

Stanford in the Vale Parish
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



SITV Parish Neighbourhood Plan Community Consultation

Feedback Survey No.1 (March 2014)

To be completed and returned by 11th April 2014

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Introduction to Community Consultation Feedback Survey No.1 (March 2014)

We all want to protect and enhance what is good about our Parish of Stanford in the Vale, improve facilities and services and have a positive influence on future development. A **Neighbourhood Plan** (NP) is one important way to do this.

A **Neighbourhood Plan** is being created for the SITV Parish area in a process which is expected to take a minimum of 12 months due to the steps that have to be followed and the extensive community consultation that is required along the way. You can find out more about Neighbourhood Plans and the process we are following by visiting www.sitvnp.com. This website will be active soon and updated regularly as we add more information and as the work develops and we may also use it to conduct community surveys like this one online in future.

Once adopted by the District Council our **Neighbourhood Plan** will gain “Planning Policy Status” which means it has the highest possible weight when future planning matters are being considered. It can therefore have real influence to direct where new homes, shops, offices, leisure facilities, schools and other development should be built and what they should look like.

A **Neighbourhood Plan** is concerned with the Built Environment and the Use of Land. By “Built Environment” we mean our man-made environment in terms of houses, shops, business premises, schools, roads, footpaths, walls, etc.

The NP is a way of helping local communities to influence the planning of the area in which they live and work. It can be used to:

- *Develop a shared vision for our neighbourhood.*
- *Choose where new homes, shops, offices, leisure facilities, schools and other development should be built.*
- *Identify and protect important local green spaces.*
- *Influence what new buildings should look like.*

A **Neighbourhood Plan** is the responsibility of the Parish Council, assisted by a Steering Committee. If you, the community, support your Neighbourhood Plan, then your local planning authority will in due course accept it as a detailed extension to the new Vale of White Horse Local Plan.

A Neighbourhood Plan cannot:

- *Conflict with the National Policy Planning Framework (NPPF) or strategic policies in the Local Plan prepared by our local VoWH planning authority.*
- *Be used to prevent development that is included in the Local Plan.*

The Neighbourhood Plan is being developed by a Steering Committee of volunteers from your community. More volunteers are needed to join the Committee or help with occasional supporting tasks and anyone over the age of 18 is welcome to join the NP Steering Committee. Please be sure to visit the www.sitvnp.com website regularly to get more information, to contact the NP Steering Committee and to express your views.

Please complete this survey now and drop in the box provided here

OR

in the box at the Co-op by 11th April 2014 at the latest.

Additional copies of this survey will be available at the Co-op until 11th April 2014.

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In order to help produce the SITV Parish Neighbourhood Plan (NP) it is really important that we capture the views of the community. This survey is in five parts and should take between 20-25 minutes to complete. Please complete it in order (one part at a time) and please do not read ahead before completing each part. **It is very important you give us your own thoughts in answer to PARTS 1 and 2 before you read information in the later PARTS:**

- PART 1** **What things do you want to keep, change, improve and add within our Parish of SITV?**
PART 2 **How do you envisage the future of SITV Parish?**
PART 3 **Significant new housing development will have impacts but what options do you favour?**
PART 4 **What local Services, Facilities and Features are important to you?**
PART 5 **Do you support the proposed VISION and OBJECTIVES for the SITV Parish Neighbourhood Plan?**

Your views are important and will shape the future of our village. It is important that the resulting Neighbourhood Plan is based on real evidence and we therefore ask you to provide contact details below which will verify that these are your views as a member of this community. If you need any help or have any questions related to completing this survey please ask any of the NP Committee members or see www.sitvnp.com for information on getting in touch with the Neighbourhood Planning Committee or call / email Peter Gill (01367 718224, petergill@nasuwt.net).

Many thanks for your help with this.
 The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee.

FIRSTLY – a little information about you.

* Name (print clearly)	
* Address (print clearly)	
Sex (circle as appropriate)	MALE FEMALE
Age (circle as appropriate)	<10 10-17 18-24 25-29 30-44 45-59 60-64 65-74 75-84 >84
Email address	
Telephone	Landline: _____ Mobile: _____
Please keep me updated (circle as appropriate)	YES NO if YES please circle your preference(s): PHONE EMAIL POST
I'd like to help in some way.	YES NO please circle as appropriate If you would like to get involved on the NP Steering Committee or help in any other way (e.g. distributing leaflets, publicity, gathering evidence, etc.) please let us know and we'll be in touch (please ensure you have provided your contact details above).

*** Compulsory information** (to prevent individuals submitting multiple copies of this survey, and thereby having an unequal say, and to ensure your answers can be used as evidence to support the Neighbourhood Plan).

All information supplied will be held by SITV Parish Council and will remain secure and confidential. Your details will only be used for research purposes in connection with the Neighbourhood Plan and will not be passed on to any third parties or used for marketing purposes in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

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PART 1 What things do you want to keep, change and improve within our Parish of SITV?

A Neighbourhood plan is about our “built environment” (houses, shops, business premises, schools, roads, footpaths, walls, etc.) and the use to which we put land within our community. In this respect please take a few minutes to think about what issues are of most importance to you.

PLEASE PRINT ALL YOUR ANSWERS CLEARLY SO WE CAN READ THEM WITHOUT TROUBLING YOU FURTHER

WHAT DO YOU MOST LIKE AND WANT TO KEEP? i.e. what are the strengths and positive features of our neighbourhood that you most value and want to keep or protect?

WHAT DO YOU MOST DISLIKE AND WANT TO CHANGE? i.e. what are the negative features of our neighbourhood that you would most like to be rid of or change?

WHAT DO YOU THINK WE MOST NEED? i.e. those things which our neighbourhood does not have, or which are poorly provided for today, and which it would most benefit from adding or improving.

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PART 2 How do you envisage the future of SITV Parish?

You may still have more to say... please consider if you can add anything under the headings below. *Please continue on the back page of this survey if you require more space.* **PLEASE PRINT ALL YOUR ANSWERS CLEARLY**

15 years from now I'd like Stanford in the Vale and Parish to be . . .

With these facilities

But without these problems . . .

I have the following idea(s) to make it better?

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Please read the following before completing PARTS 3, 4 and 5 of the survey

DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN UPDATE (Feb 2014).

(Summary of the main impacts and opportunities)

In its latest update to the Local Plan the VoWH Council is proposing a Strategic Site Allocation of 290 new homes on one site West of the A417 (in addition to 73 approved David Wilson Homes). In addition they have identified land to the North of the village suitable in principle for at least another 300 homes in future. SITV is not being singled out and in fact the housing allocations in surrounding towns and villages are also considerable, with our area (Western Vale) only earmarked for 10% of the 20,000+ houses proposed for Vale of the White Horse District. The map opposite shows the specific areas being proposed as suitable development sites around SITV (edged in dark Green) or which are thought unsuitable for various logistical, economic and environmental reasons (edged in dark Orange).

In making these proposals the VoWH District Council is following government directives, which are also in line with the policies of all major political parties. It therefore has to meet the challenge to significantly boost housing supply while at the same time attempting to focus new development to the places where it will support and encourage creation of jobs, have least impact and where it will be sustainable. In this respect the District Council has avoided proposing significant development within the existing settlement boundary of SITV and within any of the Conservation Areas as shown on the map (the existing Conservation Areas within the village are shown edged in light Orange and Conservation Target Areas surrounding the village are hatched in light Green). You will note that Conservation Target Areas encircle the village except for corridors to the West and North.

The very large scale of new housing proposed is significantly higher than expected. It would not be possible to accommodate this amount of housing within the existing village boundary. Any attempt to do so would have a profound effect on the village as we know it and there would still be a need to put hundreds of houses outside the village on the sites identified by the District Council to satisfy the overall housing need targets.

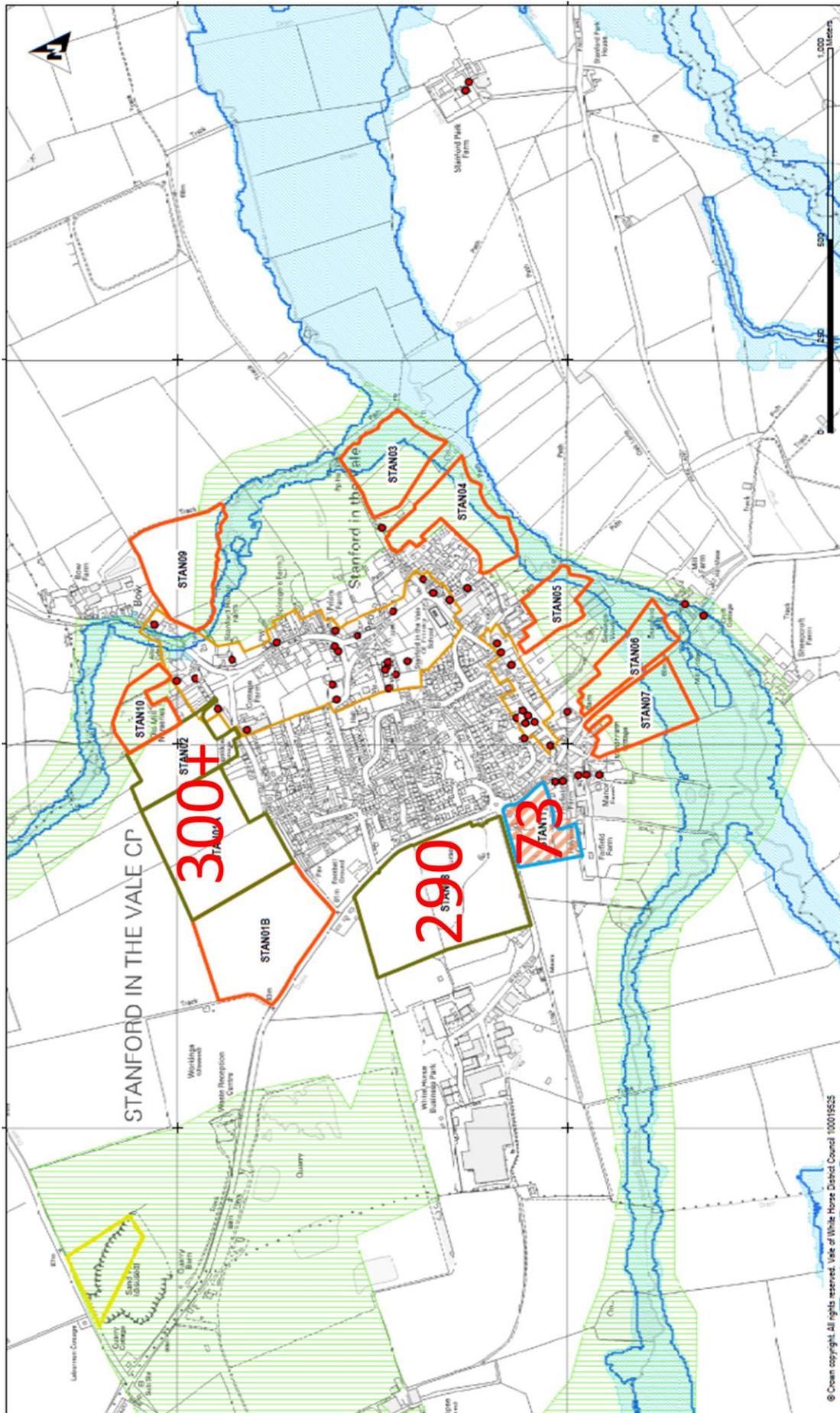
This scale of expansion can be expected to have significant impacts on our Parish and in particular on the existing Services, Facilities, Features and Infrastructure including: Shops, Transport, Parking and Traffic management, Sewers and Drainage, School, Sports and Leisure facilities, Meeting places, etc.

With all the new houses planned for SITV it seems probable that we will need a bigger School with more places, as the School has reached capacity in some age groups already. At this present time it is understood that the School Governors are discussing these issues with both the County Council and District Council and we will consult in more depth on this matter in future, as part of the ongoing NP process, when the alternatives and options are clearer.

We should consider ways to secure maximum benefit from any new development. Two possibilities could include:

- The Parish owns the Recreation/Football Field but the football club needs more pitches and better facilities. If we sell this Field, to provide a portion of the 290 proposed new houses, we could see 5 very significant benefits:
 1. A gain of approx £3 Million to provide better facilities, football and sports pitches elsewhere in the village
 2. Remove the threat of even more development adjacent to and surrounding the 290 homes to the West
 3. Create a Strategic Green Gap or Green Belt around the village, protecting it from future development.
 4. Deliver new housing INSIDE the existing Settlement, which is NOT contrary to Local Planning Policy.
 5. Give the Parish control over ALL Design and Build aspects of the new homes on this site
- If there is sufficient community support, it is possible that the existing Shellingford Quarry could become a nature reserve and water park, providing fishing, boating, walking, cycling and other leisure activities for the benefit of all (with good access for all ages and abilities). Funding for this could come from developer contributions, grants and from on-site facilities such as cafe / restaurant, car parking and equipment hire.

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- Area of search**
 - Permitted site
 - Strategic Site Allocation
 - Suitable in principle
 - Unsuitable
 - District Outline
 - Listed buildings
 - Route of Wilts and Berks Canal
 - Proposed new route of Wilts and Berks Canal
 - Conservation Area
 - ACOMB
 - Conservation Target Areas
 - Great Western Community Forest
 - Green Belt
 - Local Wildlife Sites
 - SSSI
 - Scheduled Ancient Monuments
 - Historic Park and Gardens
 - Flood Zone 3
 - Flood Zone 2
 - Ancient Woodland
 - Enterprise Zones
 - South Oxfordshire District Council Housing Sites
 - Significant Permissions/Resolutions to grant
 - Principal Employment Sites
 - Local Plan 2011 Allocations
 - February 2013 Local Plan Part 1 Proposed Strategic Allocations

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PART 3 Significant new housing development will have impacts but what options do you favour?

In light of the development proposals in the Local Plan Update (see previous 2 pages) we want to get your views to help shape our strategy and Neighbourhood Plan. Put an "X" in the relevant box against each statement to show the strength to which you are for or against.

It is important you put an "X" against every question please.

Please ensure you have completed the earlier PARTS 1 and 2 of the survey before starting on this section.

NOTE: you need to have read page 6 carefully before answering the next few questions.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
It is important to maintain the rural look and feel of the Village and Parish					
It is important to minimise the impact on surrounding countryside and ecology of the Parish					
I support the VoWH Council proposal for 290 new homes on one big site West of the A417					
I support putting some of the proposed 290 new homes on the recreation/football field (<i>but only if better, replacement recreation/football facilities are provided elsewhere first</i>)					
I prefer to see as much new development as possible on pre-developed land (brown field)					
I would prefer Stanford to be left alone and an Oxfordshire new town to be created instead					
There should be no significant development in Conservation and Conservation Target Areas					
There should be no significant new development within the existing settlement boundary					
Within the village allow only re-generation of brown field sites or very minor infill (1 dwelling)					
We must enhance & support local employment including small business & home-based work					
We should try to influence the aesthetic design of new homes and development					
We should try to influence the energy efficiency of new homes and development					
We must avoid making congestion, parking and road safety worse					
Sufficient infrastructure (sewers, transport, etc.) must be in place before the new homes					
I would like to see the school stay on the same site if possible					
I would like to see a new purpose-built school building on a new site					
School facilities should be available for wider community use					
We should maximise benefit to the parish from new development (e.g. new/better facilities)					
We should make use of available legal powers to identify and protect local Community Assets					
<i>Any other question you have?</i>					
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What, if any, additional facilities or infrastructure would you wish to see provided if the large numbers of additional houses are built? (*please write in the space below and continue on the back page of this survey if required*).

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PART 4 What local Services, Facilities and Features are important to you?

How strong do you feel is the **level of need** for any of the following Facilities, Services and Features? Remember that the Neighbourhood Plan is about the Built Environment and Land Use so we are only focussing on Facilities, Services and Features in respect of buildings and land use.

Put an “X” in the relevant box against each statement to show the strength of need as you see it. **It is important you put an “X” against every question please.**

Please ensure you have completed the earlier PARTS 1, 2 & 3 before starting this section.

	Very low need	Low need	Neither High nor Low	High need	Very high need
BUSINESS. RETAIL. FACILITIES. AMENITIES					
Increased off-road parking (especially in the High Street near the Co-op supermarket)					
Parking restrictions in busy areas					
Provision of more premises for small businesses and start-ups					
More companies / industry providing more local jobs (e.g. on the White Horse Business Park)					
Tea / Coffee shop					
A take-away food outlet (e.g. Fish & Chips, Burgers, Pizzas, Chinese etc. or a combination)					
Restaurant(s)					
A new freehold pub serving the centre and North East side of SITV / Parish					
Health centre or clinic					
Parish Council office					
Permanent library or book-share location					
The existing household waste disposal site					
A greater range of local shops (e.g. farm shop, delicatessen, greengrocer, florist, etc.)					
Allotments (in particular increasing the amount available)					
Greater variety of meeting places for holding village events, for clubs, societies etc.					
A larger capacity Primary school					
Creche and /or Nursery					
Police office or box					
Places of worship					
Arts or cultural facilities					
Other? (put your suggestion here)					
Other? (put your suggestion here)					
Other? (put your suggestion here)					
NATURE & CONSERVATION					
Village Greens					
Other green spaces within the village					
Farmland and grazing					
Ponds & streams					
Wildflower meadows					
Nature reserve(s)					
Picnic area(s)					
Woodlands					
Important views					
Other habitats					
Community Orchard(s)					
Other? (put your suggestion here)					
Other? (put your suggestion here)					
Other? (put your suggestion here)					

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It is important you put an "X" against every question please.

	Very low need	Low need	Neither High nor Low	High need	Very high need
SPORTS & LEISURE					
Football pitch(es)					
All weather and floodlit area for 5-a-side footie, hockey, etc.					
Rugby pitch					
Cricket pitch					
Bowling and Croquet green(s)					
Tennis court(s)					
An outdoor fitness trail with exercise stations					
Cycle routes					
Footpaths for walking (incorporating good access for those with limited mobility)					
Bridleways					
Gym					
Swimming pool					
Sauna & steam rooms					
New multi-purpose clubhouse (perhaps incorporating changing rooms, gym, bar, etc.)					
Indoor sports hall					
Youth club					
Scout & Guide hut or hall					
Skateboarding / BMX /					
Adventure-park facilities					
Playground					
Soft play area					
Basketball					
Netball					
Badminton					
Archery					
Fishing					
Boating (sailing, kayaking, windsurfing, rowing) making future use of Shellingford Quarry site					
Other? (put your suggestion here)					
Other? (put your suggestion here)					
Other? (put your suggestion here)					
OTHER					
Public Notice Boards with listing and map of where all Parish facilities are located					
Pedestrian crossing for A417					
Improved broadband capacity for homes and businesses					
Mains gas supply (for whole of village / parish)					
More bus shelters					
Improved public transport services to major local towns and surrounding villages					
Other? (your suggestion here)					
Other? (your suggestion here)					
Other? (your suggestion here)					

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PART 5 Do you support the following proposed VISION and OBJECTIVES for the SITV Parish Neighbourhood Plan?

Please ensure you have completed the earlier PARTS 1, 2, 3 & 4 before starting this section.

VISION: Be one of the best places in the South of England in which to Live, Work and Play.

Tick as appropriate:

- I do generally support this vision
 I do not generally support this vision

If you are not supportive of this vision, what alternative Vision do you propose instead (please **PRINT CLEARLY** here):

OBJECTIVES

It is important to set some objectives for our Neighbourhood Plan in order to focus on what is important to the community and to give some targets to achieve. The following objectives have currently been proposed. Please put 'X' in a box to indicate the level to which you agree with and support these or not.

1 = strongly disagree, 2 = disagree, 3 = neutral, 4 = agree, 5 = strongly agree	1	2	3	4	5
Identify and provide support for the future needs of our community in respect of housing, business, leisure, and education (in order to plan for these needs appropriately)					
Protect, preserve and enhance important buildings, features and green areas in both the historic and natural environment (including Conservation Areas, green spaces and habitats)					
Actively seek prioritised infrastructure improvements (including to drainage/sewage, parking/transport, telecommunications, lighting, footpaths and cycle routes).					
Preserve and enhance valuable existing facilities and services and add new ones of benefit to the community (including retail & business, leisure and education).					
Ensure future development sites are appropriate, sustainable and of benefit to our community (not just land owners and developers).					
Support sensitive, limited and proportionate development incorporating good quality and design (promoting eco-friendly and renewable development as part of this).					

Are there are other objectives you feel should be included in the NP and which are not covered (or fully addressed) in the objectives proposed above? Please make your suggestions/comments below (**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**)

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I am happy for my comments to be quoted in connection with the NP. If not, please tick here []

I am happy for my name to accompany my use of my comments. If not, please tick here []

THE END

Thank you for completing this Survey and helping to make SITV Parish a better place in which to Live, Work and Play. If you have any further comments on anything to do with the Neighbourhood Plan or this survey please add them below.