

# Questions For Parish Councils

## Welcome to the Wantage Neighbourhood Plan survey

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.wantageneighbourhoodplan.org](http://www.wantageneighbourhoodplan.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)

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Now it's time to canvas the views of all of the organisations which make our community what it is today. Please find attached a questionnaire for you to complete and return to us by 7th November 2014. You can complete a paper copy or this pdf version or complete it online via our website – please go to <http://www.wantageneighbourhoodplan.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.

## ABOUT YOUR ORGANISATION

### 1. Please provide simple contact details

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

## ABOUT YOUR PARISHIONERS

### 2. How many parishioners do you currently have?

### 3. What growth in numbers of parishioners would you predict over the next years? (Numbers or percentage increase)

In 2 years?	<input type="text"/>
In 5 years?	<input type="text"/>
In 10 years?	<input type="text"/>
In 20 years?	<input type="text"/>

### 4. What 2 things could Wantage provide which would help your parishioners the most?

1.	<input type="text"/>
2.	<input type="text"/>

## ABOUT YOUR FACILITIES

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## 5. Do you use external facilities (such as the Beacon, Church Halls, the Scout Hut, the Museum)?

- Yes
- No

If yes, what facilities? For how many hours each week?

## 6. Do other people use your facilities?

- Yes
- No

If yes, what facilities? For how many hours each week?

## 7. Are your facilities sufficient?

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

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**8. Given the growth projections for Wantage and area, do you anticipate being able to support this level of growth?**

**To note, the VOWH Local Plan states: "The emerging Oxfordshire Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) identifies a need for up to 20,560 homes in the Vale of White Horse District over the period 2011 to 2031". For info, the Oxfordshire County Council Population Forecasts, January 2014 releases population totals for Oxfordshire, districts, and wards, 2011 to 2026, by 5 year groups and gender. For Wantage, the current population (2011 census) is 11,535. The population forecast for 2026 is 15,332. This represents a 32.9% increase.**

Yes

No

If Yes; how? If No; how do you think the need will be met?

## GERNERAL COMMENTS

**9. What percentage approximately of your parishioners need transport to get to Wantage?**

**10. What types of transport do your parishioners use to get to Wantage?**

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

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## 11. Would your parishioners prefer an alternative method of transport?

- Yes
- No
- If yes, please give particulars e.g. provision of cycle path, increased public transport, park and ride etc.

## 12. How good do you rate the services in Wantage for your parishioners?

	Poor	Adequate	Good	Excellent
Roads	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public Transportation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Telephone land lines	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mobile signal	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Broadband	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please explain)

## 13. What are the 2 best things that Wantage provides to your parishioners?

1.
2.

## 14. What are the 2 biggest problems for your parishioners in Wantage?

1.
2.

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

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**16. What support or encouragement can Wantage give your parish through the Neighbourhood Plan?**

**17. Any other comments about what the Neighbourhood Plan might include?**

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

- Yes
- No

**Thank you for completing the questionnaire.**