

Pontesbury Neighbourhood Plan Household Survey

Q1 Do you agree with the draft vision statement?

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Yes

☐

No

Q2 Please write any comments about the draft vision statement here:

Pontesbury Parish Neighbourhood Plan – Draft Objectives – Details and Comments

We would appreciate your views on each of the Objectives in more detail.

1. Rural Landscape and Open Spaces

Neighbourhood Plans can designate areas as ‘Local Green Space’ which gives them added protection against inappropriate development. To be designated as a local green space, the green space must be: in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves; demonstrably special to the local community or holding a particular local significance (for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity or richness of its wildlife); and should be local in character and not an extensive tract of land (e.g. Earls Hill).

Q3 With the above in mind, can you think of any specific green spaces that you would like to see designated as a Local Green Space? E.g. The School Green

Q4 Should views towards the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty be safeguarded?

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Yes

☐

No

Q5 Should special attention be taken to safeguarding conservation areas within the parish?

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Yes

☐

No

2. Protecting/developing community amenities

Q6 How often do members of your household use these local facilities?

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Yearly	Never
Public Halls	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Public Toilets	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Sports facilities	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Car park for Earls Hill	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Surgery	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Dentist	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Pharmacy	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Library	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Nature reserves	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Kennels	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Garage	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Post Office	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Shops	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q7 If the opportunity arose, what new facilities would you like to see in the Parish?

3. Provision of adequate housing

There has been a relatively large number of houses built in Pontesbury Village in recent years in recognition of its market town status and to fulfil the Shropshire housing quota as directed by Central Government. Elsewhere in the Parish, relatively few houses have been built because development is strictly limited to Exception Sites by Shropshire Planning Policy. This Rural Exception Site policy (1) is the main safeguard against widespread development which would compromise our rural landscape. There are proposed changes to the Local Planning Policy in which Pontesbury Village would be changed to become a Community Hub; this will reduce the rate of house building.

Consultation has been carried out between December 2018 and February 2019 on the Shropshire Council Local Plan Review (until 2036). The review includes a slight modification to the development boundary for the Parish, and a suggested further 62 dwellings to be built (over and above permissions granted to date). There is a recommended site in Pontesbury Village for up to half of the 62 dwellings and the others are envisaged to be satisfied by Windfall Sites (2). The review does not include preferred sites anywhere else in the Parish as these are classed as Open Countryside

(1) Rural Exception Sites are small sites used for affordable housing in perpetuity where sites would not normally be used for housing. Rural exception sites seek to address the needs of the local community by accommodating households who are either current residents or have an existing family or employment connection.

(2) Windfall Sites are sites which have not been specifically identified as available in the Local Plan process. They normally comprise previously-developed sites that have unexpectedly become available

To assess individual housing needs, a separate questionnaire from Shropshire Council has been delivered to each household in September 2019. The questions below are designed to measure how people in your household feel about housing development in the Parish as a whole (the community's need).

Q8 What type of dwelling(s) do you think should be developed? (Please tick as many boxes as you like)

	1 beds	2 beds	3 beds	4 beds	5+ beds
Bungalow	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Flats/ Apartments	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Detached	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Semi-detached	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Terraced	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Affordable housing (to meet the needs of those having a local connection to the Parish)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Sheltered Accommodation (accommodation for the elderly)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q9 What is the maximum number of storeys that should be permitted in any new development? (Please tick one)

☐ One storey

☐ Two storey

☐ Three storey

Q10 Please indicate the type of development your household would like to see.

	Yes	No
Infill development (The development of 1 or 2 properties within any gaps in a built up frontage)	☐	☐
Re-use of brownfield sites (Former commercial/industrial land)	☐	☐
Conversions of existing buildings (Change of use or demolition and replacement on existing footprint)	☐	☐
Greenfield sites (Land not previously built on)	☐	☐

Q11 Do you have land suitable for development for community use, such as: allotments, employment, parking, or new footpaths?

Q12 Neighbourhood Plans can have design policies. Do members of your household agree with the following statements?

	Yes	No
Housing on sites larger than 3 units should be of uniform design	☐	☐
Housing should be built in keeping with nearby/ local properties	☐	☐
All new housing should have its own individual garden	☐	☐
All new housing should have electric car charging points	☐	☐
All new housing should be Dementia friendly	☐	☐
All new housing should be carbon neutral	☐	☐
Please make any further comments on these statements or any other suggestions here.		

Q13 There is no National or County guidance for off street parking facilities on new build houses but off-street parking will be essential for the charging of electric vehicles. Given that Pontesbury is mainly a commuter parish, our proposed policy is:

- 1 bedroom dwelling to have a minimum of 2 parking spaces
- 2-3 bedroom dwelling to have a minimum of 2 parking spaces
- 4+ bedroom dwelling to have a minimum of 3 parking spaces

Do you have any comments on this proposal?

4. Movement and transport around the Parish

Getting out and about in the countryside and into areas between villages and hamlets in the Parish is an important part of living in the Pontesbury Parish. We would like to know more about how much your household makes use of local footpaths and what improvements you would most like to see.

Q14 Do members of your household use public footpaths and rights of way in the Parish?
(Please tick one)

☐ Frequently ☐ Occasionally ☐ Hardly ever ☐ Never

Q15 What are the main reasons for using local footpaths and bridleways etc.? (Please tick all that apply)

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| ☐ Walking the dog | ☐ Horse riding |
| ☐ Walking for pleasure or exercise (No dog) | ☐ Running/jogging |
| ☐ Walking, specifically to get somewhere else in the Parish | ☐ Cycling |

Other,
please
give
details

Q16 Which of the following suggestions for improvements to footpaths and rights of way are important?

	Important	Not important
Keeping the routes open and in good condition to use	☐	☐
Well marked routes	☐	☐
Having local circular routes	☐	☐
Nominating 'quiet lanes' (with reduced traffic and speed)	☐	☐
Having more information available about local routes	☐	☐
Making some paths all-ability access e.g. replacing stiles with gates	☐	☐
Extend the current network of cycle paths	☐	☐
Other, please give details.		

Q17 Would you like Pontesbury Parish to have a designated car park?

- ☐ For local facilities
 ☐ Neither
- ☐ From which to take public transport into Shrewsbury?

5. Employment and Business Opportunities

Key to the proposed vision for Pontesbury Parish is an increase in employment and business opportunities, and we would welcome your views and comments

Q18 If you or anyone in your household runs a business within Pontesbury Parish, how many people work there?

- ☐ One or two members 'working from home'
 ☐ We run business premises employing 5-10 people
- ☐ We run business premises employing < 5 people
 ☐ We run business premises employing > 10 people

Q19 What is the nature of this business? (Please tick all that apply)

- ☐ Agriculture / Local produce
 ☐ Tourism, leisure, crafts
- ☐ Pubs, restaurants and cafes
 ☐ Transport, storage and distribution
- ☐ Home businesses
 ☐ Light industrial
- ☐ Shops and retail
 ☐ Financial/Professional

Other, please specify

Q20 Do any members of your household work within Pontesbury Parish but NOT in your/their own business?

- ☐ Yes
 ☐ No

Q21 Would any of the following improve your household's experience of working in the Parish or support the growth of the business or service?

	Yes	No
Improved mobile phone reception	☐	☐
Faster broadband	☐	☐
Dedicated space for networking and development	☐	☐
If you have any other suggestions for services to improve your business, please comment.		

Q22 Should the neighbourhood plan allocate more land to encourage employment?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Q23 If yes, where should such employment land be located? (please give details)

Q24 Should any existing employment locations be protected from changes of use?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes please give details.

Q25 Thinking about the kind of employment the plan could encourage, do you support the following:

	Yes	No
Agriculture / Local produce	☐	☐
Pubs, restaurants and cafes	☐	☐
Home businesses	☐	☐
Shops and retail	☐	☐
Tourism, leisure, crafts	☐	☐
Transport, storage and distribution	☐	☐
Light industrial	☐	☐
Financial/Professional	☐	☐
Others you would support, please specify		

Tourism is an important part of Shropshire's economy. Shropshire Council's strategic plans support increased opportunities for tourism including green tourism, making links with natural, cultural and historic assets, opportunities for walking, cycling and local food, drink and crafts.

Q26 Do you think it is a good idea to encourage more tourism in the Pontesbury Parish?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please supply further comment on any aspect of tourism here

If we want to encourage tourism, we need to think about what information is needed, what facilities are needed and what services could be offered.

Q27 What opportunities for developing tourism do you think are appropriate within Pontesbury Parish?

	Yes	No
More local production and farm shops	☐	☐
More use of the network of footpaths to encourage walking	☐	☐
More cycling	☐	☐
Encourage visitors to use local facilities and services	☐	☐
Explorations of the area's history	☐	☐
Development of fishing	☐	☐
Other, please give details.		

If tourism is to be encouraged, one option is to increase the amount and range of visitor accommodation.

Q28 If you agree with an increase in the amount and range of visitor accommodation, which of the following development do you think would be appropriate in Pontesbury Parish?

	Yes	No
Bed and breakfast facilities	☐	☐
Campsites for small numbers of touring caravans and tents	☐	☐
Larger campsites including static caravans and more on site facilities	☐	☐
Static caravans/chalets near villages or hamlets	☐	☐
Static caravans/chalets away from villages or hamlets	☐	☐
Other, please give details.		

Q29 What information improvements do you think would be effective?

	Effective	Not effective
Tourist information boards at key sites in the villages	☐	☐
Tourist information section online	☐	☐
Leaflets about Pontesbury Parish for visitors available for distribution	☐	☐
Targeted information leaflets available for distribution – e.g. local walks	☐	☐
Other, please give details.		

Q30 If you have any land available or any comments about what would support farming diversification which would also bring community or landscape benefits please give details here.

And finally..

Q31 At the full council meeting in December 2019, Pontesbury Parish Council resolved to support the declaration of a climate emergency and to support drawing up a detailed action plan in pursuit of ensuring the council and parish are carbon neutral by 2030. What additional policies/activities would you like to see within the Neighbourhood Plan to help achieve this aim?

Q32 Do you have any other comments, or is there any aspect of 'land use' that you would like to see covered in the Neighbourhood Plan that you think we may have missed? Please let us know in the box below.

About you

The final questions below help us monitor that this survey has gained a broad response from throughout our community.

Q33 Are you the only person in your household completing a survey? If not, please ensure only one of you fills this part in.

☐ Yes

☐ No

Q34 Please write the number of individuals in your household in the relevant box. Please include those temporarily away from home e.g. those at University.

Male

Under 5	
6-10	
11-17	
18-24	
25-44	
45-59	
60-74	
75+	

Female

Under 5	
6-10	
11-17	
18-24	
25-44	
45-59	
60-74	
75+	

Q37 How many years has your household resided in the Parish?

☐ 1 year or less

☐ 1-5 years

☐ 5-20 years

☐ Over 20 years

Q38 Which of the areas of the Parish do you consider your household to be at (Please choose the nearest one if you are rural).

☐ Arscott

☐ Cruckton

☐ Leacross

☐ Pontesbury

☐ Asterley

☐ Habberley

☐ Nox

☐ Pontesford

☐ Cruckmeole

☐ Hinton

☐ Plealey

Thank you very much for filling in this questionnaire.

There are 2 options to return your completed questionnaire.

Please do so no later than Friday 15th May

i. Complete it online at www.pontesburyneighbourhoodplan.org.uk

ii. Via Royal Mail in the Freepost envelope you have received in this pack

If you have the option of completing it online please do so, as your answers won't need to be transcribed and it will save costs. However, we realise this is not an option for everyone and we really appreciate the views of our entire community, hence the Freepost envelope.

If you would like to get involved in any way at all with the preparation of the Neighbourhood plan, please leave your contact details below or email us at clerk@pontesburypc.org.uk
