

Membury Parish

Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire

Neighbourhood planning is an exciting opportunity for us as a parish to influence how and why development will take place in our parish over the next fifteen years and more.

*Please take the time to fill out your **individual** questionnaire and be part of this.*

This questionnaire is largely formed on your comments from our Exhibition and will help us understand what is most important to you and what our Neighbourhood Plan should focus upon.

It is important to make clear that a 'Neighbourhood Plan' has a focus on land use and development – and is not to be confused with our 'Parish Plan' which identifies all manner of wider local issues which we have already achieved or are still working towards. It can however incorporate the Design Statement if that is the general wish.

Our Neighbourhood Plan will set out a vision for what the Parish should be like to live and work in over the next fifteen years and how that vision can be achieved. The process of making our Plan will include a series of consultations, in which we will listen to everyone in our community. We will continue to provide feedback via our parish website and magazine.

Our Plan needs to conform to strategic local, national and EU policies but can enable us to put in place our own detailed local planning policies relating to infrastructure, economic, housing and other development where the community thinks it is necessary or beneficial to do so. Our plan will go before an independent examiner and then be subject to a referendum in our Parish where, under the regulations in the Localism Act 2011, over 50% of those voting must be in favour of the Plan. Once approved it will form part of the Statutory Development Plan for the area.

To read more <http://mycommunityrights.org.uk/neighbourhood-planning/>

You can see from this, just how important it is that each of you make your views known - and that includes children (who will be adults during the life of this Plan). Only that way can your views be reflected in the final document.

There are a number of ways you can respond:

1. Fill in this questionnaire and post it back to us in the reply paid envelope **by 20th August 2014**
2. More forms can be collected from **Membury Post Office & Shop**, or printed off from the parish website [www.membury.org.uk] and returned in the envelope provided or handed back in to the Post office.
3. Or simply take the survey online at www.surveymonkey.com/s/memburynp

Any questions then either blog on the web site [www.membury.org.uk] or email to memburyplan@gmail.com or contact one of the Steering Group:-

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THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

The Blackdown Hills are a beautiful landscape in which to live, work and play.

1. In your view, which of these qualities make the Blackdown Hills a special place?

(PLEASE TICK YOUR TOP FIVE)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Distinctive landscape, views and scenery | <input type="checkbox"/> Tranquillity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traditional farming practices | <input type="checkbox"/> Country lanes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Woodland | <input type="checkbox"/> Devon banks and hedgerows |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biodiversity (flora and fauna) | <input type="checkbox"/> Character of village centres and settlements |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Distinctive, traditional building styles | <input type="checkbox"/> Dark skies with bright stars (lack of light pollution) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: | |
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2. Which of the following do you feel are important to enable you to access and enjoy the local countryside?

(PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Footpaths | <input type="checkbox"/> Off-road cycle paths and green lanes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bridleways | <input type="checkbox"/> Commons |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Woodland and forestry (where open to public) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: |
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3. Is the retention of having a policy of 'no street lights' important to you?

- | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|

4. Should our plan have specific policies to protect any of the following:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Devon banks and hedges | <input type="checkbox"/> Trees and wooded areas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local orchards | |

BUILT AND HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT

Part of the character of our parish is due to the buildings. These have evolved over centuries, with older buildings being updated or extended and new buildings added as required.

5. What priorities do you think our Neighbourhood Plan should focus on?

(PLEASE TICK YOUR TOP FIVE)

- Design, size and location of new domestic buildings
- Design, size and location of domestic extensions
- Design, size and location of new agricultural buildings
- Design, size and location of new industrial units
- Preserving the overall character of local buildings and settlements
- Preserving archeologically important sites
- Reducing flood risk to new and current housing sites
- Other, please specify:

6. In your opinion, are existing flood defences and plans appropriate for the current flood risk?

- Yes No

7. What, if anything, do you think should be done in addition to reduce flood risk?

Trees are essential in our residential environment because they absorb pollution, provide shade and shelter, a haven for wildlife, create attractive settings, calm traffic, produce edible fruit and nuts, and reduce storm water runoff.

8. Please tell us where, if anywhere, you would like to see more trees being planted in our built and natural environment? (PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY)

Place	Fruit and nut trees (apple, cherry, etc.)	Native species (oak, ash, etc.)	Non-native (climate change & landscaping)
New developments			
Private gardens			
Residential streets			
Industrial areas			
Rural highway verges			
School playing fields			
Public open spaces			
Rural farm hedge banks			
Screening agricultural buildings			
Farmland and woodland			

ENERGY AND LOW CARBON ALTERNATIVES

We are all aware of the steady increase in energy costs. Encouraging local forms of energy production, with less reliance upon costly fossil fuels will be beneficial for us all.

9. Which, if any, of the following technologies are you supportive of being installed sensitively in your parish? (PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY)

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small wind turbine under 25 metres (82ft) | <input type="checkbox"/> Hydro power (e.g. using streams / rivers) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large wind turbine 25-100 metres (82-328ft) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Solar panels on homes | <input type="checkbox"/> Solar panels on farm or commercial buildings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Solar panels - agricultural land (small scale rotating or fixed vertical array) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Solar panels - agricultural land (whole fields) | <input type="checkbox"/> Solar hot water tubes on homes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: |
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TRANSPORT AND ACCESSIBILITY

10. Do you walk or cycle to access local facilities, to work, or to visit friends?

- Daily Weekly Monthly Less Often Never

11. What would encourage you to walk or cycle more?

- Improved path and cycle ways Reduced speed of traffic
 Size or weight restrictions on vehicles Nothing Other, please specify:
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12. Approximately how many car journeys do you make each week?

- None Under 10 11-20 More than 20

13. To support any future development our parish's roads will need to be able to cope with any additional traffic. Would you support any of these:

- Increased number of passing places Road widening
 Road strengthening The roads are already adequate Other, please specify:
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14. If any of the following became available within the parish, would you use them in the future:

- Bus service to Axminster on Thursday Care-sharing scheme
 Electric car charging points at the shop

15. Do you think the character of our settlements and lanes could be enhanced by reducing unnecessary signage and street furniture?

- Yes No Unsure

ECONOMY AND EMPLOYMENT

Developing our local economy could bring many economic and employment benefits to our parish. To enable this we need to think about what types of local employment we wish to encourage, and what needs to be done to support this.

20. If you are currently in employment, how far do you travel to your place of work?

- Work from home
 Less than one hour journey
- Within the parish
 More than one hour journey

21. Have you considered starting a business from home?

- Yes No Already do

22. Have you considered working from home?

- Yes No Already do

23. Would you be interested in using a local 'hot desk' facility (i.e. fully equipped local office space available for rent on a weekly, daily or hourly rate)?

- Yes No Already do

24. Would you welcome any of the following to support local employment opportunities?

PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY

- Small retail units e.g. village or community shop
 Work and live light industrial units
 Small industrial units / artisan units
 Conversion of barns to workspace
 Expanding traditional agricultural enterprises
 Other, please specify:
- Retail with living accommodation
 Provision of a local work hub ('hot desking')
 Farm shop
 Faster broadband connection
 Large scale Intensive agriculture and horticulture

25. What, if any, forms of small scale tourism related building or land use do you welcome in our parish?

(PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY)

- Yurt / teepee / Shepherds hut / Glamping etc
 Small caravanning site (5 vans or less)
 Pubs / restaurants / cafes
 Self-catering accommodation
- Traditional small camping site (five tents or less)
 Small hotel / Bed and Breakfast
 Museums and Galleries
 Other, please specify:

We recognise we live in a farming community which brings benefits and challenges to our community.

What do you consider to be:

26. The main benefits?

27. The main challenges?

SOCIETY, COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Below is a list of services or facilities that you may use, either in our parish or nearby, we would like to know how often you use these. The second question addresses your desire for the provision of facilities not currently available in our parish.

Type of amenity	Question 28					Question 29	
	How often do you use any of the listed amenities?					If this amenity is not available in our parish, do you think there is a need for it?	
	Never	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Less often	Yes	No
Village / community shop							
Farm shop							
Farm gate sales e.g. eggs							
Post office							
Petrol station							
Pub							
Pharmacy							
Doctors surgery							
Place of worship							
Youth club							
Childcare – home based							
Preschool or nursery							
Primary school							
Allotments							
Community orchard							
Park or recreation field							
Football / cricket pitch							
Tennis court							
Bowling green							
Play area (under 5s)							
Dog walking area							
BMX track							
Skate park/ramps/half pipe							
Multi-use games area							
Bus shelter							
Village / community hall							
Swimming pool							

30. Would you welcome community ownership of any of the following:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renewable energy schemes | <input type="checkbox"/> Woodland for fuel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Woodland for amenity use | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify |

31. Mobile phone signal remains poor across the parish. We recognise for some people this is a blessing, yet for others an inconvenience. Would you welcome better mobile coverage for the parish?

- Yes for phone calls Yes, including mobile data for web-browsing No

32. Would you be prepared to accept the visual intrusion of a significant mast to achieve necessary coverage?

Yes

No

33. Do you use the internet...

(PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY)

to work from home

to work at a business premises within the parish

for personal shopping, banking, groceries etc.

to video call, email or social media friends and family

for entertainment

not at all

34. Do you think the internet adds new possibilities to rural living for you in terms of:

(PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY)

Working from home

Shopping and services (banking, insurance etc.)

Engaging with local services

Communicating with friends and family

Running a business locally

Entertainment

Other, please specify:

None of the above

PERSONAL SITUATION

35. Which age group are you and other members of your household in?

PLEASE PUT A NUMBER WHERE THERE ARE MORE THAN ONE PERSON IN AN AGE BRACKET

0-4

5-9

10-14

15-19

20-24

25-29

30-34

35-39

40-44

45-49

50-54

55-59

60-64

65-69

70-74

75-79

80-84

85-89

90+

36. Are you...

in full time education

in full time work

in part-time work

a full time carer (for children or adults)

unemployed

retired

homemaker

other, please specify:

37. How long have you lived in the parish?

0-5 years

6-10 years

11-20 years

21-30 years

31+ years

Personal Details

Please note: Responses will be analysed by the Community Council of Devon and will not be looked at individually. We will not pass on your details to anyone, but to be kept up to date on our Neighbourhood Plan, please leave your details below.

***Name:**

***Address and postcode:**

***Email address (if you have one):**