



Wantage Neighbourhood Plan

We have a strong past...



Help us to shape our future.

Wantage Neighbourhood Plan Survey

As you may know, Wantage is preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.

The Vale of the White Horse District Council is preparing a Local Plan for the whole of the Vale outlining where additional houses are to be built. Large scale developments for both Wantage and Grove have been approved or recommended for approval at Crab Hill in Wantage, along with the Airfield and Monks Farm in Grove. In addition new developments are being built in Chain Hill and Stockham Farm. In total we expect around 5,500 new homes to be built across our area by 2031.

The Wantage Town Neighbourhood Plan cannot stop this development but aims to ensure that it is delivered in a way that will benefit the whole community. Development must encompass a wide range of needs including: housing, employment, infrastructure, education, health, community and leisure facilities in order to sustain the Town and its residents. This Neighbourhood Plan should provide a framework for how development should look and how we can accommodate the infrastructure necessary to absorb these additional residents into our Town to allow them to make a positive contribution.

As part of the process of preparing our Neighbourhood Plan, several working groups have carried out some initial research to build this questionnaire, the details of which can be seen on our website at www.wantageighbourhoodplan.org.

The top ten strengths identified so far are:

1. An attractive place to live
2. The rich cultural heritage of the town
3. Good road access (even if there are some capacity issues)
4. Easy access to attractive countryside
5. Breadth of skills, experience and expertise among local people
6. Good schools
7. Harmonious architecture and strong design character
8. Good range of clubs and societies
9. Regular markets and a good range of independent shops
10. A high quality natural environment worthy of preservation/enhancement

The top ten topics that have been raised by residents so far are:

1. Car parking in the town centre
2. Increasing residential parking
3. Connecting/improving footpaths
4. Improving road capacity
5. Connecting/improving cycleways
6. Maintaining/increasing the amount of commercial space in the town centre
7. Maintaining/improving the character/attractiveness of the town
8. Ensuring infrastructure improvements meet the pace of housing development
9. Safeguarding/improving the natural assets of the town (green spaces, Letcombe Brook etc.)
10. Improving public transport (buses, Grove station)

Now it's time to canvas the views of all of the residents who make our community what it is today.

Please complete this questionnaire by 3rd December and help us to shape our future.

You can complete a paper copy, download a copy from our website or complete it online via our website – please go to at www.wantageighbourhoodplan.org/survey to access the same questionnaire. If you need more copies either download it from the website or collect one from the Beacon or the Vale and Downland Museum.

Completed forms can be returned to any of the special boxes placed around the town, you will find them at the Beacon, the Vale and Downland Museum, Sainsbury's, Charlton Post Office, the Co-op and the Cornerstone Café, Saville Way, the Library (both Wantage and Grove) and Waitrose.

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ABOUT YOU

To help us to analyse the questionnaires, we would like to know a bit more about you.

All responses will be treated in the strictest confidence and will only be used as part of the neighbourhood planning exercise. The information you give will have no relevance to any other contact or business you may have with the Town Council and will not be linked in any way to you as an individual. We do need some personal details to ensure that we get responses from a good cross-section of our residents so please fill in as many questions as you can.

1. Where do you live?

Post Code

2. Are you Male or Female?

Male

Female

(PLEASE TICK ONE BOX)

3. What age group do you belong to?

(PLEASE TICK ONE BOX)

less than 18 years

35-44 years

65-74 years

18-24 years

45-54 years

75-84 years

25-34 years

55-64 years

85 and over

4. Which of these describes your household size best?

(PLEASE TICK ONE BOX)

Single person

Two adults sharing

Single adult with children living at home

Two adults with children living at home

Single adult with children living away from home most of the time

Two adults with children living away from home most of the time

Single adult with elderly relative living in

Two adults with elderly relative living in

Other (please specify)

5. How many children and young people are in your household?

(PLEASE INSERT NUMBERS)

age 0-11

age 11-18

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6. Which of these activities best describes what you do at present?

(PLEASE TICK ONE BOX)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employee in full-time job (30 hours plus per week) | <input type="checkbox"/> Full-time education at school, college or university |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employee in part-time job (under 30 hours per week) | <input type="checkbox"/> Looking after the home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self-employed full or part-time | <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed and available for work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> On a government supported training programme (e.g. Modern Apprenticeship/ Training for Work) | <input type="checkbox"/> Wholly retired from work |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Permanently sick/disabled |

Other (please specify)

7. Which of the following made you want to live in Wantage?

(PLEASE TICK A MAXIMUM OF FIVE BOXES)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic character of the Town | <input type="checkbox"/> Good transport links |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local countryside | <input type="checkbox"/> Easy access to other places, e.g. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Good local facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> The Ridgeway / Berkshire Downs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shops | <input type="checkbox"/> Science Vale (Harwell, Milton Park, Culham, etc) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leisure facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Oxford |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health services | <input type="checkbox"/> Swindon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pubs/restaurants | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> London |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parks and green spaces | Other (please specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strong sense of community | <input type="checkbox"/> Cost of housing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Peaceful, quiet environment | <input type="checkbox"/> Local employment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean and tidy environment | <input type="checkbox"/> Family connections |

Other (please specify)

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8. How do you rate the services in Wantage?

(PLEASE TICK ONE BOX PER ROW)

	Poor	Adequate	Good	Excellent
Roads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shops	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consumer services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drainage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sewage disposal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Refuse disposal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electricity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Telephone land lines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mobile signal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Broadband	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify)

ABOUT YOUR HOME

9. What type of home do you live in?

(PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> A Flat | <input type="checkbox"/> Single storey home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A Terraced House | <input type="checkbox"/> Two storey home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A Semi-detached House | <input type="checkbox"/> Three storey home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A Detached House | |

Other (please specify)

10. How many bedrooms are there in your home?

(PLEASE TICK ONE BOX)

- 1 2 3 4 5 or more

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11. Is your home?

(PLEASE TICK ONE BOX)

- Owned outright
- Buying with a mortgage
- Rented from Housing Association/Trust
- Rented from a private Landlord

Other (please specify)

12. Do you have a garden?

(PLEASE TICK ONE BOX)

- Yes
- No

13. How many cars are usually kept at your home?

(PLEASE TICK ONE BOX)

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5 or more

14. What parking facilities do you have?

(PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY)

- A single parking space
- A double parking space
- No parking space but we park on the drive or front garden
- A single garage
- A double garage
- No private parking

Other (please specify)

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OUR HERITAGE

15. Under the Localism Act, the town can safeguard assets – land and buildings – that are important to the local community and have traditionally been used by the community. They can be submitted to the district council as “Assets of Community Value” and, if an asset comes up for sale, a special window is opened to give the community the chance to buy that asset before it goes to open market.

Are there any assets in Wantage that you would like safeguarded in this way, e.g.

(PLEASE TICK A MAXIMUM OF FIVE BOXES)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Old Town Hall (HSBC) | <input type="checkbox"/> The Vale and Downland Museum |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Post Office Vaults (in the Market Place) | <input type="checkbox"/> The Almshouses (Mill Street & Newbury Street) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wessex Mill (Mill Street) | <input type="checkbox"/> The Bear Hotel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Sack House | <input type="checkbox"/> King Alfred's Head Pub |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Convent (Denchworth Road near the Camel Roundabout) | <input type="checkbox"/> The Leisure Centre |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> The Beacon (Civic Centre) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> The old Tramway building (Mill Street) |

16. Are you especially concerned about a particular historic building, archaeological feature or characterful area in Wantage that you think is under threat and needs protection?

Please give us details.

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GREEN SPACES

Green spaces are any open pieces of land that are accessible to the public. They can include: playing fields and sport pitches, wildlife areas, parks, community gardens, greens, playgrounds and cemeteries.

The Local Plan part 1 talks about extending the network of green spaces in the area for both recreation and wildlife benefits.

17. Do you agree that Wantage, Grove and other nearby villages should have protected Strategic Green Gaps between them to help to preserve their different characters and distinctiveness?

Yes No

18. The National Planning Policy Framework gives local communities the opportunity to protect very important green areas by designating them as “Local Green Spaces”. This prevents them being built on in all but exceptional circumstances.

Which of the following green spaces in Wantage would you especially like to see safeguarded in this way?

(PLEASE TICK A MAXIMUM OF FIVE BOXES)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Platt (including Betjeman Park and Alfred’s Well) | <input type="checkbox"/> Fenced green recreational space near the Charlton Centre |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Letcombe Brook corridor | <input type="checkbox"/> The Allotments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Willow Walk Nature Reserve | <input type="checkbox"/> The old Wilts and Berks Canal route |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Wharf and cycle way (from Mill Street to the Limborough Road bridge) | <input type="checkbox"/> Manor Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Humber Ditch and surrounding green area | <input type="checkbox"/> The green space in Stockham Phase 2 housing development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> King Alfred’s Centre Site Playing Fields | <input type="checkbox"/> King Alfred’s East Site Playing Fields |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mably Way Playing Fields | <input type="checkbox"/> Harcourt Green |

Other (please specify)

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19. Please tick which FIVE of the following is important to you:

(PLEASE TICK A MAXIMUM OF FIVE BOXES)

- Better day-to-day care of existing open green spaces
- More open green spaces linked by green corridors
- A full Green Spaces Plan to manage future needs of existing green spaces and promote more green spaces in new developments
- More work to protect local wildlife habitats
- Protection and enhancement of Letcombe Brook to provide local water, a green corridor for people and wildlife and to help prevent flooding
- More help for volunteers to manage open green spaces
- More allotments
- Protecting the surrounding countryside from development
- Separate spaces for wildlife and people/pets
- Other (please specify)

20. What would you like to see provided in and around green open spaces?

(PLEASE TICK A MAXIMUM OF FIVE BOXES)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Play equipment for under fives | <input type="checkbox"/> Benches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Play equipment for 5-12 year olds | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking routes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment for teenagers e.g. skatepark | <input type="checkbox"/> Cycle friendly paths |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fitness equipment for adults | <input type="checkbox"/> More trees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communal orchards and edible plants | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife areas, hedgerows, wildflower meadows, bird and bat boxes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More litter and dog waste bins | <input type="checkbox"/> More rigorous policing of littering, dog-fouling and fly-tipping laws |
| Other (please specify) | |

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SPORTS FACILITIES

21. What do you think of the current sport facilities in Wantage/Grove?

(PLEASE TICK ONE PER ROW)

	Good	OK	In need of Improvement	Needs replacing	Don't know
Wantage Leisure Centre					
- Gym	<input type="checkbox"/>				
- Swimming pool	<input type="checkbox"/>				
- Sports Hall	<input type="checkbox"/>				
- Studios	<input type="checkbox"/>				
- Squash courts	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Badminton Courts	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Football Pitches	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Rugby Pitches	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Cricket Pitch	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Croquet pitch	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Tennis Courts	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Bowling Green	<input type="checkbox"/>				

22. The District Council is planning a new leisure centre in Wantage/Grove. What would you like to see in this facility?

(PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming pool (indoor) | <input type="checkbox"/> Climbing Wall |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming pool (outdoor) | <input type="checkbox"/> Running track and athletics facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Swimming Pool | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports hall |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wave Machine | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult gym Equipment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Slide | <input type="checkbox"/> Multi use courts/games area |

Other (please specify)

23. What additional sports facilities would you like to see in Wantage?

Please specify

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ARTS AND CRAFTS

24. Currently there is an initiative to promote the arts and increase in participation. Do you think there is adequate provision for public facilities for Visual Arts, Performance Arts and Crafts in Wantage and the surrounding area?

Yes

No

If No what additional facilities should there be?

25. What do you think of the current facilities for creative activities i.e. visual arts, performance arts and crafts in the Wantage area?

(PLEASE TICK ONE PER ROW)

	Good	OK	In need of Improvement	Don't know
Drama	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Woodworking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Metalwork	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ceramics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Textiles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Choral music	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Orchestral music	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Opera	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jazz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Popular music	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Painting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sculpture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Printmaking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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YOUTH FACILITIES

26. There are a number of clubs and organisations for the youth in Wantage.

Which youth facilities does your family use?

Are there ways in which these facilities could be improved?

What additional facilities should be provided?

OUR FUTURE

Road Network

27. Which **THREE** roads through Wantage most need developing?

(PLEASE TICK A MAXIMUM OF THREE BOXES)

- Eastern Relief Road from the Grove Road roundabout at the end of Mably Way to the A417 east of Wantage
- A417 east from Lockinge to A34
- A338 north from Mably Way roundabout to A420
- Western Relief Road from the aeroplane (Mably Way) to East Challow through Grove Tech Park (taking traffic away from Denchworth Road)
- B4507 Ickleton Road from the Leisure Centre towards Letcombe/Challow

Other (please specify)

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Parking in Wantage

28. Existing parking spaces in the town centre will not be able to cope with the future demand from the major new housing developments planned for Wantage and Grove. What type of **public** parking (i.e. other than the supermarket car parks) would you want to see in Wantage in the future?

(PLEASE TICK ONE BOX)

- Limited public parking in the town centre (same amount as today or less) with large car parks outside the town centre but with regular bus services to the town centre and Market Place
- Large short-term (possibly multi-storey) car parks in the town centre close to the Market Place (less than 5 minutes walk)
- Large short-term car parks in the town centre close to the Market Place (less than 5 minutes walk) with large long-term car parks outside the town centre but with regular bus services to the town centre and Market Place

Other (please state location and why)

Enforcement of Parking Restrictions

29. Should on-street parking restrictions be enforced?

- Yes No Don't Know

Are there any on-street parking restrictions which should be changed or lifted?

Traffic Calming

30. Should residential areas away from main roads have some form of **traffic calming** to slow traffic down?

(PLEASE TICK ONE PER ROW)

	Yes	No	Don't know
Should 20 mph speed limits be introduced?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Should speed bumps be installed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Should entrances/exits be narrowed to slow traffic?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please say where traffic calming should apply:

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Rail Station

31. If Grove station reopened and offered a local service which connected with the intercity trains, would you use it? *(PLEASE TICK ONE PER ROW)*

	Yes	Possibly	No	Don't know
Would you use it for work?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Would you use it for leisure?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify):

Bus Routes

32. Which bus routes from Wantage town centre are the most important for you?

(PLEASE TICK A MAXIMUM OF FIVE BOXES)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grove Village | <input type="checkbox"/> Didcot Station / Town Centre |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wantage local area | <input type="checkbox"/> Ardington and the Hendreds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oxford City Centre | <input type="checkbox"/> Hanneys/Marcham/Frilford |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oxford Hospitals | <input type="checkbox"/> Grove Technology Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Harwell Campus | <input type="checkbox"/> Hungerford |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abingdon | <input type="checkbox"/> Letcombe/Childrey/Ashbury and White Horse Villages |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Milton Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Swindon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newbury | <input type="checkbox"/> Faringdon |

Other (please state destination and why)

Main Bus “Station” in Wantage

33. Where should the main bus stop or “station” be located in Wantage?

(PLEASE TICK ONE BOX)

- Market Place
- Outside the Market Place but nearby
- One main location outside the town centre (possibly combined with a coach park) but with regular services from it to the Market Place
- Several, smaller (possibly Park and Ride style) locations like Crab Hill, Grove Tech Park, North Grove, Challow with regular services to the centre of town

Other (please state location and why)

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Market Place

34. The Market Place is the heart of Wantage. How would you like to see it developed in the future?
(PLEASE TICK ONE PER ROW)

Yes, I agree No, I disagree Don't know

The only pedestrian areas in the Market Place at the moment are outside the Bear Hotel/Greggs and around the King Alfred Statue. Would you like to have more space for pedestrians and/or a cafe culture in the Market Place?

How important is parking in the Market Place? Would you like to see less parking in the Market Place to allow more space for other things?

Most of the spaces around the edge of the Market Place are for disabled drivers only, are there enough disabled spaces at the moment?

Should the bus stop and taxi rank be moved out of the Market Place and nearer to the supermarkets?

The main bus stop for Wantage is in the Market Place and buses often wait there for a while. Should buses be required to pick up/ drop off without waiting in the Market Place and a waiting place be found elsewhere in the Town?

The only taxi rank in the town is in the Market Place. Is it important that it remains here?

Should traffic be excluded from the Market Place and forced to divert around the Town Centre?

Other comments on the Market Place

The Markets

35. The current markets on Wednesday and Saturday are mainly food and the Monthly Farmers Market is limited to farm produce.
(PLEASE TICK ONE PER ROW)

Yes No Don't Know

Should the markets be expanded to fill the same area covered by the Fair?

Would you like to see more speciality markets such as French/ Italian/ Spanish etc.

Should the Wednesday and Saturday markets include both food and local crafts , artists, jewellery makers etc.

What additional types of stalls would you like to see in the market?

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The Town Centre

36. What single improvement would encourage you to use central Wantage more?

Please give us details.

Street Furniture – Road signs, Benches, Litter Bins, Street Lights

37. What is your view on?

(PLEASE TICK ONE BOX PER ROW)

	More	Keep as is	Less	Don't Know
Benches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Road signs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pedestrian crossings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Litter Bins	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Planters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Street lights	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Secure cycle parking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you want more street furniture, please tell us where this should be? If you want less, can you suggest what should be removed?

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Footpaths and Cycleways

38. Footpaths and cycleways are important thoroughfares in the Town.

Which footpaths do you use most as a means of getting to work/school?

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Which footpaths do you use most for leisure?

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Which footpaths are most in need of improvement?

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Where do you think we need new footpaths?

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Which cycleways do you use most as a means of getting to work/school?

--

Which cycleways do you use most for leisure?

--

Which cycleways are most in need of improvement?

--

Where do you think we need new cycleways?

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Cross-town Pathway

39. Should there be a combined cycle path, walkway and green space running from the Health Centre to the Leisure Centre avoiding as many roads as possible?

(PLEASE TICK ONE BOX)

- Yes
- Yes, but only as far as the Sainsbury's garage
- No
- Don't Know

Other opinion (please specify)

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Health and Well-Being Facilities

40. Which of the following health and well-being facilities do you think need to be improved or expanded in Wantage?

(PLEASE TICK A MAXIMUM OF TWO BOXES)

- Community Hospital
- GP/Medical surgeries
- Dental Surgeries
- Police Station/Counter Service in the centre of Wantage
- Ambulance Station
- Non-residential/day centres

Other opinion (please specify)

Community Facilities

41. Existing community facilities in Wantage are generally owned by Wantage Town Council, Vale of White Horse DC or by a Community Trust (like the Betjeman Millennium Trust or the Wantage Town Lands).

Should new community facilities be owned and managed on behalf of the Community by:

(PLEASE TICK ONE BOX)

- Wantage Town Council
- Vale of White Horse District Council
- Community Trusts

Other opinion (please specify)

Allotments

42. There are five Allotment sites in Wantage, would you support the possibility of using any unused land for another community purpose?

(PLEASE TICK ONE BOX)

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

What would you like to see the land used for? (Please specify)

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Education

43. Which two of the following educational facilities do you think are most in need of expansion in Wantage?

(PLEASE TICK A MAXIMUM OF TWO BOXES)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Play groups/ parent toddler groups | <input type="checkbox"/> Provision for pre-schoolers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local primary school provision | <input type="checkbox"/> Local secondary school provision |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult education provision | |

Other opinion (please specify)

Secondary Schools

44. Should a new secondary school be integrated with King Alfred's or managed independently of King Alfred's?

(PLEASE TICK ONE BOX)

- Integrated Independently managed Don't Know

Other opinion (please specify)

King Alfred's School East Site

45. If King Alfred's School no longer needs East Site (Springfield Road) should it be kept for educational/leisure purposes such as a new primary school or adult education or a leisure centre?

(PLEASE TICK ONE BOX)

- Yes No Don't Know

Other opinion (please specify)

School Parking

46. Should schools in Wantage have off-road areas for coaches and cars to pick up and drop off children?

(PLEASE TICK ONE BOX)

- Yes No Don't Know

Other opinion (please specify)

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Leisure Facilities

47. What other leisure facilities would you like to see if we could get developers interested?

(PLEASE TICK A MAXIMUM OF TWO BOXES)

- | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cinema | <input type="checkbox"/> F1 Karting Academy | <input type="checkbox"/> Multi use community hall |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ice rink | <input type="checkbox"/> Skating Rink | <input type="checkbox"/> Bingo Hall |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Theatre | <input type="checkbox"/> Horse Racing | <input type="checkbox"/> Cycling circuit/ Velotrack |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Play Parks | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf Course | <input type="checkbox"/> BMX track |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Skate Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor driving range | <input type="checkbox"/> Venue for performing arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spa Hotel | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature Park | |

Other (please specify)

Priorities for funding

48. On which five of the following activities do you believe money should be spent first in Wantage?

(PLEASE TICK A MAXIMUM OF FIVE BOXES)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town Centre Car Parks | <input type="checkbox"/> Reducing (motor) traffic through the town centre |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bus Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Pedestrianisation of the Market Place |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cycle Paths | <input type="checkbox"/> Leisure facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pavements | <input type="checkbox"/> Community facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enforcement of parking restrictions | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic calming | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Street Furniture | <input type="checkbox"/> New bus station |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Off-road School parking | <input type="checkbox"/> New rail station |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Open Green Spaces | <input type="checkbox"/> Public facilities for Visual Arts, Performance Arts and Crafts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational facilities | |

Other (please specify)

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NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS

49. What style of housing would you like to see included in any new housing developments?

(PLEASE TICK ONE BOX PER ROW)

	None	Some	Mostly
Single-storey (bungalow)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Two-storey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Three-storey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Flats / apartments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Terraced houses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Semi-detached houses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Detached houses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Homes with space to work / home office	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Homes with annexe / granny flat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Life-time homes (greater accessibility)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supported housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Smaller gardens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Larger gardens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communal gardens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Houses with garages	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Houses with off-street parking spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other, please explain?

WOULD YOU MOVE?

50. If a suitable property was available on a new development, would you be interested in:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Moving into a home which is more energy efficient | <input type="checkbox"/> Downsizing to a property on a single level (i.e. a flat or bungalow) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Moving into a home with a granny flat | <input type="checkbox"/> Moving to a home with a smaller garden |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Upsizing to a larger property | <input type="checkbox"/> Moving to a home with more parking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Downsizing to a property with fewer rooms | <input type="checkbox"/> Moving to a home with space to work from home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Moving into supported housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Moving to a home with facilities for less mobile |

Other (please specify)

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HOUSING DENSITY

51. Given that the new Local Plan for the Vale includes a policy that “sets a minimum density of 30 dwellings per hectare (100m x 100m) unless specific local circumstances indicate a lower density is appropriate” and that most of Wantage and Charlton (Stockham Park, Charlton Heights, Elizabeth Drive, Naldertown etc.) are approximately 25 homes per hectare.

Do you agree that there is a strong argument for invoking a lower minimum density for new developments on the fringes of Wantage/Charlton?

- Yes
- No, I'm happy for new homes to be closer together to use less land
- Don't know

Other (please specify)

DESIGN FEATURES

52. Which of the following design features should be **standard** in new developments in Wantage?

(PLEASE TICK A MAXIMUM OF FIVE BOXES)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sympathetic landscaping (that blends with natural surroundings) | <input type="checkbox"/> Following a local traditional style guide and reflecting historic features in new developments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Design that helps local wildlife | <input type="checkbox"/> Design that deters criminals (e.g. good lighting, overlooked car parking areas) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Use of local materials (e.g. red brick, tiled roof) | <input type="checkbox"/> Use of eco materials (produced with less impact on the environment than conventional materials like concrete) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Use of local building skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Eco-friendly design (high energy and water efficiency, solar panels) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More car parking space | <input type="checkbox"/> Parking spaces with free-draining surfaces (not tarmac) |

Other, please explain?

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TOWN CENTRE DEVELOPMENTS

Recent and planned developments will substantially increase the population of Wantage in the future and we need to ensure that the Town Centre develops in such a way that it can cope with the additional people and encourages them to use local facilities. Answers to the following questions will help us to influence the priorities for future development of the Town Centre.

53. The amount of space available for the retail and business services is important. Which of the following statements do you agree with?

- The amount of space for retail and business services should remain similar to the present day
- The amount of space for retail and business services should expand proportionally with the proposed growth in housing
- The amount of space for retail and business services should expand more in order to attract more customers from further afield

Other, please explain?

54. Any planned expansion of our retail and business services will require redevelopment of the areas around the present town centre. Please state whether or not you disagree with the suggestions below.

(PLEASE TICK ONE PER ROW)

	Yes	Possibly	No	Don't Know
Residential developments should be resisted in and around the Town Centre	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The commercial centre of the Town should be allowed to expand past the Beacon to the south of the Portway and Ickleton Road into AONB land	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provision should be made on the edge of the town for new business premises to the East and West on Challow Road and Charlton Road	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some of the existing businesses which do not need to be in the Town centre should be allowed to move to sites otherwise not intended for development to encourage them to move out of the Town Centre	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other, please explain?

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55. What kind of shops/business services would you like to see moving to Wantage?

- No more there is enough already
- More of the same kind would be good
- Don't know
- Other kinds of shops or businesses
(please tell us what you would like to see in Wantage)

EMPLOYMENT IN WANTAGE

According to the Local Plan "Wantage and Grove will be places where people are proud to live and work and recognised as a vital part of the Science Vale area."

At the 2011 Census, there were 13,260 adults in Wantage and Grove, of which around 75% were employed. They travelled to a number of places to work including: Science Vale (Harwell, Milton Park, Culham etc.), Oxford, Swindon, Reading, and London.

There were 7,635 homes. When all 5,500 new homes are built about half of jobs for those people come from 'employment sites' for example industrial estates and offices. The remaining half come from other employers such as services, schools, shops, healthcare etc. Most of these jobs will not be in Wantage or Grove.

56. Over the next 20 years to 2031, do you think that there will be a need for more places of employment in Wantage?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Not sure/don't know

Any comments

57. If there are new employment developments, what type do you think would suit Wantage?

(PLEASE TICK ONLY ONE BOX PER ROW)

	Yes	Possibly	No	Don't Know
Office/professional services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Small research/ light industrial units	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Factory/industrial units	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Storage/warehouse facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A business centre with office facilities and private meeting rooms to rent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other, please specify

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58. If you answered 'yes' or 'possibly' where should any future employment developments be located? *(PLEASE TICK ONLY ONE BOX)*

- Separate from new homes
- Integrated with new homes
- Alongside existing employment
- I don't think there should be further employment development in Wantage

Other, please specify

59. Please add any comments you have on the employment prospects in Wantage?

60. If you work from home or intend to work from home in the future, which of the following facilities would be important to you?

(PLEASE TICK ONLY ONE BOX PER ROW)

Important Not important Don't know

Local overnight accommodation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parking for visitors near my home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local source of office supplies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local business banking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meeting room / conference facilities in town	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parking near the business facilities in town	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Good mobile signal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Good broadband	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local post office	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hot desking facilities in town	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other, please specify?

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GENERAL COMMENTS

61. What are the 2 best things about Wantage?

1

2

62. What are the 2 biggest problems in Wantage for you?

1

2

63. How would you like to see Wantage develop over the next 20 years?

64. Any other comments?

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65. May we contact you if we require any clarification or have any further questions?

Yes No

If Yes, please provide contact details

Name

First line of Address

Post Code

Email Address

Phone Number

If you manage a business and haven't received our commercial questionnaire please go to our website at <http://wantageneighbourhoodplan.org/questions.php> to complete a survey about your business in Wantage