Local Authorities still take account of residents' views when considering planning applications, but gradually they will give objections less and less 'weight'. Eventually any community without a Neighbourhood Plan could have little or no say in how their area develops.

No Plan, no voice.

News Update

In February 2017 the Government set out new proposals to improve the planning process in England which will give Neighbourhood Plans even more influence on planning decisions.

The Neighbourhood Planning Bill has yet to become law, but it indicates the increasing importance placed on Neighbourhood Plans in the Government's design for the future.

The Government proposes "giving communities a stronger voice in the design of new housing...building on the success of neighbourhood planning"

Government white paper 'Fixing our broken housing market' February 2017

" ..the current Bill going through Parliament, the Neighbourhood Planning Bill, which is strengthening that part of the plan-making process, will see local communities being taken more seriously through their neighbourhood plans."

Sajid Javid, Secretary of State Department for Local Government, speaking in the House of Commons on 7th February 2017.

Survey Questions



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Part 1. THE VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT

Q 1.1 How important to you or your family is the countryside surrounding Worlabby village?

Very important
Not important

Important
No opinion

A Neighbourhood Plan can protect green spaces between settlements to help maintain their identity.

Space between villages

Q 1.2 How important to you is it that the Neighbourhood Plan should seek to protect the open countryside between Worlabby village and Bonby?

Very important
Not important

Important
No opinion

Spaces within the village

A Neighbourhood Plan can protect green spaces within the village that contribute to the character of the village. Examples are:

- The triangular green where the flagpole is on Main Street
- Pleasure ground in front of the Church
- Green area at Carr Lane/Low Road junction
- Woodland Glade (where the statue is)
- Grassed area in front of the Almshouses down to The Hill
- The Hollows
- The triangular green area at junction of The Hill and Middlegate
- Brickyard area by the path leading from Top Road to Ladysmith Cottage



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Q 1.3 Do you agree that the Neighbourhood Plan should seek to protect significant green spaces within the parish?

Strongly agree Agree
 Strongly disagree Disagree No opinion/don't know

Protected views

As well as green spaces, a Neighbourhood Plan can protect views that are particularly important to the community. Examples are:

- The view of the village from the Ancholme Way footpath and Carr Lane
- The view of the church from the top of Wold Road by Middlegate House
- The view of Worlabby House Farm from the Carrs
- The view of the Wolds from the Ancholme Valley
- The view of the village when approaching from Elsham

Q 1.4 Do you agree that the Neighbourhood Plan should seek to protect significant views in the parish?

Strongly agree Agree
 Strongly disagree Disagree No opinion/don't know

Can you suggest any other views that should be protected?

Do you have any other comments on the village environment?



Part 2. ACCESS TO THE ENVIRONMENT

Worlaby has a well defined set of footpaths, minor roads and bridleways that provide access to the surrounding countryside but they are not always well connected and some are in need of maintenance.

Footpaths and bridleways

Q 2.1 Are you in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan supporting the maintenance of existing footpaths/bridleways and the creation of new ones to make it safer and easier to get around the village and the wider parish on foot, bicycle and by horse?

- Strongly agree Agree
 Strongly disagree Disagree No opinion/don't know

The Neighbourhood Plan can identify 'access routes' that link roads and paths through the village to the countryside beyond and can require new developments to recognise and improve these routes.

Q 2.2 Are you in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan identifying 'access routes' for pedestrians and cycles that link important areas in the village and the surrounding countryside?

- Strongly agree Agree
 Strongly disagree Disagree No opinion/don't know

Do you have any other comments on footpaths and bridleways?



Part 3. SETTLEMENT CHARACTER

House types and sizes

A Neighbourhood Plan can set out what type of housing the community needs. The following questions are intended to identify the size and type of housing needed in Worlabby.

Q 3.1 What types of housing do you think are most needed in Worlabby? If you feel any are particularly important then put a double tick. ✓✓

- | | | |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 bed houses | <input type="checkbox"/> Link houses | <input type="checkbox"/> Bungalows |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 bed houses | <input type="checkbox"/> Flats to buy | <input type="checkbox"/> Retirement housing to buy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 bed houses | <input type="checkbox"/> Flats to rent | <input type="checkbox"/> Retirement housing to rent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 bed houses | <input type="checkbox"/> Private rented | <input type="checkbox"/> Shared equity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5+ bed houses | <input type="checkbox"/> Council rented | <input type="checkbox"/> Modular housing |

Other: _____

Q 3.2 What would be your main concerns if more houses were built in Worlabby? If you feel any are particularly important then put a double tick. ✓✓

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase in traffic | <input type="checkbox"/> Too many large homes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Too few facilities / no shop | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of adequate parking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of green space between villages | <input type="checkbox"/> Weaker sense of community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Some areas become isolated | <input type="checkbox"/> School overpopulated |

Other: _____



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Q 3.3 Do you agree that the Neighbourhood Plan should set out what type of housing the community needs? (you will be able to comment on the detail before the Neighbourhood Plan is finalised.)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	No opinion/don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree		

Design and style of houses

A Neighbourhood Plan can control the design and style of houses that might be built in the parish. Worlabby has traditionally been a village of low profile, smaller houses set around a few larger properties.

Q 3.4 How important to you is it that a Neighbourhood Plan should seek to ensure that any new development includes a mix of house styles similar to existing houses?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Very important	<input type="checkbox"/>	Important
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not important	<input type="checkbox"/>	No opinion

Location

The government is encouraging local authorities to allow more new houses to be built. Whilst the Local Authority is not proposing any new houses for Worlabby, there is space for new houses in the parish and Worlabby will face pressure from developers. A Neighbourhood Plan can set out where the community believes development might best be located but it cannot, without good reason, say where it should not be located.

Q 3.5 Do you agree that the Neighbourhood Plan should set out where any new development is best located?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	No opinion/don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree		



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Do you have any comments on where new housing could be located in Worlabby?

Road Layout

Road layout is an important part of the design of a new development. The Neighbourhood Plan can ensure that new roads are linked to existing ones in a way that improves traffic flow and provides new routes for pedestrians. Well designed linking between new and existing roads avoids developments becoming isolated and encourages a stronger sense of community.

Q 3.6 Do you agree that the Neighbourhood Plan should seek to ensure that new roads are designed to minimise the effect on known traffic bottlenecks and improve traffic flow where possible?

- Strongly agree Agree
 Strongly disagree Disagree No opinion/don't know

Do you have any other comments on the design, style, location and layout of new housing?



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Part 4. COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Q 4.1 Additional housing may assist the village in providing new community facilities. If this happens which type(s) of facility do you think are most required? Please tick all that apply. If you feel any are particularly important then put a double tick. ✓✓

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green open space | <input type="checkbox"/> Café |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drop-in centre | <input type="checkbox"/> Young Children’s play area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Premises/site for village shop | <input type="checkbox"/> Skate park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sports facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Premises/site for village shop |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Allotments | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor gym |

Other: _____

Bearing in mind that a Neighbourhood Plan can look at land anywhere in the parish, do you have a view on where these facilities should be located?

Q 4.2 Do you agree that the Neighbourhood Plan should require developers to contribute to additional community facilities where this is possible?

- | | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion/don’t know |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree | |



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Part 5. THE LOCAL ECONOMY

Worlabby parish has always been primarily an agricultural area and remains so today. However, this provides very little employment locally. The Neighbourhood Plan can seek to increase local employment and encourage local businesses.

Working from home, either self-employed or as an employee, is becoming more common in rural areas. Worlabby already has fast broadband delivered to homes through the telephone network, a Neighbourhood Plan can require new homes to have provision for superfast broadband to be delivered directly to premises.

Q 5.1 Do you agree that the Neighbourhood Plan should require new homes to have provision for superfast broadband?

- Strongly agree Agree
 Strongly disagree Disagree No opinion/don't know

If you already run a business in Worlabby, are there any facilities that would improve your prospects?

Do you have any comments on where new employment sites could be located in the parish?

Q 5.2 Do you agree that the Neighbourhood Plan should encourage the development of new business opportunities in Worlabby?

- Strongly agree Agree
 Strongly disagree Disagree No opinion/don't know



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Now you've completed the survey, you have a chance to win in our super prize draw. Simply enter your telephone number, or other suitable contact, on the enclosed slip and return it with your survey or deliver it directly to 79 Top Road.

Slips received by 12th March will be included in the draw which will take place at the Parish Council meeting on 14th March. The winner will be contacted and details posted on notice boards and on the Parish Council Website.



Win a £30 **TESCO** voucher !

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