

LAST DATE FOR COMPLETION: DECEMBER 5 2018

NORTH MARSTON PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE

NOVEMBER 2018

Dear North Marston Resident

As you may know, the Steering Group is producing an official Neighbourhood Plan for North Marston that will reflect how the current residents and stakeholders in the village and the surrounding parish area wish to see the neighbourhood thrive and develop over the years to 2033. We expect the writing of the Plan to take between 2-4 years to complete.

This questionnaire is a **very important part of the process**, as it will provide us with a framework and basis for our consideration of the ways in which we move forward, just as the valuable responses we received from residents at our Open House in July have already helped us enormously in preparing the contents of this questionnaire.

The facts, opinions, and ideas that we discover when analysing your responses to this questionnaire will inform many of the policies and strategies that we will eventually suggest for North Marston's future.

We look forward to reading all your thoughts, opinions, and ideas.

NMNP Steering Group

If you would like to learn more about the work of the NMNP Steering Group, then you can find out about us on the village council website. We also have a Facebook page (@northmarstonneighbourhoodplan).

The condensed minutes of our meetings are published in the Parish Magazine, with full minutes on the Parish Council noticeboard.

A brief introduction explaining the Neighbourhood Plan process can be found at the end of the questionnaire.

FIND AN EASY-TO-COMPLETE ONLINE VERSION OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE AT:

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/North_Marston

A MESSAGE FROM THE STEERING GROUP

Please answer this questionnaire as an individual.

To be a real reflection of each resident's own opinions, the questionnaire needs to be answered by an individual, and not by a household. If other members of your household would like to contribute their opinions and ideas – and we welcome as many responses as possible – please encourage them to complete a separate questionnaire.

All responses to the questionnaire will be carefully analysed, and we then expect to be in a position to begin carrying out further consultations and discussions with the community and other interested bodies in the early spring of 2019.

Further community events will also take place during 2019, so please look out for the notices and advertisements. Without your input we cannot produce a valid plan!

One copy of the questionnaire has been delivered to every residence in the parish. Please return all completed paper questionnaires from your household **to the mailbox in the Village Shop, or wait for them to be collected by a member of the Steering Group.**

Further copies of the questionnaire are available to download from the Neighbourhood Plan page of the village council website (www.northmarston.org).

The questionnaire is also available as an easy-to-complete online survey. Just type www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/North_Marston into your browser, or follow the link on our Facebook page.

All answers will be treated as confidential, and will not be published to any third party. Particularly interesting comments may be selected for eventual anonymous inclusion in the final Neighbourhood Plan documentation.

Please complete all questionnaires by December 5 2018.

FILLING IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE

We are aware that this is a very lengthy and detailed questionnaire, and **you may find it useful to read it through completely before starting** to answer any questions.

Please do not be afraid to take your time – it is very important that your answers are a true reflection of what your thoughts and feelings about North Marston really are.

It is very likely that some questions will not be relevant to you, and there may be some others you would prefer not to answer. In either case, please leave the answer blank and move on to the next question.

Thank you for completing the questionnaire – you are helping to secure the future of North Marston as a wonderful place to live and work.

Please tick or circle your answers where appropriate, and indicate as many answers as you feel apply

ABOUT YOU

I AM MALE

I AM FEMALE

1 Please indicate your age range

Under 18	18-24	25-34	35-44
45-54	55-64	65-74	75+

2 What is your current housing situation?

Buying on a mortgage		Homeowner	
In a Housing Association property		In council owned housing	
Renting privately		Living with family	
Other <i>(please give details):</i>			

3A How many adults are in your household?

3B How many children under school age are in the household?

3C How many primary school age children are in the household?

3D How many children between 11 and 18 years are in the household?

4A Do you have any older children currently living away from home?

Yes	No
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4B Do you expect them to return and live in North Marston in the future?

Yes	No
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5 How long have you lived in North Marston?

6 What is your postcode?

We are not asking for your name and address, but your postcode will help us to identify parts of the community with particular views and needs

LIVING IN NORTH MARSTON

7 Do you agree or disagree with the following statements about North Marston?

	<i>Agree strongly</i>	<i>Agree somewhat</i>	<i>Neither agree nor disagree</i>	<i>Disagree somewhat</i>	<i>Disagree strongly</i>
It is a good place for me to live					
It is a good place to bring up children					
It is a good place to live in retirement					
It has a natural and healthy environment					
It is very rural and unspoiled					
It is quiet and peaceful					
It has good facilities					
It is clean and tidy					
It has good public transport connections					
It has easy access to other places					
It has a strong sense of community					
It has an important heritage					
It has many attractive old buildings					
It remains an agricultural parish					
It has low cost housing					
It is forward-thinking					

8 Please detail any other aspects of North Marston life that you feel it is important to mention

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

The current Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan, which is awaiting final approval by the Government, defines North Marston as a medium size village, and makes no specific site allocations for additional housing in the parish for the period of the next 15 years to 2033.

However, it is likely that applications will be made for housing to be built in North Marston over that period. The Neighbourhood Plan, which has legal standing, provides an opportunity for the community to influence the size, design, content, and nature of any development.

9 Do you agree that there will be a need for additional housing over the next 20 years?

<i>Agree strongly</i>	<i>Agree somewhat</i>	<i>Not sure</i>	<i>Disagree somewhat</i>	<i>Disagree strongly</i>
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10 How many new homes do you think would be appropriate?

<i>None</i>	<i>Fewer than 10</i>	<i>10-25</i>	<i>26-50</i>	<i>51-100</i>	<i>More than 100</i>
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11 What type of future housing development(s) do you think would be appropriate?

<i>None</i>	<i>Infill between buildings</i>	<i>Site(s) of fewer than 10 houses</i>	<i>Site(s) of fewer than 20 houses</i>	<i>Site(s) of more than 20 houses</i>	<i>A mixture of development types</i>
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12 If new homes are built, which of these do you think would be suitable or unsuitable?

Affordable housing is defined by the Government as affordable rented and intermediate housing, provided to eligible households whose needs are not met by the market. This typically results in housing being offered at about 20% below market value, to people for whom the mortgage or rent will be no more than 25% gross income.

	<i>Very suitable</i>	<i>Suitable</i>	<i>Not sure</i>	<i>Unsuitable</i>	<i>Very unsuitable</i>
Affordable housing					
Housing association homes					
Retirement/sheltered homes					
Bungalows					
Smaller houses (1-2 beds)					
Larger houses (3+ beds)					
Flats					
Mix of the above					

13 If new homes are built, where do you think they could be situated?

Please describe your suggested site(s) as precisely as possible..

We are aware that a number of sites were proposed by residents who completed the Parish Council Housing Questionnaire in May 2017, and that this may seem to be repetition. However, it is necessary for us to have suggestions from residents which are specific to the Neighbourhood Plan process for the information to be properly valid as evidence.

Site	Number of houses	Why do you think this site is suitable?

LOCAL ECONOMY

Although unable to directly influence decisions about transport links, Neighbourhood Planning does create the opportunity for the community to influence the local economy by working with the Local Authority to look at how future development could provide local jobs. Many of our residents currently travel out of the community to work, which increases traffic and travelling costs for working people, and there are limited opportunities for employment within the boundaries of the parish.

14 Do you think any sites for business development should be allocated in North Marston?

<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
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15 Which of the following might improve our local economy and ability to offer employment?

	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
Building housing with dedicated office/workshop space			
Building individual business units			
Making provision for more retail units			
Establishing a small business park/area			
Encouraging small-scale businesses to set up <i>(eg coffee shops)</i>			
Converting existing agricultural buildings			
Promoting the history and heritage of the parish			
Promoting the natural environment around the parish			
Improving public transport			

16 Please detail any other ways in which you think our local economy could be improved

17 What is your current employment status?

<i>Employed full-time</i>	<i>Employed part-time</i>	<i>Self-employed</i>	<i>Looking for employment</i>	<i>In full-time education</i>	<i>Retired</i>
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18 If employed or self-employed where is your main place of work?

<i>Home</i>	<i>North Marston</i>	<i>Aylesbury</i>	<i>Buckingham</i>
<i>Winslow</i>	<i>Milton Keynes</i>	<i>Oxford</i>	<i>London</i>
<i>Elsewhere (please state):</i>			

19 How do you travel to your main place of work?

<i>Walk</i>	<i>Cycle</i>	<i>Motor Cycle</i>	<i>Own Car</i>	<i>Car Share</i>
<i>Bus</i>	<i>Cycle & Train</i>	<i>Own Car & Train</i>	<i>Car Share & Train</i>	<i>Bus & Train</i>
<i>Other (please state):</i>				

20 If you currently travel to work by train, which station do you use?

<i>Aylesbury Vale Parkway</i>	<i>Aylesbury</i>	<i>Other (please state):</i>
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21 When the new station in Winslow is opened do you think you will use it to travel to work?

The station will be on the new East-West rail route linking Oxford to Cambridge and beyond. Services are planned from the new station to Milton Keynes and Princes Risborough via Aylesbury, but there will be no direct services to London or the north.

<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
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22 Do you run a business from home or in North Marston?

<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
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23 Does your business employ any people in North Marston?

<i>None</i>	<i>Fewer than 5 people</i>	<i>5 – 10 people</i>	<i>More than 10 people</i>
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24 Do you see your business staying in the parish for the next 10 years?

Yes	No
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25 If not, why not? *(eg reaching retirement, hoping to expand, etc)*

26A Do you run a business not based in North Marston?

Yes	No
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26B Would you consider relocating here if a suitable site were available?

Yes	No
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27 Please detail any other general observations you have about improving the parish economy

COMMUNICATION

28 Do you have a broadband internet connection at home?

Yes	No
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29 Is your download speed sufficient for your needs?

Yes	No
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30 Are you connected to the fibre network originally installed by AVB?

Yes	No
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31 If you have no broadband connection would you like to have one?

Yes	No
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32 Do you use the internet for any of the following?

Helping with education

Carrying on your work or business

Accessing social media sites

Internet banking and other domestic business

Entertainment (games, films, music, watching TV, etc)

Yes	No	Proportion (%)

33 How important is community news and information to you?

<i>Very important</i>	<i>Important</i>	<i>Interesting</i>	<i>Not important</i>
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34 How easy is it to find community news and information about North Marston?

<i>Easy</i>	<i>Not very easy</i>	<i>Difficult</i>	<i>Very difficult</i>
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35 How do you currently find out about events, activities and developments in North Marston?

36 As sources of community news and information, how would you rate the following?

Please tick in the box (1 = very useful 5 = not useful)

	1	2	3	4	5
Parish noticeboard outside the Village Shop					
Parish noticeboard outside the school					
Noticeboards inside bus shelters					
Notices on lamp posts and telegraph poles					
Village/Parish Council website					
North Marston & Granborough PC Magazine					
Notices in "The Pilgrim"					
Notices in the Village Shop					
Bucks Herald newspaper/website					
Buckingham & Winslow Advertiser newspaper/website					
Facebook					
Other social media					
Local radio – Mix 96					
Local radio – BBC 3CR					
Chatting with neighbours and friends					

LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE

We are using 'Infrastructure' here to refer to publicly funded development of any kind, and to the provision of essential services.

37 There is no mains gas in North Marston. If mains gas were made available would you consider using it?

The costs of gas installation would be borne by the householder (currently estimated to be in the region of £2000 including an individual contribution to the cost of joining the parish to the mains gas network).

Yes	No	Not sure
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38 Which of the following do you think need to be improved now or in the future?

	<i>Improvement needed now</i>	<i>Will need improvement if more housing is built</i>	<i>Will not need improvement even with new housing</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
Electricity network				
Water supply				
Drainage services				
Sewerage services				
Telephone service				
Retail provision				
Educational provision				
Leisure facilities				
Sports Field/Play Area				
Health facilities				
Community facilities				
Parking facilities				
Public transport				
Road capacity				
Street Lighting				
Pavements and pathways				

39 Please detail any other observations you have about local infrastructure now or in the future

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT

The Neighbourhood Plan is a land-use document, and cannot develop policies to deal with concerns such as public transport provision and speeding. HOWEVER, we can include and reflect particular concerns in these areas where they exist, and we can take these concerns seriously into consideration when examining and recommending the requirements that need to be met should future development occur.

40 Do you have concerns about the current volume of traffic using North Marston's roads?

<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
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41 Do you have concerns about the current speeds of traffic using North Marston's roads?

<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
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42 If you have answered "Yes" to either or both q40 or q41 what are your particular concerns?

43 Do you think that any of the following would help to solve your concerns?

	<i>Would provide a solution</i>	<i>Would be part of a solution</i>	<i>Would have no effect</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
Physical traffic calming measures				
Permanent illuminating signs				
Reduced speed limit to 20mph				
Reminder or warning notices				
More repeater limit signs and increased street lighting				

44 Please detail any other suggestions you have for solving your particular concerns

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45 How often do you make use of the current bus service?

<i>Most weekdays</i>	<i>Once or twice a week</i>	<i>At the weekend</i>	<i>Once or twice a month</i>	<i>Three or four times a year</i>	<i>Never</i>
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46 Do you think that the current bus service is adequate for North Marston's needs?

<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
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47 What is the most common reason for you to use the bus?

<i>School/College</i>	<i>Work</i>	<i>Doctor/Hospital</i>	<i>Shopping</i>
<i>Other (please state):</i>			

48 When using the bus, where are you usually going?

<i>Aylesbury</i>	<i>Oving/Whitchurch</i>	<i>Granborough</i>	<i>Winslow</i>	<i>Buckingham</i>
<i>Onward journey (please state destination):</i>				

49 Do you think that the provision of a Community Bus service could meet your needs?

A Community Bus is staffed by volunteer drivers with the correct licences, and often operates a mixture of regular and on demand services. It is obtained and financed by the community with some funds provided by local councils.

<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
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SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

This section is concerned with facilities and amenities within the parish and local area, and how the community uses them.

At the end of the section there are 2 sets of supplementary questions relating to current projects being undertaken in the parish on which the community's thoughts and feelings would be very welcome.

50 Which of the following facilities and amenities in the parish do you use?

	<i>Daily</i>	<i>Weekly</i>	<i>Monthly</i>	<i>Yearly</i>	<i>Never</i>
Village community shop					
Village Hall					
Wesley Centre					
Sports Field Clubhouse					
Sports Field					
Play Area behind the shop					
St Mary's Church					
"The Pilgrim"					
Public footpaths and bridleways					

51 If you use the Sports Field, what use do you make of it?

<i>Cricket Club</i>	<i>Football Club</i>	<i>Trim Trail</i>	<i>Nature Trail</i>	<i>Dog exercising</i>
<i>Other (please state):</i>				

52 If you use the Play Area behind the shop, what use do you make of it?

<i>Play equipment</i>	<i>Basketball</i>	<i>Ball games</i>	<i>Dog exercising</i>
<i>Other (please state):</i>			

53 Which other facilities or amenities in North Marston do you currently use?

54 Please detail any other facilities or amenities you would like to see in North Marston.

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55 Please list any clubs, societies, or organisations in the parish of which you are a member

This will help us to gauge the level of community engagement when discussing the Neighbourhood Plan with other bodies

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56A Do any members of your family currently attend Schorne Pre-School?

Yes	No
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56B Are any members of your family currently pupils at the village school?

Yes	No
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56C Have members of your family attended the village school in the past?

Yes	No
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57 If there are children below school age in your family, do you want them to attend the village school in the future?

Yes	No
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58 What do you think about the size of the village school?

<i>Adequate for current needs</i>	<i>Should be larger now</i>	<i>Will need to be larger if there is additional housing</i>	<i>Will be adequate even if there is additional housing</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
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59 Do you have any comments about the educational and play area provisions in the parish?

Please give details about what you think is good, and about what you think could be improved

60 There are no GP surgeries in North Marston. With which local surgery are you registered?

<i>Whitchurch</i>	<i>Winslow</i>	<i>Other (please state):</i>
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61 Which local health facilities have you used or attended in the past?

Please indicate when you last used or attended the facility

	<i>Past week</i>	<i>Past month</i>	<i>During 2018</i>	<i>During 2017</i>	<i>Before 2017</i>	<i>Never</i>
GP surgery						
Buckingham Hospital						
Stoke Mandeville Hospital						
John Radcliffe Hospital						
Other facility (please give details):						
Pharmacy at GP surgery						
Pharmacy in Winslow						
Pharmacy in Aylesbury						
Pharmacy in Buckingham						

62 If you need to attend a local health facility, how do you travel there?

<i>Own transport</i>	<i>Lift from a friend</i>	<i>NHS arranged transport</i>	<i>Bus</i>	<i>Bus & Train</i>
<i>Other (please state):</i>				

63 Are you registered with a dentist?

<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
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64 Where is your dentist's surgery?

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65 If you need to attend your dentist, how do you travel there?

<i>Own transport</i>	<i>Lift from a friend</i>	<i>NHS arranged transport</i>	<i>Bus</i>	<i>Bus & Train</i>
<i>Other (please state):</i>				

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE VILLAGE PLAYGROUND AREA

The Parish Council is currently planning the updating and improvement of the playground area and the equipment that is provided for young people to use. Your answers to the following questions will assist the council greatly in their consideration of this project.

66 Do you or any members of your family use the playground area behind the Village Shop?

<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
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67 If members of your family do not use the playground, even though they could use the equipment provided, could you explain why they do not use it?

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68 Would you or any members of your family be more likely to use the playground area if facilities were improved?

Yes	No
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69 If you or members of your family use the playground area at the moment, what age group in your family uses it? *Circle all that apply*

0 - 5	5 - 10	10 - 15	15 - 18	Adult
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70 Which aspects of the present playground area do you or members of your family really like, and would like to see retained?

71 Please list any facilities that you or your family would like to see added to the playground.
For example: play facilities for toddlers; equipment for older children; basketball court; nets

72 Please list any other playgrounds that you or your family use because they work, and which have facilities and amenities you would like to see reflected in North Marston.

73 Do you feel that the village playground provides a safe environment for children to play in?

<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
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74 Please list any safety concerns that you or family members have concerning the playground.

75 Do you or family members have any further comments or requests concerning the future of the playground? *Please give as much detail as you can*

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE VILLAGE COMMUNITY SHOP

Supported by the Parish Council, the Village Shop Committee is making a planning application for an extension to the village shop. Your answers to the following questions will assist the committee in their review of current shop usage, and in making plans for the future.

76 How often do you use the village shop?

<i>Every day</i>	<i>Once or twice a week</i>	<i>Once or twice a month</i>	<i>Three or four times a year</i>	<i>Never</i>
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77 If you never use the shop, please explain your reasons for not doing so

78 Customers have often said that the best things about the shop are the following. If you use the shop, what do think about them?

The staff

The supplies of local food

The variety of stock

Services offered (cashback, phone top-ups, special orders, etc)

79 Please list any other features of the shop that you especially like

80 Would you like any of the following additional items to be stocked in the village shop?

Chilled meals (small size)

Chilled meals (large size)

Larger sizes of some commodities

Envelopes, notepaper, notepads, etc

	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Don't know</i>

81 Please list any other additional items you would like the shop to stock

82 Are you happy with the current opening hours of the shop?

Yes	No
Yes	No

Would you be concerned if the shop closed at 6pm in the winter?

83 Please detail any other changes to shop opening hours that you would like to see

84 When/if permission for an extension is granted, would you like increased social provision to be made at the shop for the following?

Coffee and cake social area

Increased car parking

Drop-off point for small parcels

Deliveries to the housebound in North Marston

Yes	No	Don't know

85 Please detail any other additional social provision you would like to see made in an extended shop area

The Village Shop Committee and our band of loyal volunteers have now given 10 years of service to an amazingly successful enterprise.

If you would like to join the committee or become a volunteer behind the counter to help out when you can, then please come into the shop and let us know. You will be very welcome!

GREEN ENVIRONMENT

The conservation and appropriate development of the natural landscape that forms such a large part of the land within the parish boundary is particularly important to the production of the North Marston Neighbourhood Plan. Apart from national planning and countryside laws there are presently no local constraints on the use of land within the parish.

The following questions are designed to discover how the community presently uses public areas within the local environment, the value that is placed on the parish surroundings, and what possible future environmental policies might be supported.

86 How do you feel generally about the value of the local environment and landscape in North Marston to parish life?

<i>Very valuable</i>	<i>Valuable</i>	<i>Not sure</i>	<i>Not valuable</i>
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87 What are your favourite views around the parish? *List as many as you like*

88 Do you walk any of the public footpaths in the parish?

<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
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89 If not, what are your reasons for not using the public footpaths?

90 If not, do you think that any of the following would encourage you to walk the footpaths?

	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
Replacing stiles with gates			
Providing guide leaflets with maps			
Providing maps of local footpaths			
Situating map and information boards on footpaths			

91 If not, please detail any other action that could encourage you to walk the footpaths

92 If you do use the public footpaths, how often do you walk any footpath in the parish?

<i>More than once a day</i>	<i>Every day</i>	<i>Two or three times a week</i>	<i>Every week</i>	<i>Every two weeks or so</i>	<i>Once a month</i>
<i>Occasionally (please state):</i>					

93 With whom are you usually walking? *Circle all those that apply*

<i>Alone</i>	<i>With family</i>	<i>With friends</i>	<i>With dog(s)</i>
<i>Other (please state):</i>			

94 If you do use the public footpaths, which paths do you walk? *List as many as you like*

95 What are your favourite footpaths or destinations when walking in the parish?

List as many as you like

96 What are your favourite viewpoints from the public footpaths in the parish?

List as many as you like

97 Do you ride any of the public bridleways in the parish?

Yes	No
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98 If you do, which bridleways do you ride? *List as many as you like*

99 Do you feel that North Marston Parish Council currently does enough to protect and promote wild spaces in the parish?

<i>Does enough</i>	<i>Does some, but could do more</i>	<i>Does little, and should do more</i>	<i>Does nothing, and needs to start</i>
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100 The Neighbourhood Plan can recommend that certain open spaces in the parish should be designated as “local green spaces” and legally protected from development. Please circle any of the following that you feel should be protected like this:

<i>Sports Field</i>	<i>Play Area behind shop</i>	<i>Nature Trail</i>
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101 Please list any other open spaces in the parish you would like to see protected if possible.

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102 Do you feel that the parish should make efforts towards increasing local wildlife and biodiversity in line with initiatives such as the Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Biodiversity Action Plan, and Biodiversity and Planning in Buckinghamshire?

(For example: increase the number of bird boxes, increase the number of bat boxes, increase the number of boxes for birds of prey, increase the number of insect lodges, increase native wildflowers, increase native trees and hedges)

Yes	No
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103 Do you think that the planting in any possible future developments should only be of native plants and trees that are much more beneficial to local wildlife?

Yes	No
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104 Do you think that any new houses built in North Marston should be required to have wildlife-friendly features (such as bat boxes, swift bricks, and hedgehog ports in fences) incorporated by builders during construction?

Yes	No
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105 Do you think that the Parish Council should support working with local landowners such as farmers and businesses to improve areas all over the parish for wildlife?

Yes	No
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106 Do you support roadside verges being managed appropriately to encourage wildflowers and plants, and to support and encourage local wildlife ?

(Changing the way that verges are managed through the introduction of wildflower seeds, and changing to a once or twice yearly cut, with hay clearing, can have great advantages for wildlife, increasing the diversity of plants and animals in verges by up to 800%)

Yes	No
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107 Do you support roadside hedges being managed appropriately to support and encourage local wildlife ?

(Altering hedge cutting regimes so that they are only cut between September and February once every 2 or 3 years can increase flowers and berry crops between 50% and 250%. More flowers and berries means more food for pollinators, mammals, and birds for longer in the year. NB This policy does NOT extend to hedges within or on private property)

Yes	No
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108 Do you support natural village ponds being managed appropriately to support and encourage local wildlife ?

(This policy would apply to ponds such as the Church Pond, and the ponds on the Nature Trail. The village pond in Church Street would be exempt from this policy)

Yes	No
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109 Do you think that Wildlife Corridors should be designated, established, and protected to allow and preserve the unhindered passage of wildlife in and through the village and parish?

Yes	No
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110 If allotments were made available in North Marston, would you apply for one?

Yes	No
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111 Do you currently rent an allotment?

Yes	No
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112 If so, where is your allotment?

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HISTORY AND HERITAGE

The history and heritage of North Marston is one of the most significant in the county, including, as it does, early Roman remains, the story of John Schorne and medieval pilgrimage, a great fire, the money for the purchase of Balmoral by Queen Victoria, and more.

In producing a Neighbourhood Plan for the future, the Steering Group will need to consider carefully the importance – or otherwise – of conserving the history and heritage of the past, both in the built environment and in the surrounding landscape.

113 How do you feel generally about the importance of conserving the parish’s historical past and heritage for the future?

<i>Very important</i>	<i>Important</i>	<i>Not sure</i>	<i>Unimportant</i>	<i>Very unimportant</i>
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114 Please list any buildings, other structures, or natural features in the parish you think it is important to conserve for the future.

115 How important or unimportant do you think it is to conserve the landscape of medieval ridge and furrow that surrounds much of the village?

<i>Very important</i>	<i>Important</i>	<i>Not sure</i>	<i>Unimportant</i>	<i>Very unimportant</i>
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116 How important or unimportant do you think it is to promote the history and heritage of the parish to encourage more visitors, and to develop tourism?

<i>Very important</i>	<i>Important</i>	<i>Not sure</i>	<i>Unimportant</i>	<i>Very unimportant</i>
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117 The Village Conservation Area was designated in 1971, prior to much of the village's growth, and it is one of the oldest in the county. Do you think it is now time for the current area to be re-examined?

<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
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118 Please detail any other observations you have about the history and heritage of the parish

That completes the questionnaire.

Thank you again for taking the time and trouble to complete it.

Please use the box overleaf if you would like to expand on any answers you have given, or to raise anything you can think of that has not been mentioned above but that you think should be in the Neighbourhood Plan

**Remember:
All questionnaires need to be completed by
December 5 2018**

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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THE NORTH MARSTON PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

What is the North Marston Parish Neighbourhood Plan?

A Neighbourhood Plan is a long-term land-use planning document that addresses the development and use of land within a neighbourhood area.

For North Marston that means that the village will be preparing a plan that reflects how the current residents and stakeholders in the village and the surrounding parish area wish to see the neighbourhood thrive and develop over the next 15 – 20 years.

The Plan typically takes 2 - 4 years to prepare, and it is written with the support of the Parish Council and AVDC. It must be in line with National Planning Policy.

Once the Neighbourhood Plan has been completed and accepted by the village, it acquires a legal status, and will be used to inform planning applications, and to guide planning decisions in the neighbourhood area.

What will be included in the Neighbourhood Plan?

Every area of interest to local residents can be included in the Neighbourhood Plan. The Plan could well, therefore, contain sections on:

- Housing development, including the desired nature, size, and content of any development
- The restriction of certain types of development
- The design of buildings in any development
- Provisions for the establishment or expansion of businesses
- The protection of important buildings and historic assets, including archaeological remains
- The protection and development of the existing environment, including open spaces, nature reserves, allotments, play areas, sports pitches, parks, public rights of way and planting of trees
- The retention and development of community facilities
- Transport and access issues, such as roads, cycling and walking provisions, and access for disabled people.
- Infrastructure improvements, including the provision of utilities

However, this list is not exhaustive, and if residents raise other subjects that are obviously of interest or concern to North Marston, then they, too, can be included in the Plan.

How is the Neighbourhood Plan prepared?

The North Marston Neighbourhood Plan is developed by a Steering Group appointed by the Parish Council, but it is owned by the village. The plan provides the best opportunity for residents and stakeholders to express their opinions, and to have some control over, the future development of the whole North Marston Parish Area.

To provide residents and other stakeholders with as many opportunities as possible to express their views, the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will arrange and publicise community engagement events, such as:

- Regular village events to display information and get feedback from residents
- Consultations with local clubs and societies
- Meetings with local businesses and landowners
- Questionnaires and surveys

The suggestions and recommendations in the final plan will reflect the opinions of village residents as expressed through all community engagement events.

What is the role of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group?

The Steering Group is made up of representatives from within the village who will write the Neighbourhood Plan on behalf of the Parish Council, with the help of an independent neighbourhood planning consultant.

In order to do this successfully, the group will research all the necessary evidence required to underpin the Neighbourhood Plan, examine existing data, plans, and reports relating to the parish, carry out community engagement events when necessary, develop questionnaires, collate residents' responses, and prepare suggestions and recommendations to the village and Parish Council for approved inclusion in the plan.

The Steering Group is obliged to produce a Neighbourhood Plan that reflects the views, opinions, and wishes of the whole community in North Marston.

Individual members of the Group can, of course, express opinions as residents of the village, but their personal views cannot carry any weight in the preparation of the Plan itself, which must be based exclusively on the majority views of North Marston residents and stakeholders.

What happens when the Neighbourhood Plan has been written?

After the Neighbourhood Plan has been written it will be available for a period of at least 6 weeks to be read by residents and stakeholders, as well as other interested parties including local authorities and neighbouring parishes, and national bodies such as the Environment Agency and English Heritage. During this time, the Plan is open for consultation.

The Plan is then amended, taking into account comments made, and submitted to the local authority (AVDC), which will check the plan, and ensure that the plan meets all legal requirements by passing it to an independent legal examiner who may require further minor modifications to be made.

Following final acceptance by AVDC, the authority will arrange for a Village Referendum, and provided more than 50% OF THOSE VOTING accept the Plan, AVDC will bring it into legal force.

The North Marston Parish Neighbourhood Plan can then be used, in conjunction with existing local plans, to inform planning applications, and to guide planning decisions in the parish.