

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING QUESTIONNAIRE**

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Peter Shorrocks (Chairman, Parish Council) has in the Chronicle this month placed an article on why this information is important for our village and how it will be used.**

**We value all residents contributions to this work, to facilitate two copies have been delivered to each household. Further copies are available from [www.aston-abbotts.co.uk](http://www.aston-abbotts.co.uk)**

**Please return this completed questionnaire by 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2011 to any of the addresses below. Thank you.**

Aston Abbots Parish Council.

October, 2011

**James Perkins** - 81 The Green

**Kate Curry** - 2 Norduck Cottages, Moat Lane

**Bob Carvey** - 12 The Green

**Colin Higgs** - 6 Wingrave Road

**Peter Shorrocks** - Oak Farm House, Wingrave Road

**1. How long have you lived in Aston Abbotts?**

- Under 1 year
- 1-5 years
- 5-10 years
- Over 10 years

**2. Which of the following attracted you to live in Aston Abbotts?** (Please tick all that are relevant, and circle the main reason, if any)

- Born in area
- Good environment
- Strong sense of community
- Peaceful/quiet/low crime rate
- Facilities in the village
- Ease of access for work or shops and services to Aylesbury/Leighton Buzzard/Milton Keynes?
- Ease of access for work to London
- Cost of housing
- Wanted to live in local village, and house became available in Aston Abbotts
- Friends or relations already living in village

**3. Please indicate for each of the following what you think about Aston Abbotts, ticking one box for each row:-** (tick one box on each line)

Statement	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
It has a nice environment				
It has good facilities				
It is quiet & peaceful				
It has good transport connections				
The village is a friendly & sociable place				
It has a good community spirit				

**4. Aston Abbotts has 182 houses. It has grown by 19 new homes in the last 6 years. None of these were affordable homes. There are 5 households on the waiting list for social housing. There may be other people who would like to acquire a house in the village, but cannot, either because of the cost of houses here, or because suitable houses do not come on the market often enough.**

**Thinking about the above statements, over the next 20 years to 2031, do you agree that there will be a need for more homes in Aston Abbotts?** (Please only tick one box)

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly agree	Not sure or don't know

**5. Thinking about a possible number of new homes (irrespective of their type) in Aston Abbots for the next 20 years, which number do you think is appropriate?** (Please only tick one box)

None	Less than 10	10-25	26-50	51-100	Over 100

**6. If new homes have to be built in Aston Abbots, of what type should they be? (At present, 75% of houses are owner-occupied; 12% are social housing; and 13% are privately rented).** (You can tick more than one row, but please tick only one box per row)

HOUSE TYPES	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure or Don't know
Homes for the general market					
Affordable homes					
Homes for rent (for anyone)					
Homes for rent (for people from Aston Abbots)					
Retirement/Sheltered homes					
Smaller homes (1 or 2 bedrooms)					
Larger homes (3 or more bedrooms)					

**7. Looking at the people who live in Aston Abbots, around 71 are employed. The average distance travelled to a fixed place of work is 19.6 kilometres, and 72% of these travel to work by car, van or motorcycle. When new homes are built about half the jobs for these people come from what Aylesbury Vale D C call “employment sites” – e.g. industrial estates & offices. The other half will work for other employers such as services, schools, shops, healthcare, etc.**

**Thinking about the above statement, do you think that over the next 20 years to 2031, there will be a need for more places of employment in the places mentioned below?** (You can tick more than one row, but please tick only one box per row)

Place or area	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure or Don't know
Aston Abbots					
Aylesbury					
Leighton Buzzard					
Milton Keynes					
Elsewhere within a 15 mile radius of Aston Abbots					

**8. Thinking about the number of new jobs for each new home built in Aston Abbotts over the next 20 years, which of the following options do you think would be best?** (Please only tick one box):-

- None
- 1 job for 1 home
- 2 jobs for 1 home
- More than 2 jobs for 1 home
- Not sure or don't know

**9. If a new employment development were to be created, where do you think it should be?** ( Please tick only one box)

- In or adjacent to the main village
- Within the parish boundary, but away from the main village
- I don't think there should be further employment development in the Aston Abbotts parish

**10. New homes and jobs can mean that the existing infrastructure & facilities (by which we mean everything from transport & roads, to leisure facilities, local amenities & shops, and key services such as water & sewage systems) will be over-stretched and not be able to cope. On the other hand, new homes & businesses mean that there are more people in one place, which can also mean that services in an area can get more support. It could mean services becoming available which are not there at present – such as a shop or a school.**

**Thinking about these issues, can you please indicate which of the following might apply in the next 20 years in Aston Abbotts?** (You can tick more than one row, but please tick only one box per row)

SERVICE	We need more of this now, without new development	We have enough of this now, but will need more with new development	We will not need any more of this with development	Not sure or don't know
Local shop				
Local school				
Park & play area				
Local health (e.g. G.P.) facilities				
Core utilities (gas, electricity, water)				
Broadband				
Community facilities for all to use				
Built leisure facilities				
Parking capacity				
Road capacity				
Bus capacity				

**11. Bearing in mind that we are looking at a period of 20 years, it is possible to phase development over this time – which can limit the impact on the community. However, it can mean that the disruption caused by building occurs over a longer period, and if new infrastructure is needed, this might not be provided until all the new homes are built. Bearing this in mind, do you think that any new homes should be:-**

- Available in one batch at the beginning?
- Phased to provide some now and some later on?
- Phased to be built at a regular pace over the 20 years?
- Only be released towards the end of the 20 years?

**12. If you have any comments about new homes or new employment in the area, which have not been covered by the questions asked above, please give details below:**

### **Personal Classifications for Neighbourhood Planning**

**To aid analysis of the consultation results we would like to know a bit more about you. All individual response will be treated in strict confidence and will only be used in this planning process by your Parish Council and/or AVDC. Please answer as many of the following questions as you can:**

**13. Your Postcode:**

**14. Is the person completing this Questionnaire:**

- Male
- Female

**15. What age group do you belong to?**

- 18 - 24 years
- 25 - 34 years
- 35 - 44 years
- 45 - 54 years
- 55 - 64 years
- over 65 years

**16. In which of these ways does your household occupy your current accommodation?**

- owned outright
- buying on a mortgage
- renting from housing association/trust
- renting from a private landlord
- other

**17. To which of these groups do you consider you belong to?**

- White British
- Black or Black British
- Asian or Asian British
- Mixed or Other

**18. Do you have any long-standing illness, disability or infirmity?**

- Yes
- No

**19. Does this illness or disability limit your activities in any way?**

- Yes
- No

**20. If you would like any feedback regarding your comments please complete the following:**

Name .....

Address or email address .....

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