



Wantage Neighbourhood Plan

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

The Neighbourhood Plan does not aim to stop development but to make sure 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, community and leisure facilities in order to sustain the Town and its residents. Therefore a Neighbourhood Plan aims to provide a framework for how development should look; what it should accomplish and where it is best located.

As part of this process several working groups have been preparing initial SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) analyses, and some have prepared PEST (political, economic, social and technology influences) analyses. The details are available on our website at www.wantageighbourhoodplan.org but the top ten strengths and issues which have been 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 to be addressed in the Neighbourhood Plan (so far):

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 improvement 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 businesses which make our community what it is today. Please find attached a questionnaire for you to complete and return to us by 15th November. You can complete a paper copy or this pdf version or complete it online via our website – please go to <http://www.wantageighbourhoodplan.org/questions.php> to access the same questionnaire.

We need your views to ensure that the Neighbourhood Plan reflects the needs and aspirations of everyone who lives and/or works in or around the Town so please do complete this and give us your input.

Please return the completed form to:

The Town Clerk, Wantage Town Council, Civic Hall, Portway, Wantage OX12 9BX

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ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS

1. Please provide simple contact details

Name	<input type="text"/>
Company	<input type="text"/>
Post Code	<input type="text"/>
Email Address	<input type="text"/>
Phone Number	<input type="text"/>

2. What does your Business do?

3. Approximately how many employees and/or volunteers do you have in Wantage?

4. Approximately what proportion of your Wantage based employees/volunteers also live in the town?

5. How long have you been in Wantage?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than a year | <input type="checkbox"/> 6-10 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 11-15 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3-5 years | <input type="checkbox"/> More than 15 years |

ABOUT YOUR PREMISES

6. How would you describe your location in Wantage?

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town Centre | <input type="checkbox"/> Edge of Town Centre |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Estate | <input type="checkbox"/> Home Based |

Other (please specify)

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7. What type of premises do you currently occupy?

Please select all that apply:

- Office Factory or workshop unit
 Warehouse Shop/Restaurant Unit
 Home Based

Other (please specify)

8. How would you rate the following factors associated with the location/site from which you operate?

	Poor	Adequate	Good	Excellent
Quality of premises/building	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality of location	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality of surrounding environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Any comments?

9. How well do your current premises meet the space needs of your business?

- Not enough space About the right size Spare space

10. Have you previously experienced any difficulties in finding suitable business premises/sites to expand, upgrade or relocate to within Wantage?

- Yes No Not applicable

11. If yes, what difficulties or barriers did you face?

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12. Is there anything that you think could be done to help organisations like yours to overcome these barriers in future?

FUTURE NEEDS

13. Do you expect to expand or relocate your premises in the future, i.e. over the next 5-10 years?

- Yes No

14. If yes, are you most likely to (please select one only):

- Expand on existing site
 Relocate to another site in Wantage
 Relocate to another site in the District (i.e. Vale of White Horse)
 Other (please specify)

WANTAGE AS A LOCATION

15. How important would you rank the following factors in keeping your business in Wantage?

	Very Important	Quite Important	Not Important	Not Applicable
Availability of skilled labour	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Availability of premises	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Affordable rents/other cost factors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Good accessibility/ transport links	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Location between larger centres such as Oxford, Swindon and Reading	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proximity to Customers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Good Broadband Provision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify)

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22. Are your facilities sufficient?

	Yes	No	Not Applicable
For now?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In 2 years?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In 5 years?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In 10 years?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In 20 years?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

23. Given the growth projections for Wantage and area what are the 3 most important additional facilities do you need to support this level of growth?

1	
2	
3	

GENERAL COMMENTS

24. What percentage of your workforce need transport to get to work?

25. What types of transport do your workforce use to get to your workplace?

- Car
- Motorbike
- Train
- Foot
- Car-share (only tick if regular arrangement to reduce car-use)
- Bus
- Cycle

Other (please specify)

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26. Would your workforce prefer an alternative method of transport to your workplace?

- Yes No

If yes, please give particulars e.g. provision of cycle path, increased public transport, park and ride etc.

27. How good do you rate the services in Wantage for your business?

	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"/>
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 explain?

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28. What are the 2 best things that being in Wantage provides your business?

1

2

29. What are the 2 biggest problems for your business in Wantage?

1

2

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

31. What support or encouragement can Wantage give your business through the Neighbourhood Plan?

32. Any other comments?

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

Yes No

Name

Email Address

Phone Number

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